

# Access and Opportunities

Students in Oregon have more higher education options than ever before. They can earn college credit in high school. They can attend one of the OUS institutions, an OUS branch campus, or a private college. They can earn a transfer degree at a community college and finish their bachelor's degree at an OUS university. They can pursue their studies through distance education or international programs. Following are some of the opportunities available to students that bring education within everybody's reach.

## Early Options for High School Students

[www.ous.edu/stucoun/counres/precol.php](http://www.ous.edu/stucoun/counres/precol.php)

The Oregon University System coordinates and collaborates on numerous pre-college programs and opportunities for K-12 students to help students prepare for postsecondary education.

- Dual credit - Allows high school students to take college courses at their high school, earning credit towards both high school graduation and their college degree.
- Advanced Placement (AP) - Upon completion of a high school AP course, students may take an AP examination with the potential to receive college credit.
- International Baccalaureate (IB) - An intense two-year course of study in high school followed by a series of exams. Students who pass IB exams at a satisfactory level may receive college credit.
- Oregon GEAR UP - A collaborative program that strives to increase the number of low-income Oregon students who pursue and succeed in postsecondary education.
- Oregon College Access Challenge Grant - A statewide college access initiative aimed to increase the number of underrepresented students who enter and remain in postsecondary education.

In addition to these system-wide programs, each campus has strong precollege programs and partnerships serving K-12 institutions throughout the state. Also, the the Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC) administers other college outreach activities and programs such as the ASPIRE Program, College Goal Oregon, and more.

## Community College Partnerships

[www.ous.edu/stucoun/prospstu/dpp.php](http://www.ous.edu/stucoun/prospstu/dpp.php)

Many partnerships between OUS campuses and Oregon community colleges enable college students to plan more effectively for transfer and in some cases to enroll at both a community college and an OUS campus at the same time. This allows the student to take upper-division courses at the OUS campus while taking community college courses during the same quarter. Typical benefits include:

- A single application process for both institutions,
- Student advising at both campuses,
- Access to college life on both campuses,
- Access to classes at either institution,
- Integrated financial aid, and
- Defined pathways with easier transition.

## Transfer Opportunities

[www.ous.edu/stucoun/prospstu/transfer.php](http://www.ous.edu/stucoun/prospstu/transfer.php)

In recent years, OUS institutions and Oregon community colleges have been working together to make the transfer of credit between institutions easier.

- The Oregon Transfer Module (OTM) is available to students who have completed a minimum of one year (45 credits) in an approved set of general education classes. This module fully transfers to any Oregon community college or OUS institution.
- The Associate of Arts/Oregon Transfer (AA/OT) degree is a two-year, 90-credit general education credential that is similarly transferable to any institution.
- Even without packaging courses into an OTM or AA/OT, the Oregon ATLAS program facilitates transfer and course planning for students across Oregon. The national online Course Applicability System ("u.select"), which powers ATLAS, helps students learn about and compare program requirements, course equivalencies, and how courses they have taken or plan to take will transfer to another college or university.

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## Distance Education

Distance education is an excellent educational option that enables Oregonians to participate in OUS courses offered anywhere in the state. This program is especially valuable for place-bound students with family and career responsibilities. OUS distance education courses are accredited and usually appear no differently on your transcript than an in-person course. Most distance education courses are taught using internet resources, but other formats are available. Following are links to OUS campus distance education websites:

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| EOU | <a href="http://www.eou.edu/advising/orient/">www.eou.edu/advising/orient/</a>           |
| OIT | <a href="http://www.oit.edu/dist">www.oit.edu/dist</a>                                   |
| OSU | <a href="http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu">http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu</a>              |
| PSU | <a href="http://www.extended.pdx.edu/online.shtml">www.extended.pdx.edu/online.shtml</a> |
| SOU | <a href="http://www.sou.edu/distancelearning">www.sou.edu/distancelearning</a>           |
| UO  | <a href="http://de.uoregon.edu">http://de.uoregon.edu</a>                                |
| WOU | <a href="http://www.wou.edu/extendedprograms">www.wou.edu/extendedprograms</a>           |

## Accelerated Baccalaureate

[www.sou.edu/abp](http://www.sou.edu/abp)

Southern Oregon University offers an accelerated baccalaureate degree for students who have the motivation, maturity, time-management skills, and academic strengths necessary to finish a degree in three years. Advantages include financial savings, a focused undergraduate program, and an earlier entry into the job market. Visit the website for a listing of the participating degree programs.

## OUS International Programs

<http://oregonabroad.ous.edu>

A wide range of international study opportunities are available to students at all the OUS universities. International programs are designed to offer academic, cultural, and personal learning opportunities in a structured academic setting at partner universities abroad. OUS international programs are available in:

- Australia
- China
- Denmark
- Ecuador
- France
- Germany
- Ireland (pending)
- Japan
- Korea
- Mexico
- Spain
- Thailand
- Tunisia
- United Kingdom

Individual OUS institutions have numerous additional exchange programs around the world. Coursework taken through OUS international programs qualifies for academic credit on the student's home campus in Oregon. Not all programs have language prerequisites.

## IE3 Global Internships

[ie3global.ous.edu](http://ie3global.ous.edu)

IE3 Global Internships is a unique program that combines cultural learning with professional experience. Through IE3 Global Internships students earn academic credit on their home campus while gaining professional experience abroad. Internships are available in a variety of private-sector companies, nonprofit organizations, and educational institutions around the world. Since the beginning of the program in 1996, over 1,500 students have engaged in international internships. IE3 Global Internships provides internship placement, pre-departure orientations, international health insurance, learning tools, and monitoring and support by a regional director in the U.S.

## Western Undergraduate Exchange

[www.wiche.edu/sep/wue](http://www.wiche.edu/sep/wue)

The Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program allows students in WICHE member states to enroll in many two- and four-year college programs at a reduced tuition level (usually 150 percent of the institution's regular resident tuition). Some institutions require evidence of academic performance, such as ACT/SAT test scores or high school GPA, or place limits on WUE enrollment.

OIT, PSU, SOU, UO, and WOU participate in the WUE program. Interested students must apply for admission and WUE tuition status directly to the institution(s) of their choice. EOU does not participate as it does not charge nonresident tuition in the first place. As an alternative to WUE, OSU provides a competitive scholarship opportunity for nonresident students called the Provost's Scholarship.

The most current information on programs can be found in the updated WUE bulletin from the WICHE website. For further information, contact the WICHE Office, (303) 541-0200; or OUS Enrollment Services, (541) 346-5725.