About OSU-Cascades

OSU-Cascades is a branch campus of Oregon State University and provides students personalized instruction, excellence in academics and innovative research, and the lifelong advantages of a premier research university. OSU-Cascades is the only accredited baccalaureate and graduate degree granting institution based in Central Oregon.

Growing for Central Oregon

What began as a 2+2 program with Central Oregon Community College is expanding to a four-year university. OSU-Cascades welcomes its first freshman class in fall 2015. The new campus is slated to open in the 2016-2017 academic year.

New Location

The 10-acre campus site on Bend’s west side – a ½ mile from the Graduate & Research Center and near trails, athletic and medical facilities, and shopping – will encourage public-private partnerships and focus state resources on academic, research, housing and dining facilities.

Enrollment

The campus will be home for up to 1,890 students. By 2025 the branch campus plans to expand to 3,000 to 5,000 students to meet state enrollment goals. Students will come from Central Oregon, Oregon, the U.S. and international destinations.

Faculty and Research

A growing faculty includes excellent teachers and researchers who address local and global challenges.

Degree Programs

A growing list of academic programs will continue to reflect Central Oregon’s economy and natural resources, and produce skilled graduates.

Sustainability

Walking, bike share and rideshare programs will minimize vehicle miles traveled and give students, faculty and staff new options for getting to, from and around campus. It’s the beginning of a broad commitment to sustainable practices.

Our Community

Community support and collaboration are helping shape the new campus so that it enhances the community and creates a culture of higher education.

Impact

Bend is the largest metropolitan area in Oregon without a four-year university. A university will support Central Oregon’s educational, economic and cultural goals, and serve as a partner for businesses, non-profits and the community.

A four-year university for Central Oregon

OSU-Cascades was born out of a 30-year community effort to bring a university to the region. After record enrollment growth and philanthropic support, in 2012 the Oregon University System endorsed OSU-Cascades’ expansion. In 2013, the Oregon State Legislature approved capital funding to establish a four-year university campus.

By the Numbers

Based on fall 2014 enrollment, unless otherwise noted

1,172 enrolled students, including 980 upper division and graduate students, and 192 attending classes at COCC

459 students engaged in internships, practicums and study abroad programs with businesses, organizations and agencies in Central Oregon and around the world

17 students on average per class

36% of students are first in their family to attend college

77% of students are from Central Oregon, 19% are from other Oregon communities, 4% are from out of state

49% of students transfer from COCC

18 undergraduate majors offered

2,408 degrees awarded since founding in 2001

2,178 awarded in scholarships since 2001 through the OSU Foundation

1,200 community members attended lectures in Central Oregon presented by OSU faculty researchers from Bend and Corvallis

$2.5m in grant funding awarded in 2014 to further research in energy, teaching, mental health and natural resources
Enrollment: Headcount (2010-2014)

Major Areas of Study (Fall 2014)

Student Type (Fall 2014)

Student Profile
- Most students are from Central Oregon
- 40% attended local high schools
- Students are slightly older than traditional university students
- More than 80% are enrolled full-time
- Women comprise 55% of undergraduate students
- About 15% of students self-identify as representing a minority

Community Service and Outreach
As part of Oregon’s land grant university mission, OSU-Cascades faculty provide research and expertise to businesses and organizations throughout Central Oregon.
Since 2001, OSU-Cascades has partnered with more than 225 businesses government and non-profit agencies, and public schools to provide student internships and practicums.