Growing for Central Oregon and beyond.

OSU-Cascades is growing to 3,000 to 5,000 students to meet state education goals. The expanding campus serves students from Central Oregon, Oregon, the U.S. and around the world.

When it opened in 2016, the OSU-Cascades campus fulfilled a 30-year quest for higher education in what had been the largest region in the state without a four-year university.

Bend and Central Oregon form Oregon’s fastest growing region and one of its most vibrant economies. Yet the region lags behind the rest of Oregon in higher educational attainment.

With studies showing that most freshmen who attend public universities do so within 50 miles of home, rural families in the region had been falling behind. As OSU-Cascades expands, it has the capacity to transform students’ lives – including first-generation college students, underserved populations, and adults seeking career advancement. With half the unemployment rate of individuals with only a high school diploma and nearly twice the earning potential, Central Oregonians with a bachelor’s degree have the opportunity to contribute to our region and the greater world.

Taha Elwefati
First-Year Student

Taha Elwefati’s ambitions are big. A social science major with a political science minor, he wants to reshape our political landscape.

Taha is developing political and leadership skills by serving as vice chair of the Student Fee Committee, a group that determines how and where student fees are spent. He’s leading an effort to assess and revise the committee’s constitution. It involves research and a careful regard for written language. It’s good training. After he graduates, Taha hopes to work for the U.S. State Department and then attend law school and focus on civil rights.

A Bank of the Cascades scholarship helped Taha prioritize his education.

“College seemed unattainable. The scholarship has made concentrating on school and doing well in classes simpler.”
Economic Impact

Central Oregon's economy is growing fast and diversifying. Employers look to OSU-Cascades to provide skilled workers in growing industries such as high-tech, biosciences, healthcare and outdoor products. According to a study by ECONorthwest, by 2025 OSU-Cascades will contribute:

- $196.8m in statewide economic output
- 2,083 jobs
- $3.44m additional annual state income taxes

SUSTAINABLE, NET ZERO

Net zero would mean the campus consumes only as much energy as it produces, balances water availability and demand, and eliminates waste sent to landfills. It’s a tall order, but university planners believe these goals are right for OSU-Cascades and our community. Already, buildings meet the highest environmental and energy saving standards, landscaping uses native plants that require minimum water, and students are learning how to leave the world better for future generations.

A CAMPUS FOR STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY

Encompassing a 128-acre campus footprint, a vision to become a model for innovation and sustainability, and a mission to connect with the surrounding community, the OSU-Cascades' award-winning long range development plan reflects a nearly two-year, public planning process.

Feedback was gathered across areas important to the future campus including sustainability, community integration, health and wellness, and arts, culture and enrichment, as well as building placement.

MAJORS THAT DEVELOP IN-DEMAND EMPLOYEES

Our academic programs reflect Central Oregon's vibrant economy and abundant natural resources. Input from area businesses and industry helped develop and enhance programs in computer science, energy systems engineering, hospitality management, kinesiology and others. Future fields of study are determined based on student and national employer demand, and match with OSU-Cascades mission. At full build out, OSU-Cascades will offer as many as 50 undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

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ABOUT OUR STUDENTS

Growing Enrollment

Types of Students

What Students Study

Based on fall 2019 enrollment

Teaching & Research Excellence

Senior instructor Todd Montgomery's work with hospitality management majors encourages them to use technology to solve industry-wide challenges, like food waste.

Researcher and anthropologist Elizabeth Marino is the co-founder of The Laboratory for the American Conversation, a new initiative focused on finding ways to move civil discourse forward on topics of regional and national significance.

1,311
enrolled undergraduate and graduate students

1 in 4
students engage in an internship, practicum or study abroad

27%
of students transfer from COCC

$3.5m
awarded in scholarships since 2001 through the OSU Foundation
Degree Programs

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS
- Accountancy - Certificate
- American Studies - BA/BS
- Art - BA
  - Studio Arts
- Arts, Media and Technology - BA/BS
- Biology - BS
- Business Administration - BA/BS
  - General Business
  - Hospitality Management
  - International Business
- Computer Science - BS
  - Web and Mobile Software Development
  - Software Engineering
  - Software Entrepreneurship
- Elementary Education - BS
- Energy Systems Engineering - BS
- Engineering Science (fall 2020)
- Environmental Sciences - BS
- Hospitality Management - BA/BS
- Human Development and Family Sciences - BS
  - Childhood Development
  - General HDFS
  - Human Services
- Kinesiology - BS
- Liberal Studies - BA/BS
- Natural Resources - BS
  - Fish and Wildlife Conservation
  - Individual Specialty
- Outdoor Products - BS (fall 2020)
- Psychology - BA/BS
- Social Science - BA/BS
  - Community Development and Leadership
- Sustainability* - BS
  - Tourism, Recreation, and Adventure Leadership
- Computer Science - BS
  - Web and Mobile Software Development
  - Software Engineering
  - Software Entrepreneurship
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PRE-PROFESSIONAL PATHWAYS
- Pre-Law
- Pre-Health Professional
- Pre-Physical Therapy
- Pre-Dental
- Pre-Medical
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Pre-Veterinary

UNDERGRADUATE MINORS
- Art History
- Arts, Media and Technology
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Communication
- Computer Science
- Early Childhood Development and Education
- English
- Exercise Physiology
- Human Development and Family Sciences
- Military Science
- Natural Resources
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Studio Arts
- Sustainability
- Tourism, Recreation and Adventure Leadership

GRADUATE
- Master of Counseling
  - Clinical Mental Health Counseling
  - School Counseling
- Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing
- Master of Arts in Teaching
  - Early Childhood/Elementary
  - Middle School/High School
- * double degree

DOCTORAL
- Doctor of Physical Therapy (fall 2021)

James Taylor ’18
Formulation Technician
Thermo Fisher Scientific, Bend

When growing up means moving seven times and sometimes not having a roof over your head, the future takes a backseat. After high school, James found labor intensive jobs. It was honest work, but he wanted something different.

He moved to Oregon, went to community college and transferred to OSU-Cascades, where scholarships meant he could finally focus on his future. A chemistry class became an “ah-ha” moment – and one day after graduating, James started work at Thermo Fisher Scientific.

“I was once on the verge of dropping out of high school. Today, thanks to the generosity of donors, I’m at one of the world’s largest biotech companies and planning to get a master’s degree,” he said.

18 students on average per class
4,090 degrees awarded since founding in 2001

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