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
Social Science
Taha Elwefati's ambitions are big. A social science major with a political science minor, he wants to reshape our political landscape. Serving in student leadership has helped him hone his political and leadership skills. Now president of the Associated Students of Cascades Campus, Taha has served as vice chair of the student fee committee and led an effort to assess and revise the committee's constitution. It involved research and a careful regard for written language. All of this is 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.”

About our Students

59% Central Oregonians
28% First generation
35% Pell Grant eligible, indicating financial need
19% US minority students
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

Learn more: osucascades.edu/economic-impact

Local and regional support and collaboration are helping shape the physical and academic future of OSU-Cascades.

**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**

A growing portfolio of academic programs reflect Central Oregon’s vibrant economy and abundant natural resources. Input from area businesses and industry help develop and enhance programs in computer science, energy systems engineering, outdoor products, 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.

Watch us grow. osucascades.edu/expansion
ABOUT OUR STUDENTS

Growing Enrollment

This is research for the real world.

When Elizabeth Marino hears divisiveness, she listens - deeply. The co-founder of The Laboratory for the American Conversation, she and fellow researchers tackle the nation’s most intractable issues to bridge political and cultural divides. They’re finding solutions to address challenges like how to improve COVID-19 public health messaging so that it’s effective for all audiences, firearm safety and suicide prevention, and protection of the natural environment.

osucascades.edu/lac

1,374
enrolled undergraduate and graduate students

77%
of 2020 graduates engaged in one or more internships, practicums, capstone projects, service learning, leadership or study abroad experiences

18%
of students transfer from COCC

$3.9m
awarded in scholarships since 2001 through the OSU Foundation

Types of Students

What Students Study

Based on fall 2020 enrollment
**Degree Programs**

**UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS**
- 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
  - Software Engineering
  - Software Entrepreneurship
- Elementary Education · BS
- Energy Systems Engineering · BS
- Engineering Science
- Environmental Sciences · BS
  - Applied Ecology
  - Conservation, Resources and Sustainability
- Hospitality Management · BA/BS
- Human Development and Family Sciences · BS
  - Early Childhood
  - General HDFS
- Human Services
- Kinesiology · BS
- Liberal Studies · BA/BS
- Natural Resources · BS
  - Fish and Wildlife Conservation
  - Individual Specialty
- Outdoor Products · BS
- Psychology · BA/BS
- Social Science · BA/BS
  - Community Development and Leadership
  - Sustainability* · BS
- Tourism, Recreation and Adventure Leadership · BS
  - Adventure Leadership Education
  - Nature, Eco and Adventure Tourism

**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
- Outdoor Products
- 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)

**PRE-PROFESSIONAL PATHWAYS**
- Pre-Law
- Pre-Health Professional
- Pre-Physical Therapy
- Pre-Dental
- Pre-Medical
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Pre-Veterinary

**HONORS COLLEGE**
The Honors College awards OSU’s most prestigious undergraduate degree. More than 90% of graduates who apply to law, medical or graduate schools are accepted.

**MAKE OUR WORLD BETTER. THAT’S THEIR CHARGE.**
It’s a passion fueled by their mentors — faculty researchers who work with students in the lab, on mountain tops, along our waterways, and within the surrounding community to solve our biggest challenges.

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**Melanie Dreifke**

*Hospitality Management*

After her father died, Melanie and her brother pooled their scant resources. They bought a house in Bend, with a dream of turning it into an Airbnb business. At night she learned to fix plumbing and electrical problems by watching YouTube.

She had a part-time job, too, trying to make ends meet. During the day she took classes, building her hospitality management skills and industry knowledge.

When she was awarded a Robin and Curt Baney Scholarship in Hospitality Management, she knew her dreams of owning a hospitality business were even closer to reality, saying, “None of this would be possible without generous donors who support scholarships.”

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18 students on average per class

4,435 degrees awarded since founding in 2001

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