

# ABOUT OSU-CASCADES

This is OSU, in Bend. It's where small classes, a top tier research university, and one of the most dynamic cities in the Pacific Northwest give students the edge they need.



## Growing for Central Oregon.



*OSU-Cascades is growing to 2,200 students by 2030 to meet state education goals to best serve Central Oregon.*

In 1999-2001, when the State Board of Higher Education and Oregon officials and legislators charged Oregon State University to establish a branch university campus in Bend, it started in earnest a process to fulfill a decades long quest for expanded higher education in what had been the largest region in the state without a four-year university, culminating in the opening of the physical campus in 2016.

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.

## Leading for a better future.

**Myra Flores** *Social Science '23*

"You'd be a good lawyer!" is what Myra's high school friends told her after she argued her point of view in class. More than a decade later, that possibility is ever more likely, especially with the experience she has gained at OSU-Cascades.



Myra started her college journey at community college, but working two full-time jobs on top of her classes was challenging. After a six-year break, a move to Redmond from Eugene, and a pandemic to prompt some self-discovery, she found new motivation to pursue her high school dream.

At OSU-Cascades, a faculty mentor encouraged her interest in researching the perspectives of local people of color about their hometown. Classmates encouraged her to apply for the legislative liaison position within student government. Scholarships lifted her even more.

"My path isn't typical, but all the hard work I've put in matters and I'm excited for the next step," she said.

## About our Students

**42%**

Central Oregonians

**22%**

First generation

**30%**

Pell Grant eligible,  
indicating financial need

**22%**

Students of color



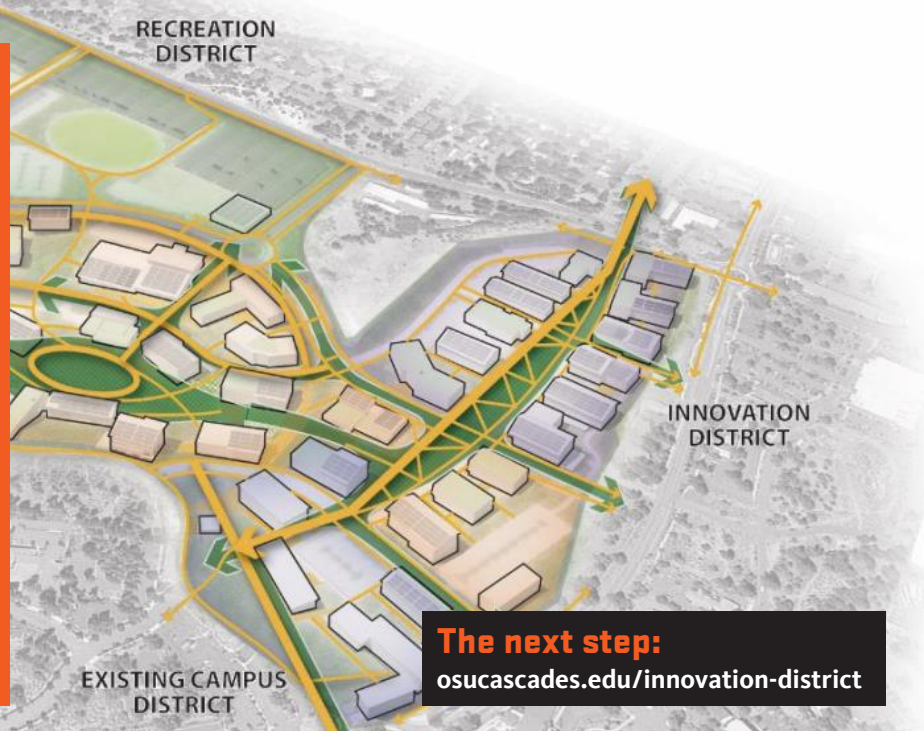
Oregon State University  
**Cascades**

# INNOVATION DISTRICT

## WHERE PEOPLE AND IDEAS WILL THRIVE

It's next in our expansion — a place where researchers and student interns join like-minded companies and start-ups to solve our biggest challenges and spawn career-ready graduates, spin-offs and new technologies.

Boosted by \$10 million from the State Legislature, and \$2 million from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for land remediation, the district will be a first for Oregon. With the initial eight-acres of the 24-acre project in planning, what's been called "the most innovative university development project in the country" takes another step forward.



## 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

**Learn more:**

[osucascades.edu/economic-impact](https://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](https://osucascades.edu/expansion)

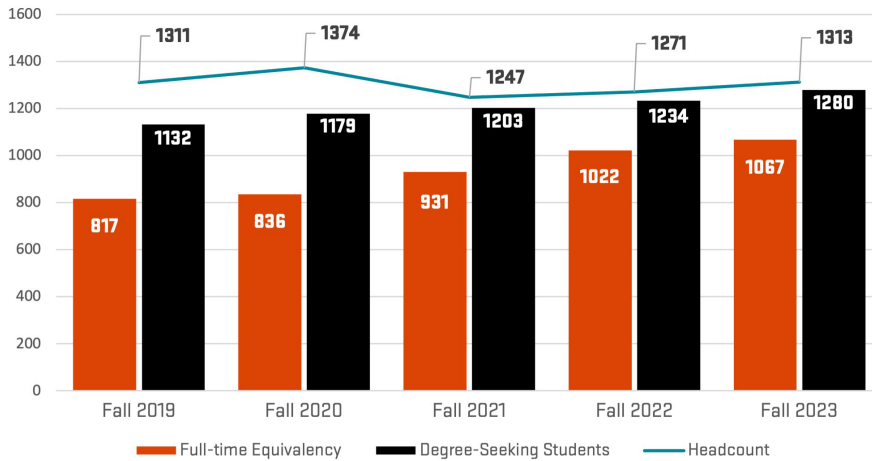
## A "NORTH STAR" FOR NET ZERO

Edward J. Ray Hall set the campus standard for sustainability when it opened in 2021, with an innovative design, mass timber construction and geothermal energy-fueled heating and cooling.

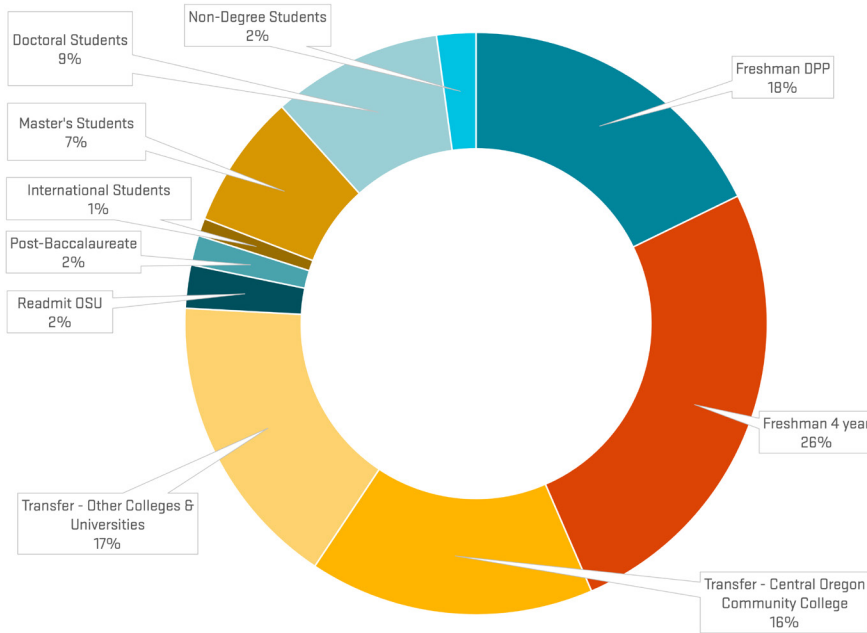


# ABOUT OSU-CASCADES STUDENTS

## Growing Enrollment



## Types of Students



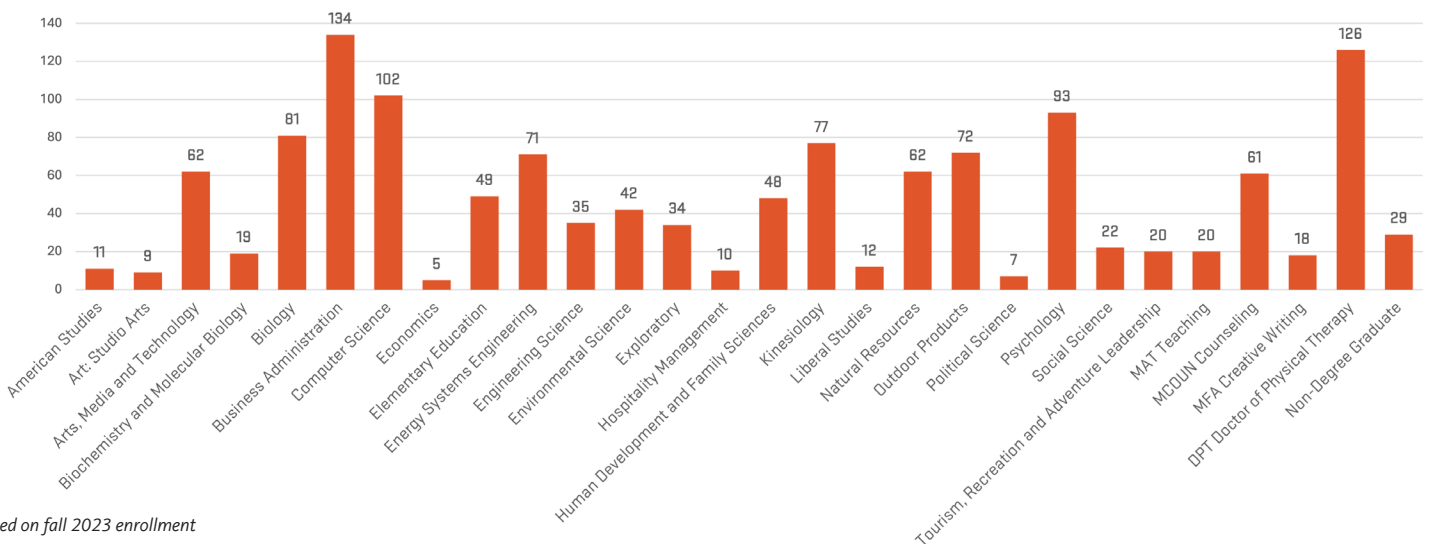
## Leading in a climate-challenged world.

A researcher drawn to how climate change affects human communities, in 2018 Elizabeth Marino was one of only 10 scientists and the only social scientist appointed by the White House as a delegate to the Second Arctic Science Ministerial. In 2020, she was again called upon by the White House as a lead chapter author in the Fifth National Climate Assessment.

### Learn more:

[osucascades.edu/american-conversation](https://osucascades.edu/american-conversation)

## What Students Study



Based on fall 2023 enrollment



## UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

### American Studies

- General American Studies
- American Culture and Identities
- Culture and Natural Environments
- Pre-Law Studies

### Art

- Studio Arts

### Arts, Media and Technology

### Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

- Advanced Molecular Biology
- Computational Molecular Biology
- Pre-Medicine/Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

### Biology

### Business Administration

- Hospitality Management
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- International Business

### Computer Science

- Software Engineering
- Software Entrepreneurship

### Economics \*

- General Economics
- Law, Economics and Policy
- Managerial Economics

### Energy Systems Engineering

### Engineering Science

- Energy Systems Engineering

### Environmental Sciences

- Applied Ecology
- Conservation, Resources and Sustainability

### Hospitality Management \*

### Human Development and Family Sciences

- General HDFS
- Early Childhood
- Human Services

### Kinesiology

### Liberal Studies

### Mechanical Engineering \*/ \*\*\*\*

- Energy Systems Engineering

### Natural Resources

- Fish and Wildlife Conservation
- Individualized Specialty

### Outdoor Products

### Political Science \*

- General Political Science
- Environmental and Energy Politics
- International Affairs
- Law and Politics

### Psychology

### Social Science

- General Social Science
- Community Development and Leadership
- Cultures and Identities
- Humans and the Environment
- Law and Society

### Sustainability \*\*\*

### Teaching

- Elementary Education
- Clinically-Based Elementary Education \*\*

### Tourism, Recreation and Adventure Leadership

- Adventure Leadership Education
- Nature, Eco and Adventure Tourism

### University Exploratory Studies

## 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.



## UNDERGRADUATE MINORS

- Art History
- Arts, Media and Technology
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Communication
- Computer Science
- Early Childhood Development and Education
- Economics \*
- English
- Exercise Physiology
- Human Development and Family Sciences
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Natural Resources
- Outdoor Products
- Political Science \*
- Psychology
- Studio Arts
- Sustainability
- Tourism, Recreation and Adventure Leadership

## 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.

## PRE-PROFESSIONAL PATHWAYS

- Pre-Dental
- Pre-Law
- Pre-Medical
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Pre-Physical Therapy
- Pre-Veterinary

## GRADUATE PROGRAMS

- Counseling (MCOUN)
- Creative Writing (MFA, Low-Residency)
- Teaching (MAT)

## DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

- Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)

\* hybrid

\*\* online

\*\*\* double degree

\*\*\*\* fall 2024, pending approvals

## Believing in his future.

Angel Ruvalcaba Arts, Media and Technology '26

A first-generation college student, Angel was born in Madras and grew up in Redmond. As he excelled in school, his parents set college as an expectation. An in-home health care worker originally from Mexico, his mother saw firsthand the difference a bachelor's degree could make in someone's life.



Today, Angel is participating in OSU-Cascades' TRIO program, where mentors help guide him and his peers to opportunities and services that support their academic success. He has also earned scholarships and grants, and is in a degree partnership program with Central Oregon Community College.

"My parents are proud, but they still have high expectations," he said.

He believes his courses will help him realize his dream of owning a video gaming company.

# 20

students on average per class

# 5,277

degrees awarded since founding in 2001

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