

Frequently Asked Questions

I have received information from my home campus (Corvallis or Eugene). Do I need to reply to them too?

Most likely you will receive information from your home campus, as well as OSU-Cascades. You will want to RSVP to both campuses, just be sure to note which one you are saying “Yes” to and which you are saying “No” to. OSU students: if you filed for graduation on-line, please RSVP again for OSU-Cascades.

I graduated from COCC a few years ago. Can I use my same gown?

Yes, the black gowns used by COCC are identical and we encourage you to re-use the same gown to save money. Just make sure you contact the COCC Bookstore to purchase a new tassel that reflects your new degree. If you are graduating with your Master’s, you will want to contact the Bookstore to purchase your special regalia.

I’d prefer not to use the OSU-Cascades graduation announcement sold at the bookstore. What are my other options?

The OSU-Cascades announcement available at the COCC Bookstore reflects wording to show all the partner universities. If you would like to purchase announcements which are specific to your school, UO students may contact the UO bookstore for options. If you are an OSU student, you can purchase announcements online through jostens.com (be sure to select the language created for the Bend ceremony).

Will there be a rehearsal for the OSU-Cascades ceremony?

We have elected not to hold a mandatory rehearsal. This means that we cannot be flexible with walk-ins on graduation day. If you have not sent in your RSVP and you show up at the ceremony the day of the event, you will not be able to walk. In place of the rehearsal, please plan to report in cap and gown, ready to walk, promptly at 11:30 a.m. so that we have time to check you in and get everyone assembled in the proper walking order.

Accommodation requests related to a disability should be made to Enrollment Services 541.322.3100 at least a week prior to the event.

Is there a limited number of guests that I can bring to the ceremony?

We know that family and friends are important to our students. Therefore, we are not capping the number of guests you can bring, but please be reasonable with the amount that you invite. Seating will be tight. Encourage your guests to come early if they want to be sure to have a seat. This is especially important for elderly guests. We suggest that if you are expecting more than 5 guests, come prepared with your own lawn chairs.

I believe that I am graduating with honors. What do I need to do?

If you are graduating with honors from OSU, an honor cord will be provided for you at the time of the ceremony. UO graduates do not traditionally wear honor cords.

Where is my minor or my major option/concentration?

If you have earned a minor or your major has an option/concentration, it will appear on your official transcripts but is not printed on your diploma or in the commencement program.

Can I bring my dog?

We love dogs as much as you do, but please respect that this is a no-dog event. Security will be present to enforce this City of Bend restriction.

▶▶▶ Stay informed! Check the OSU-Cascades website for additional and updated information at www.osucascades.edu/about/commencement