

# About OSU-Cascades



## A small university, powered by the resources of Oregon State University

OSU-Cascades is the only baccalaureate and graduate degree granting institution based in Central Oregon. Here, students find the excellence, resources and lifelong advantages of a premier research university, and a personalized, small-campus learning experience. Led by Oregon State University, OSU-Cascades awards master's and bachelor's degrees.

## Central Oregon's university

OSU-Cascades was born more than a decade ago of a grassroots effort put forth by Central Oregonians to bring a university to the region. In 2000, the Oregon University System selected OSU, the state's land grant university, to administer a campus that would serve as a capstone to Central Oregon Community College, offering upper-division and graduate coursework toward bachelor's and master's degrees. The new university opened its doors in September 2001.

Today, the dynamic campus offers degree programs in disciplines essential to the world's growing demand for sustainable enterprises in energy, natural resources, health, and recreation and tourism. The spectacular living-learning laboratory of Central Oregon, combined with the world-class excellence of OSU's faculty, provides an incubator for student opportunities and experiences shaped by OSU's strengths in engineering, science, business and the humanities. The vibrant campus continues to develop, bringing a Central Oregon orientation to OSU's strategic emphases on healthy people, a healthy planet and a healthy economy.

## Faculty excellence

Thirty-two full-time faculty include a Distinguished Professor of Art History, a Fulbright Fellow and Max Planck Institute for Economics research fellow, a finalist for the Oregon Non-Fiction Book of the Year award, a Fellow of the International Canadian Studies Institute, and published authors. The faculty include tenured and tenure-track professors, and instructors with real-world experience. Professorial faculty report to the Dean of Academic Programs and to their home department at OSU. In addition to teaching, many faculty assume research and/or community outreach responsibilities. Academic programs are also supported by 30 part-time associate faculty.

## A partnership with COCC

A shared campus for undergraduate programs allow students to begin studies at Central Oregon Community College and continue upper-division coursework and degree completion at OSU-Cascades. The partnership saves more than 25 percent in tuition as compared to a traditional four-year university. Students also transfer to OSU-Cascades from community colleges throughout Oregon.

## By the Numbers

*Based on fall 2011 enrollment, unless otherwise noted*

935 enrolled students, including 764 upper division and graduate students, and 171 attending classes at COCC

50% of graduates are first in their family to attend college (2010)

81% of students are from Central Oregon. 14% are from other Oregon communities. 5% are from out of state

45% of students transfer from COCC

50% of students plan to live and work in Central Oregon after graduating (2010)

16 academic majors offered

1,700 degrees awarded since founding in 2001

\$1.7m awarded in scholarships since 2001 through the OSU Foundation

15 students on average in upper-division courses

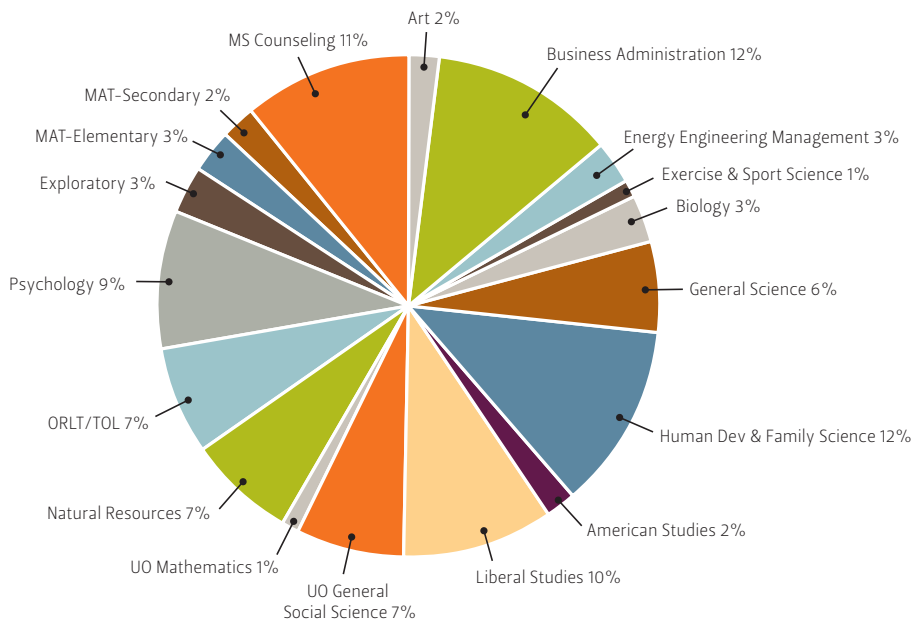
274 students engaged in internships, practicums and study abroad programs with businesses, organizations and agencies in Central Oregon and around the world in 2011

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

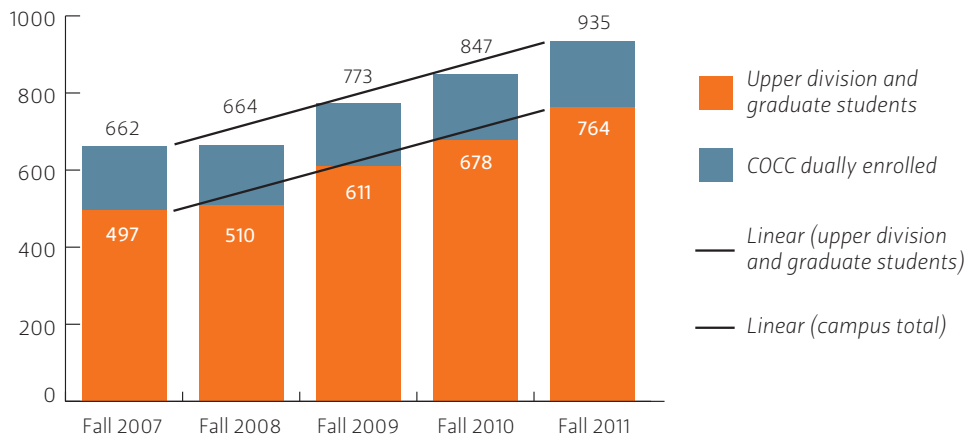
*as of January 20, 2012*

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# Major Areas of Study (Fall 2012)



## Enrollment: Headcount (2007-2011)



### Student Profile

- Most students are from Central Oregon
- 32% attended local high schools
- Students are slightly older than traditional university students
- More than 75% are enrolled full-time
- Women comprise 56% of undergraduate students
- About 9% of students self-identify as representing a minority

## Community Service and Outreach

As Oregon's land grant university, OSU requires a service component of faculty. OSU-Cascades faculty provide research and expertise to businesses and organizations throughout Central Oregon.

Since 2001, OSU-Cascades has partnered with 150 businesses, government and non-profit agencies, and public schools to provide student internships and practicums.

## Degree Programs

### Undergraduate Majors

- American Studies - BA/BS
- Applied Visual Arts - BFA
- Art - BA/BS
- Biology - BS
- Business Administration - BA/BS
  - General Business
  - Hospitality Management
  - International Business
- Energy Engineering Management - BS
- Exercise and Sport Science - BS
  - Applied Exercise and Sport Science
- General Science - BS
  - Pre-Education
- Human Development and Family Sciences - BS
  - Child Development
  - Human Services
- International Studies - BA
- Liberal Studies - BA/BS
  - Pre-Education
  - Community, Identity and Place
  - Gender and Politics
  - Law and Politics
  - Social Science
- Natural Resources - BS
  - Conservation and Technology
- Psychology - BA/BS
- Tourism and Outdoor Leadership-BS
  - Adventure Leadership and Education
  - Eco and Adventure Tourism
  - International Ecotourism
  - Recreation Management

### Undergraduate Minors

- Art History
- Biology
- Business and Entrepreneurship
- Early Childhood Development and Education
- English
- Military Science
- Natural Resources
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Speech Communication
- Tourism and Outdoor Leadership
- Visual Arts

### Graduate

- Counseling - MS
  - Clinical Mental Health Counseling
  - School Counseling
- Education - MAT
  - Early Childhood/Elementary
  - Middle School/High School