Inspire creativity
Creative thinkers and problem solvers make the world a much more interesting place. They enhance quality of life in our communities and add value to businesses.

PURSUING AN EDUCATION IN THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES can help spark your creativity while building critical thinking, communication and life skills. It’s also an excellent career strategy. Employers increasingly look for people who combine well-rounded academic backgrounds with hands-on learning beyond the classroom. That comprehensive experience is exactly what you’ll find at Oregon State University.

Our liberal arts curriculum will help you develop and improve your skills, whether your talents lie in design, drawing, writing or performance. In the humanities and social sciences, you’ll learn to work with people and families, improving their lives and communities.

Whatever your focus, Oregon State offers strong academic programs taught by experienced professors who are both active professionals in their fields and committed teachers who want to see you succeed.
Careers

Choose your own path

A degree in arts and social sciences from Oregon State is the first step toward a rewarding career — and your options are as varied and fluid as your imagination. You can design houses, clothing or furniture. Bring ideas to life through teaching or research. Create websites or video games. Connect people and products as a sales, advertising or public relations professional. Express your creativity through the performing arts.

You might also pursue a career in business, politics or law. You could work in a federal, state or local government agency, a nonprofit or another community organization.

You can also get a head start on your career with learning experiences beyond the classroom. For example, Study Abroad programs give you the opportunity to travel, broaden your perspectives and gain new skills through classes and hands-on learning. You’ll find many employers prefer to hire people with international experience and knowledge of other cultures.

Preparation

Getting ready

A successful career in the arts and social sciences starts with a well-balanced college-preparatory curriculum. Classes in English and speech will help sharpen your writing and communication abilities, and you should also have fundamental computer skills. If you’re interested in a field that involves working with and helping people, take advantage of extracurricular and volunteer activities to develop your social and leadership skills.
Oregon State’s nationally respected graphic design program — the largest of its kind in the Pacific Northwest — provides strong career preparation through classes and studio work.

Oregon State hosts lectures, plays, concerts and a variety of cultural events to enhance your education and make connections with the community on campus and beyond. Recent speakers have included governors, journalists, human rights and peace activists and six Nobel Peace Prize winners.
Your first year
Suggested first-year curriculum

Your first year at Oregon State will be spent building a solid foundation for a well-rounded education. You’ll develop your critical thinking, communication and problem-solving skills through courses from Oregon State’s Baccalaureate Core — the physical and biological sciences, mathematics, writing, fitness, cultural diversity and freshman orientation — along with some beginning courses in your particular area of interest.

To make sure you get off to a good start and stay on course for graduation, you should meet with an adviser as you plan your first-year program — and at regular intervals after that.

Programs
What we offer

All arts and social sciences programs at Oregon State are designed to prepare you to step directly into a career or attend graduate or professional school.

Take your education beyond the classroom with a variety of hands-on, experiential learning opportunities, including research, internships and Study Abroad.
Arts and social sciences
Undergraduate degree programs at Oregon State

(Selected minors, options and certificates in small type)

**College of Agricultural Sciences**
Environmental Economics and Policy
Environmental Economics
Environmental Policy
General Option
Sustainability (Double Degree)

**College of Business**
Apparel Design
Graphic Design
Interior Design

**College of Forestry**
Recreation Resource Management
Cultural Resource Management
Environmental Resource Interpretation
Forest Resources
Law Enforcement
Park Landscapes
Public Policy
Resource Planning
Sociology
Tourism

**College of Liberal Arts**
Anthropology
Archaeology/Physical Anthropology
Biocultural Option
Cultural Anthropology
General Anthropology
Applied Visual Arts
Fine Arts BFA
Photography BFA
Art
Art History
Visual Arts
Photography
Digital Communication Arts
Multimedia
New Media Communications
Writing
Economics
Law, Economics and Policy
Managerial Economics
Mathematical Economics
English
Ethnic Studies
Social Justice
French
German
History
Music
Instrumental Performance
Music Education
Music Production
Piano Performance
Vocal Performance

Philosophy
Political Science
Environmental Politics and Policy
International Affairs
Law, Politics and Society
Psychology
Religious Studies
Sociology
Crime and Justice
Environmental and Natural Resource Sociology
Spanish
Speech Communication
Communication
Theater Arts
Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies
Queer Studies

**College of Public Health and Human Sciences**
Human Development and Family Sciences
Child Development
General Human Services
Internships
A preview of things to come

Learning by doing is one of the best ways to prepare for a career, and internships are increasingly important for landing a great job after college. An internship in a field that interests you will give you invaluable on-the-job experience, professional contacts and in some cases, a job offer after graduation.

Thanks to the breadth of arts and social sciences, you’ll find a wide range of internship opportunities. You might work at the Oregon Legislature, state and local government agencies, law firms, newspapers, radio and television stations, design firms or apparel companies. You may even have the opportunity to complete an internship overseas with a variety of international companies.

Your professors, department and college, as well as Oregon State Career Services, can help you set up an internship. Depending on your internship, you can choose to take a term or two off from classes, take classes while completing your internship or do one over the summer.

Teacher preparation
Learning to teach

Teaching offers some of the best opportunities to make a positive impact on the lives of others. Oregon State’s colleges of Education, Liberal Arts, Public Health and Human Sciences and Science all offer strong programs to prepare you for teacher certification. If you want to teach at the elementary level, choose a program such as early childhood development or liberal studies; these will give you the broad academic background needed for the elementary classroom.

If you plan to teach at the middle or high school level, you’ll pursue a double degree, one in education and the other in the subject you want to teach. You can also take advantage of multiple opportunities to work with middle and high school students.

There are many paths to becoming a teacher, and Oregon State will help you find yours. Be sure to talk to the advisers in your major academic field.
Law school preparation

Learning to litigate

If you’re thinking of a career in law, Oregon State offers excellent preparation for law school by helping you hone your logic, writing and critical reasoning skills. In addition, through a unique 3+3 partnership with Willamette University in Salem, you can complete your first three years in Oregon State’s College of Liberal Arts, then transfer to Willamette’s College of Law. Your first-year law classes will fulfill your remaining undergraduate credits, followed by two more years of law school. That means you can earn your bachelor’s degree from Oregon State and your law degree from Willamette, all in six years.

More pre-law information can be found at oregonstate.edu/cla/pre-law.

Additional programs

Other ways to learn

Oregon State offers a resource-rich environment that encourages you to take advantage of opportunities like the University Honors College, International Degree and Study Abroad programs. These programs offer challenges and unique experiences to support your academic, professional and personal growth. They’re also fun.

Scholarships

Help to get you started

Anything worthwhile, including college, requires an investment. Arts and social sciences programs offer numerous scholarships through various colleges and programs. Separate applications are required for some scholarships; others are awarded based on information in the Oregon State scholarship application submitted with your application for admission. The application deadline for university scholarships is Feb. 1. Be sure to check with your college and department on the deadlines for other scholarships.
See yourself here
Be sure to visit

The best way to see yourself as an Oregon State student is to come visit. Set up a campus tour and arrange to talk with people in your area of academic interest by calling the Office of Admissions at 800-291-4192 or visiting oregonstate.edu/admissions.

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