Power the world’s economy
Business
powers the world’s economy.
Put yourself in the driver’s seat.
Dream of running your own business? Climbing the corporate ladder? Turning a great idea into a new product? Maybe you see yourself working internationally. Wherever you want to go in your career, Oregon State University is a great place to start.

With a career in business, you can make a good living while helping to make a better world. You can be a leader, a problem solver, an innovator — developing new products and services or improving existing ones.

Business programs at Oregon State emphasize innovation, real-world experience and corporate citizenship. You’ll learn from faculty who understand good business practices equal good business — that a sound reputation can be as important as profit and loss to a company’s success. That philosophy is reflected in our graduates, many of whom have gone on to management and executive positions with Fortune 500 companies.

In addition, Oregon State is especially geared toward training future business owners. Many students start their own companies while they’re still in school. Our pioneering programs in family business and a unique live-in entrepreneurship and business incubator can put you on the road to an exciting future.

Ryan Connolly ’13 gained hands-on experience evaluating startup companies as an intern for Oregon State’s Advantage Accelerator program — and ended up launching his own company.
Careers
Setting up shop

With a career in business, you can apply creativity, problem-solving and leadership to support a strong economy and vibrant community. We’ll give you knowledge, opportunities, skills and advice — the rest is up to you and your imagination.

Preparation
Getting ready

In business, you need a wide range of skills, and that starts with a well-balanced college preparatory curriculum, including English and mathematics. You should have fundamental computer skills as well. And because business is about people, volunteer work and other extracurricular activities can help you develop social and leadership skills.

The College of Business offers an AACSB-accredited, research-based curriculum to prepare you for a successful career in a global and knowledge-based economy. Along with nationally recognized faculty, the college offers distinguished programs in entrepreneurship and family business.
Your first year

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

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.

Oregon State’s focus on entrepreneurship is complemented by hands-on business and IT opportunities for students. Through programs such as the Close to the Customer Project and the Business Solutions Group, you can gain invaluable experience in sought-after fields.

With a focus on business studies, you might be:

• A Certified Public Accountant, an auditor or a tax accountant.
• An executive or merchandiser in an import-export company or other firm engaged in international trade.
• The executive in charge of a hospital, long-term care facility or other health care operation.
• A business analyst, applying information technologies to support a company’s strategic planning.
• A buyer, merchandiser, planner or manager in a retail operation.
• The manager of a restaurant or food service operation in a school or business.
• A quality-control specialist in a construction or a building materials firm.
• A marketer promoting a business, nonprofit organization or public agency.
• A small-business owner or an entrepreneur helping to run a startup company.
Professional and student organizations can give you valuable leadership experience and professional contacts.
Seed money
Scholarships

In business, you have to invest money to make money. The same goes for your education. Fortunately, a number of scholarships are available for new and continuing students through the colleges and departments that offer business programs. Most scholarships are awarded based on information in the Oregon State scholarship application submitted with your application for admission, but others require separate applications. The application deadline for university scholarships is Feb. 1. Be sure to check with your college and department on the deadlines for other scholarships.

What we offer
Programs

Oregon State’s variety of business programs will help prepare you for a successful future, whether that means going directly into a business career or attending graduate school.
Austin Entrepreneurship Program

Oregon State’s own entrepreneurial incubator, this innovative live-in academic program provides opportunities for students from all disciplines who are developing or nurturing their own businesses. A College of Business faculty member and visiting professionals live in Weatherford Hall alongside students, teaching and helping them develop their businesses. In addition to residential rooms, the renovated residence hall features a cyber café, business incubator spaces, a library, seminar rooms and apartments for visiting faculty and business leaders. The Weatherford experience complements the other formal and informal entrepreneurial opportunities in the colleges of Business and Engineering.
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. Because many businesses cross national borders, international experience can be especially valuable. The College of Business sponsors Study Abroad or exchange programs for its students in Australia, Austria, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, The Netherlands, Norway, Singapore, Spain, Sweden and Thailand. Students with business-related majors can also participate in university-sponsored international study programs in 20 other countries.

Get involved
Activities

Student involvement is an important part of your education at Oregon State. In addition to clubs and organizations that can help you gain leadership experience, there are business-oriented groups targeted toward many professions. They’re also fun.

Oregon State’s Austin Family Business Program is one of the top five family business programs in the United States. You can take advantage of this in-house expertise by enrolling in a family business course and participating in community seminars.
Internships
Get a foot in the door

Learning by doing is one of the best ways to prepare for a business 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.

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.
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 us online at oregonstate.edu/admissions.

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