



Oregon State University



Welcome to the **COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

You're joining a community of people who learn, grow and laugh together. Whether you're presenting your first pitch deck, building your first website or figuring out your major, this is a place where you'll be seen, supported and celebrated.

The College of Business is a community of leaders, creators, collaborators and future CEOs. But most of all, we're a family that shows up for each other. You'll have faculty who know your name, mentors who believe in you, and friends who cheer you on.

Get ready to work hard, try new things, fail forward and maybe even wear business casual on purpose. We're so glad you're here. This is where your next chapter begins, and we can't wait to be part of it.

– *The Student Engagement Team*

LAUNCH GUIDE QUICK LINKS:



Our Community

We are a collaborative, welcoming and caring community

Diversity is a strength, a competitive advantage and a moral imperative. We are committed to creating and sustaining a diverse environment that is equitable and inclusive. We have an obligation to prepare you for a diverse world and help you become global citizens and business leaders who contribute to local and international communities.

The College of Business upholds high standards for professional behavior through a [student-developed code of honor](#) grounded in integrity, respect and responsibility—shared values that guide our academic and professional community.

»»» Our Values:

Integrity: The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles, integrity stands as the backbone of character and is essential for success.

Respect: Respect for others and yourself is a commitment to fair treatment of and fair competition with others. Through respect, we embolden the character of others and ourselves.

Responsibility: We are held accountable for our words and actions as professionals to embed a steadfast commitment to honor in our decisions.



Student Support

I Student Engagement Team

From move-in day to graduation, [the student engagement team](#) is here for you. They lead your Innovation Nation courses, host events and have offices right in your residence halls — so they’re always close by when you need them. With diverse backgrounds and a passion for student success, they’ll help you navigate college life, connect with others and explore all that the College of Business has to offer — both in and out of the classroom.



“Believe. You’re not here by accident. You’re here on purpose. Even when doubt creeps in, remember: confidence isn’t knowing you’ll always succeed — it’s trusting that you’ll figure it out, grow through it and keep going. Have faith in the process, and more importantly, in yourself and know that you belong here and we believe in you, too.”

Jonathan Stoll
Instructor and Program Manager

I Advising

Meet with your academic advisor. Your advisor is an important resource during your time at OSU. From choosing classes to exploring majors and planning for study abroad or graduation, advisors are here to support your journey every step of the way.



Tip: *You’re required to meet with your assigned academic advisor throughout your first year to register for the upcoming term. We encourage you to make these appointments around*

Halloween, Valentines Day and May Day for your next term registration! [You can do that here.](#)

I The Career Success Center



The [Career Success Center](#) (CSC), located on the first floor of Austin Hall, is your go-to hub for career coaching, résumé writing, job searching and more! Find resources and guidance specific to your field of study, connect with alumni and employers through workshops and meet one-on-one for personalized career advice. The CSC hosts events designed to help you launch your future with confidence. They can help you find internships and jobs after graduation.

The CSC hosts a career fair each term. Students at the College of Business have the opportunity to network with hundreds of potential employers each term in Austin Hall. We help students prepare for this opportunity by providing résumé building workshops, free professional headshots and access to more affordable business attire.



“It is never too early to start thinking about your career. College is a great place to explore, test things out, and consider options you never thought of before. Think of your classes, events, networking and homework as opportunities to learn more about yourself and your interests.”

Jennifer Villalobos
Assistant Director of Career Success & Senior Instructor



What to Bring to College

Technology

Set yourself up for success at Oregon State by arriving with the right technology and tools.

- **Mac or Windows Laptop:** Coursework requires a reliable laptop and cannot be completed on a tablet or phone. *Note to design majors: Your program may require higher specs (more RAM, stronger graphics cards and extra storage).*
 - We also highly recommend a power bank or portable charger.
 - View our [Technology Requirements](#) for details on what to bring.
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Software

Programs to download and get familiar with before the term begins:

- [Canvas](#) – your online classroom for assignments, grades and announcements.
 - [Zoom](#) – used for virtual meetings, group work and occasional events.
 - [Microsoft Office 365](#) – includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint and more (*free with your ONID account*).
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Other important items

Pack and get prepped for moving to Corvallis: Visit OSU's [guide on what to bring and leave behind](#).

Make sure to pack:

- Student ID, health insurance cards and personal ID cards
- If you take any medications, bring them with you, and make sure you have a plan to get refills when you need them
- Professional attire (or check out [Benny's Business Closet](#) when you get to campus)
- Umbrella or raincoat
- Notebooks, folders, pens and pencils
- Backpack or tote bag for carrying materials
- Noise-canceling headphones or earbuds
- Reusable water bottle
- Planner or digital calendar app for scheduling

Don't forget to order your textbooks: Check the [OSU Beaver Store](#) or online options early to avoid last-minute shipping delays.



Student Life

| Get Involved

Embarking on this new chapter is both exciting and transformative. Beyond the classrooms and textbooks, your college experience is shaped by the people you meet, the activities you engage in and the growth you undergo.

Get involved outside of the classroom. Ways to make friends and get the full OSU experience:

- **Join a club.** At the College of Business, we offer over twenty clubs that are directly related to your major such as: Marketing Club, Sports Business Club, Apparel Design and Finance Club. Build valuable connections, develop new skills and enrich your college experience by getting in involved! [Find a COB club.](#)
- **Go Greek.** Joining a fraternity or sorority can be one of the best ways to find your “home away from home” at Oregon State University. It can help make a large campus feel like a close-knit community. There are over 45 chapters on campus to choose from. [Explore Greek life.](#)
- **Look for student employment and leadership opportunities.** From becoming a president of a club to taking advantage of student employment opportunities, taking on a leadership role is a great way to build connections, confidence and a strong résumé. Looking for an on-campus job? Check out [available opportunities](#) here.
- **Attend Events.** Explore endless things to do at Oregon State. From group fitness classes to art galleries, career fairs and football games. See [upcoming events](#) here.



“Don’t be afraid to say yes to new things! Try out that new sport in a PAC class. Say yes to going to grab a bite with the person you just met in your geography class. Some of your best new experiences and relationships will start from just being open to saying yes.”

Amy Neuman
Senior Instructor 1 & Program Manager

| Study Abroad

It’s never too early to start planning your study abroad experience. The College of Business offers global programs tailored to business and design majors, helping you build intercultural skills, expand your network and gain international experience all while earning credits toward your OSU degree. With 13 partner schools worldwide, you’ll explore new cultures and gain valuable global business insights.

Locations:

- Exchange programs include Sydney, Aarhus, Vienna, Santiago, Hong Kong, Brno, Nijmegen, Singapore, Seoul and more.
- Study Abroad for design students includes Florence and London.

Explore options to [study abroad](#).

| Mental & Physical Health

Prioritize your mental and physical health.

- Rec Sports is a great way to build healthy habits and find community. Discover diverse facilities like climbing centers, swimming pools, fitness studios and weight rooms. Engage in fitness classes, wellness coaching, intramural sports and adventure-based learning. Check out [Rec Sports](#).
- Build stress management habits before you get to campus! Create a toolbox of ways to manage unhealthy habits when stress shows up. Check out Oregon State’s [resources on how to manage stress](#).

Make a family communication plan: Decide how and when you’ll stay in touch with your family once you’re in college. This helps eliminate any challenges once you’re on campus.



“It’s okay to take care of yourself. Listen to your body. Eat well. Sleep. Check in with friends from home. And reach out for help if you need it.”

Kimberly Gratz
Instructor and Program Manager



Paying for College

| Manage your time and money wisely

One of the most essential skills students will develop in their first year is how to manage their time effectively. Between classes, assignments, social events, and sometimes a job, it's a lot to juggle! That's why we introduce students to practical time management tools early on—so they can build strong habits and reduce stress here at OSU and beyond. From how to use a planner to organize their week to weekly planning rituals and time-blocking and study breaks, we prioritize teaching students how to manage distractions and explore tools and apps to help limit screen time and increase productivity.

Create a plan to pay for college. The **Center for Advancing Financial Education (CAFE)**, located in the College of Business, is your go-to resource for building financial confidence. CAFE offers free services to all Oregon State students, including one-on-one appointments, self-guided tools and workshops. Whether you're figuring out how to pay for college, creating a budget or planning for life after graduation, CAFE is here to help you make informed financial decisions — no matter your situation. [Learn more or book an appointment here.](#)



The Transition to College

At the College of Business, professionalism is woven into every experience—from the classroom to career prep. Students build real-world skills like communication, personal branding, and career planning through guided development, hands-on practice, and intentional mentorship.

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Blueprint Courses:

Our award-winning Blueprint courses prepare students for life after college—analyzing job offers, navigating difficult conversations and mastering personal finance.

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Transition Courses:

These small, supportive classes helps you start strong at OSU—feeling confident, connected, and ready to take on college life.

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What to Expect:

No giant lecture halls—just real conversations. You'll meet in a small class where you can get to know your instructor and classmates. Together, you'll explore time management, study strategies, goal setting and career paths. You'll also learn about campus resources, hear from guest speakers and start to see what's possible in your major.

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We've Got You.

Your transitions instructor will be your go-to resource, offering guidance on academics, campus life and available opportunities. They can also connect you with advisors, mental health services, tutoring and other support if you're feeling overwhelmed. It's a team effort to make sure you feel supported every step of the way at OSU.