Oregon State University
Corvallis, Oregon, USA
www.oregonstate.edu

Facts

- Language of instruction: English
- Number of students enrolled: 31,000
- Number of campuses: 2
- Academic year: September - June
- Autumn Semester Equivalent: August – December
- Spring Semester Equivalent: January – June

Things to do

Corvallis is a small university town located 85 miles south of the state capital Portland, on the Pacific coast in the beautiful Willamette Valley. Sport is a huge part of the university and there is an American football stadium for 45,000 people on campus, as well as a baseball stadium and a superb sports centre complete with two enormous gyms, swimming pool and indoor running track around the basketball courts, as well as an indoor climbing wall. The sports centre is free of charge to students.

Nearly any kind of outdoor activity imaginable can be enjoyed in Oregon including skiing, white water rafting, sailing, water skiing, windsurfing and hiking. The state has 1,500 camping areas scattered across the state and backpacking and camping gear is available for rent on campus. Top attractions: Oregon Zoo, Pearl District boutiques and restaurants, Crater Lake National Park, Lan Su Chinese Garden and Portland Saturday Market.

Getting around

The campus is around 20 minutes’ walk from downtown but buses are free to OSU students. Cycling and walking is also very easy and popular in the area.

Travel opportunities

Portland Airport, the nearest international airport, is 1.5 hours' drive from Corvallis and is located in the state capital, the state's most populous city. This is the gateway to travelling in the US and Canada, including Seattle and Vancouver – only 1.5 hours’ flight away. Within an hour or two of the campus are the beautiful Oregon coastline, the majestic Cascade Range and the Columbia River Gorge. Further afield, you can visit California to the south, Nevada to the southeast and Idaho to the east to explore iconic destinations such as San Francisco, Las Vegas and Yosemite National Park.

Climate

Oregon's climate has been described as similar to that of the UK, but with clearly defined seasons: colder winters and warmer summers. Winters are cool and rainy (average minimum 1°C) with little snowfall, whilst summers are warm and dry (up to 27°C).

Finance 2018/19

Bursaries available:

- Global Travel Bursary (means-tested): £750 dependent on household income for students beginning their studies in 2016. Students who started their studies before 2016 should see the finance webpage, as the award criteria differs (available to students classed as Home Students for fees purposes and accepted to study abroad as part of the University-wide exchange programme).
- British Universities Transatlantic Exchange Association (BUTEX) scholarships: £500. See http://www.butex.ac.uk for eligibility and further information.

Approximate living costs per semester:

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Approximate living costs compiled from external sources and the partner university website.

Accommodation

All students live in university accommodation in one of the following options.

- On campus residences: “All residence halls are conveniently located on the south, east and west areas of campus. The residences accommodate 200-350 students and are minutes from the centre of the campus. They are equipped with televisions, recreation rooms and kitchenettes.”
- Cooperative houses: “There are four university-owned co-op houses. A cooperative is a large two- or three-storey house with 25-60 members living together in a home-like environment. Two to five students are usually assigned to a study room with a desk, closet and space for personal belongings. All co-ops have television rooms, study areas and living room space. Most also have recreation areas. All co-ops are located on the east side of campus.”
- Home stay: Opportunity to stay with a family for “a more holistic American experience”.

Further accommodation information is available from:
http://oregonstate.edu/uhds/housing

Further information
http://international.oregonstate.edu/isas

Application success rate
2016/17 = 12%
2017/18 = 14%
(permission of students placed out of total applications to this partner)