



UNIVERSITY
OF OREGON

Office of International Affairs Exchange & Sponsored Student Programs Information

OVERVIEW:

The University of Oregon (UO) is a comprehensive research university, which enrolls approximately 25,000 students. International students represent about ten percent of the student population. The University offers high quality programs of undergraduate and graduate instruction in the liberal arts and sciences, as well as professional preparation in the fields of Architecture and Allied Arts (including Planning, Public Policy and Management), Business Administration, Education, Journalism, Law, and Music. The College of Arts and Sciences includes majors such as Economics, English, Environmental Studies, History, International Studies, Linguistics, and Political Science.

CITY OVERVIEW:

The UO is located in Eugene, Oregon, within the Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan area, with a population of about 220,000 people at the southern end of the Willamette River Valley. Eugene-Springfield is about two hours driving time South of Portland (with a population of 2.3 million) and lies between the Cascade Mountains to the East and the Pacific Ocean to the West. The Eugene area offers miles of bicycle paths and jogging trails, numerous parks and a campus and community rich in cultural resources. The area offers ski resorts and natural hot springs at one hour's distance by car, as well as many waterfalls, mountain trails and lakes. The Pacific Ocean can also be reached very easily at just one hour by car.

To learn more about the area, visit <http://www.eugencascadescoast.org/>

CLIMATE:

The Eugene-Springfield area is part of the renowned "Pacific Northwest," with weather patterns that are similar to the Mediterranean, with a warm and dry Summer season, and cold (but rarely freezing) and wet late Fall, Winter and early Spring seasons. The rain is almost always very light and Winter snowfalls do occur between December and February. The change of seasons makes for very beautiful scenery and a very continental experience that is difficult to find anywhere else in the U.S.

GETTING HERE:

Eugene-Springfield's airport is connected to major international airports in Hawaii, California, Washington (Seattle), Oregon (Portland) and Colorado (Denver) by Alaska Airlines, Allegiant, American Airlines, Delta, Frontier and United Airlines. The airport, code EUG, is conveniently located approximately ten miles from downtown and campus. Visitors can choose to fly into Portland and drive two hours south to Eugene. The airport code for Portland is PDX.

CONNECT BEFORE COMING:

To make sure students are connected with other new, current or past exchange students, and start asking questions or tips on life in Eugene, it is strongly encouraged to create a Duck ID and UO email address as soon as the acceptance packet is received. With the UO credential, the student may join the Exchange & Sponsored Student group at the following address: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/419686248068342/>

HOUSING:

Residence Halls: The University of Oregon’s on-campus residence halls are furnished, and include a meal plan. A variety of room types and special interest halls are available; for more information about the UO Residence Halls, please visit: <http://housing.uoregon.edu/reshalls/>. *Students who wish to live on campus in the UO Residence Halls are encouraged to submit their housing application as early as possible, as on-campus housing is awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis.*

University Apartments: All admitted, full-time students are eligible to apply for apartments or family housing, but students with families and graduate students have first priority for placement. For applications and more information about University Apartments, see the website at: <http://housing.uoregon.edu/apartments/>.

Off-campus Housing: Students planning to live off-campus should arrive one to two weeks before International Student Orientation. For more information about off-campus housing, see the Associated Students of the University of Oregon (ASUO) Rental Services website at: <http://goo.gl/75il0A>

HEALTH INSURANCE & IMMUNIZATION:

UO international students are required to purchase the International Student health insurance plan administered by the UO's Student Health Center. The UO insurance policy is designed specifically for international students and meets all U.S. government visa requirements. Alternatively, apply for a health insurance waiver and provide proof of a comparable plan (see <http://goo.gl/sdPTIG> for waiver criteria). Please submit all insurance waiver material at least 2 weeks in advance of the start of classes to UOstudentinsure@uoregon.edu

All students must provide proof of measles and mumps (MMR) vaccination before registering for UO courses. Please submit immunization documents via email at uhcmeasl@uoregon.edu at least 2 weeks in advance of the start of classes to allow time for processing documents. For more information, see: <http://goo.gl/8Uq38m>

ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

For more information see the UO Academic Calendar website at <http://registrar.uoregon.edu/calendars/>.

Fall	September 16, 2015	Fall International Student Orientation
		Residence halls open at extra cost
	September 28, 2015	Fall term classes begin
Winter	December 11, 2015	Last day of final exams
	December 31, 2015	Winter International Student Orientation begins
	January 4, 2016	Winter term classes begin
Spring	March 18, 2016	Last day of final exams
	March 23, 2016	Spring International Student Orientation begins
	March 28, 2016	Spring term classes begin
	June 10, 2016	Last day of final exams

ACADEMIC STATUS:

Exchange students are generally accepted to the UO in **non-degree status**. Students wishing to apply for degree status after arrival must complete a UO application, pay the application fee, and meet all departmental requirements necessary for admission. *Acceptance is not guaranteed and should not be assumed.*

EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP AND FULL-TIME STATUS:

The UO exchange student scholarship covers **between 0 and 20 credits per term** depending on the specific exchange program. For reference, the following website lists all the exchange programs and details on the scholarship: <http://international.uoregon.edu/iss/j1/payments>. Federal regulations require undergraduate students to register for at least 12 credits per term and graduate students for at least 9 credits per term. To maintain the exchange student scholarship, undergraduate students must maintain a 2.0 GPA and graduate students a 3.0 GPA each term, during the exchange program.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES:

Upon acceptance, exchange students will receive a packet via mail and e-mail, which will contain immigration documents as well as an estimated expense sheet that will detail the scholarship, as explained in the section above. In all cases, students are responsible for paying tuition and fees for courses above the maximum allowed by the scholarship as well as some mandatory fees, lab fees, special course fees, late fees, and living expenses. Living expenses are estimated below. Please note that room and board estimates are based on a shared room with a standard meal plan in the UO residence halls.

Living Expenses only	3 terms (9 months)	2 terms (6 months)	1 term (3 months)
Health Insurance:	\$ 1,335	\$ 890	\$ 445
Books and Supplies:	\$ 1,050	\$ 700	\$ 350
Room and Board:	\$ 11,097	\$ 7,398	\$ 3,699
Personal Expenses:	\$ 2,340	\$ 1,560	\$ 780
TOTAL	\$15,822*	\$ 10,294*	\$ 5,274*

* When applying to the UO for acceptance, and for a visa at the US Consulate, financial documents that verify that available funding that meet or exceed the **TOTAL*** amount (living expenses **plus any tuition or fees NOT covered by the exchange program**) must be submitted.

REGISTRATION AND COURSE AVAILABILITY:

An overview of departments and general course descriptions can be found at <http://uocatalog.uoregon.edu/>. The course offerings for a specific term are available a few months before the start of the term: <http://classes.uoregon.edu/>. For reference, students may also wish to review course offerings from past terms, which are available online at http://registrar.uoregon.edu/calendars/prior_class_schedules. All exchange students will be able to register for courses through their academic department, also prior to the orientation. Some courses may be reserved for degree-seeking students. **Students should remain flexible in their course selection.** The University of Oregon cannot guarantee that students will be able to register for every course they choose. All new students will be able to meet with an academic advisor to assist with registration during the International Student Orientation.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Exchange students are eligible for on-campus employment, and may work up to 20 hours per week at any type of job so long as it is on the premises of the University. Students may also apply for the International Student Work-Study Program, which grants a limited number of work-study awards (ranging from \$500-\$3,000) each year to eligible students who demonstrate financial need. The work-study application is available online at <http://international.uoregon.edu/iss/scholarships/work-study-application>. Please note that receipt of a work-study award does not constitute a guarantee that on-campus employment opportunities will be available.

For more information, contact exchange@uoregon.edu