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Oregon State University-Cascades (OSU-Cascades) is a branch campus of Oregon State University (OSU) in Bend, Oregon. It is the only university in Central Oregon that offers both baccalaureate and graduate programs. OSU-Cascades also offers professional pathways and certificate programs.<sup>[1]</sup> The 30-acre campus is the first public university to open in Oregon in more than 50 years. The campus plans to expand academically with new degree programs over a 10-year period.<sup>[2]</sup>

The OSU-Cascade campus hopes to create a zero-waste sustainable campus by featuring "net-zero energy, water, and waste campuses".<sup>[2]</sup>

Student enrollment in 2023 was close to 1,400. The university is working to increase enrollment to 5,000 over the next decade.<sup>[13]</sup><sup>[14]</sup><sup>[15]</sup><sup>[3]</sup>

OSU-Cascades partners with Central Oregon Community College and Oregon State University. Students can take lower-division classes at the Central Oregon Community College and upper-division classes through OSU-Cascades or Oregon State University. Additionally, OSU-Cascades serves students with small class sizes and one-on-one mentoring.

The campus, which opened in 2001 and operated in Cascades Hall at Central Oregon Community College, began offering four-year degrees by Fall 2015.<sup>[16]</sup> The campus is currently seated on 10 acres (4.0<sup>160</sup>ha) of land, with four buildings on it (one of which is operated by the Bend Science Station). A fifth building, the Graduate and Research Center (GRC), is located a half-mile away near Deschutes Brewery. The GRC houses faculty offices and classrooms utilized by all Cascades students.

Tykeson Hall, named for businessman and philanthropist Don Tykeson, was opened in Fall 2016, and contains the majority of classrooms on campus.<sup>[17]</sup> The building also houses faculty offices, administrative offices, and labs.

The Cascades Student Residence (CSR), which can house up to 304 students, is the university's only residence hall. The campus dining and academic building, Obsidian Hall, can hold up to 250 students. Both buildings were opened in January 2017.

Edward J. Ray Hall, named for former OSU President Emeritus Ed Ray, opened in the fall of the 2021-22 academic year. It serves the STEAM disciplines of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics.<sup>[18]</sup>

In Fall 2017, about 25 percent of all OSU-Cascades students were the first in their families to attend college. Only eleven percent of OSU-Cascades students are under age 20. The average age of all OSU-Cascades



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students is 29 and the average age of graduate students is 33. Seven percent of students identified as Hispanic and six percent identified as two other United States minorities.

The Oregon State Cascades Campus is located a short drive away from Mount Bachelor, the Factory Outlets, and the Hayden Homes Amphitheater. For students who are confined to campus, OSU Cascades offers over 20 student organizations and clubs that range from athletics to academics.

Oregon State University's College of Engineering is the engineering college of Oregon State University, a public research university in Corvallis, Oregon. By enrollment, the college is now the largest at the university and the seventh-largest engineering college in the nation (2023).

Oregon State University became the only public university in the state to offer accredited degrees in all major engineering fields. OSU was designated Oregon's engineering university by the State Board of Higher Education in 1914, with the goal of providing the university a distinct curriculum among Oregon universities. Chemical engineering was incorporated into the college as a formal department in 1932, followed by industrial engineering in 1943, nuclear engineering in 1968 and computer science in 1974.

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