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The Institutions of the Oregon University System

Oregon is home to seven public universities that offer a broad and diverse spectrum of academic disciplines, programs and research.

Eastern Oregon University (EOU) in La Grande serves its regional mission through programs in the liberal arts; professional programs in business, education, and community service; and cooperative programs in agriculture and nursing.

Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT) in Klamath Falls, the Northwest's only polytechnic institution, serves the state with programs in business, engineering and health technologies, and a cooperative program in nursing.

Oregon State University (OSU) in Corvallis is a land, space, sea and sun grant university with programs in the liberal arts and sciences and professional programs in agricultural sciences, business, education, engineering, forestry, health and human sciences, oceanography, pharmacy, and veterinary medicine. OSU-Cascades Campus in Bend, successor to the Central Oregon University Center, opened in fall 2001 as a branch campus on the site of its major partner, Central Oregon Community College (COCC). OSU and its collaborating public and private program providers offer a wide array of student services and a growing number of degree programs in arts and sciences, business, education, natural resources, and recreation.

Portland State University (PSU) in downtown Portland is an urban university offering liberal arts and sciences programs and professional programs in business, education, engineering, health, performing arts, social work, and urban and public affairs.

Southern Oregon University (SOU) in Ashland provides liberal arts and sciences programs; professional programs in business, education, and performing arts; and a cooperative program in nursing.

The University of Oregon (UO) in Eugene is a major liberal arts and sciences university with professional programs in architecture and allied arts, business, education, journalism, law, music and performing arts, and planning and public policy.

Western Oregon University (WOU) in Monmouth provides programs in liberal arts and sciences and professional programs in education, business, and public services.



History of the Program

The Oregon/Baden-Württemberg program is a system-wide, cooperative exchange program that has facilitated over 1,200 students from each consortium to study abroad through a model that has been emulated by several other states and provinces.

Oregon and Baden-Württemberg look back on four decades of cooperation and exchange in higher education. The program began in 1968 as a bilateral agreement between the University of Stuttgart and Oregon State University. During the early years, other institutions were added until the program became a system to system exchange.

The Oregon Study Center (OSCG) was established to coordinate the exchange program in Baden-Württemberg and provide support to participating students. It was housed at the University of Stuttgart until 2002 and then moved to the University of Tübingen where it is still currently located. Faculty members from several OUS institutions have served as resident directors at the Oregon Study Center in Baden-Württemberg over the years. When OUS International Programs moved to a self support model in 2002, a permanent resident director position was established.

In 2002, the Oregon/Baden-Württemberg exchange program was awarded the Cooperation Prize from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). The program was honored as a “flagship of state to state cooperation.”

Dear Partners and Friends in Baden-Württemberg,

On behalf of the Oregon University System and the Oregon State Board of Higher Education, we offer congratulations and our gratitude to our longtime partners on this occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Oregon/Baden-Württemberg Exchange Program.

We are very pleased to have the opportunity to celebrate this landmark Jubilee with our friends and colleagues in Baden-Württemberg during the week of June 16 - 21, 2008. We look forward to visiting several of the Baden-Württemberg universities and the beautiful cities in which they are located.

The 40th anniversary of the Oregon/Baden-Württemberg relationship is an opportune time to celebrate, and to explore new dimensions that will have both scholarly and potentially economic benefits for both states. In addition to this Jubilee celebration, Baden-Württemberg is hosting a group of 13 faculty from Oregon for a partnership conference immediately following the anniversary delegation visit.

The intention of the conference is to have faculty members from Oregon universities familiarize themselves with the curricular, learning, and research environments in their disciplines at the Baden-Württemberg universities. By “educating the educators,” we hope that new opportunities for students will be seen both at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Another major goal of the conference is to explore new opportunities for collaborative research and faculty connections and to open doors for on-going faculty exchanges between the universities of Oregon and Baden-Württemberg.

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to our German partners for organizing and hosting this anniversary celebration and the faculty partnership conference. And, we look forward to a reciprocal celebration in Oregon in five years!

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Celebration of 40 YEARS of Cooperation in Higher Education



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