

# Counselor Notes 2020

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## DID YOU KNOW?

SOU has adopted a test-optional admission policy. SAT/ACT scores are no longer required for admission!



Dear Counselor,

We know that 2020 has been a time of change for everyone. As we begin the 2020-2021 academic year, we are fiercely committed to working with you and your students, especially those with special circumstances related to covid-19 or recent wildfires. The relationships we have built with counselors like you are invaluable, and our Admissions outreach staff remains inspired by all that you do and are thankful for your support. I hope you'll contact us if there is anything we can help you with this year.

Kelly Moutsatson  
Director of Admissions

## Scholarships

Oregon residents and residents of WUE states who apply by February 1 are **automatically considered** for merit-based scholarships upon admissions to SOU. Residents of WUE states automatically receive the Western Undergraduate Exchange tuition rate upon admission—no separate application needed!

Need-based and departmental scholarships are also available. Additional opportunities can be found through the Southern Oregon Scholarship Application (SOSA) at [sou.edu/sosa](https://sou.edu/sosa).

## Application Fee Waiver

The application fee covers the cost of processing an application. However, we do not want the fee to be the reason a student decides not to apply. Therefore, we offer a full application fee waiver on a case-by-case basis. If you have a student who needs an application fee waiver, please contact your admissions counselor. There is no limit to the number we'll waive; we simply ask that you reserve this option for students in sincere need of financial assistance.

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# Counselor Updates FALL 2020

## Application Review

To get to know our applicants better, we review each application holistically. Applicants are encouraged to supply short answers and a short essay within the admissions application. These sections are not required, but provide context to GPA scores and transcripts. **SOU is now test optional!** Students who take the SAT or ACT can still report their scores to SOU, but this is no longer required for admission.

Admissions counselors review applications from their territories and are a resource for you and your students.

Theatre Arts, Music, and Honors College applicants are required to submit a separate application to the chosen program.

## Enrollment Deposit

The \$300 enrollment deposit remains a pivotal “next step” following a student’s admission to SOU. Every matriculating student will ultimately pay the \$300 deposit (matriculation fee), however, we are happy to help students defer a large portion of the deposit until financial aid is available.

The priority date for the deposit is May 1. Students are encouraged to submit the deposit as soon as they know SOU is their final choice.

## Incoming Class (Averages)

HIGH SCHOOL GPA: 3.32

SAT (OPTIONAL): 1022 ERW+M

ACT (OPTIONAL): 22 (COMPOSITE)

## Updates and Information

SOU Admissions offers weekly virtual information sessions and virtual meetings with admission counselors. To sign up, visit [sou.edu/virtualconnections!](http://sou.edu/virtualconnections!)

Introduce your students to the SOU campus through our new interactive virtual tour at [sou.edu/#virtualltour](http://sou.edu/#virtualltour).

Flip through the 2020-2021 **SOU Viewbook** online at [sou.edu/viewbook](http://sou.edu/viewbook) for a list of programs, estimated costs, admissions instructions, and more.

## Campus Honors

Named the **first Bee Campus** in the nation

Designated as a **Tree Campus** by the Arbor Day Foundation 6 years in a row

Ranked by College Values Online as one of **30 Most Affordable Colleges in the Pacific Northwest**

Silver-Certified **Bicycle Friendly University** by the League of American Bicyclists

Ranked as a **Top 25 LGBTQ Friendly College** by College Consensus

One of the **Top 50 Best Disability Friendly Colleges** by College Choice

## New and Notable Programs

Once a minor only, our **newest major** for 2020-2021 is **Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies**.

We’ve added two **new minors** for this year: **Esports** and **Health Promotions**. Both minors offer a pathway to careers in these growing industries.

We continue to grow our **certificate options**, with three new programs in **Music Industry, Sound Design, and Transgender Studies** – which is the first of its kind in the U.S.

A complete list of programs can be found at [sou.edu/academics](http://sou.edu/academics).

The **Bridge Program** is designed to invest in the strengths of Oregon college students, especially underrepresented populations: first-generation college students, second language learners, students from low-income families, and under-served minority groups.

Through the **Jackson/Josephine County Pledge** program, new freshmen from Jackson and Josephine counties may be able to graduate in three years at a reduced tuition rate, saving up to \$3,100 per academic year compared to standard resident tuition!

The **Honors College** offers high achieving freshmen the opportunity to collaborate with faculty and community mentors on research projects and practical experiences. In addition to Honors general education courses, seminars, and a capstone, Honors College students receive a substantial scholarship package.

Our **North State Promise** agreement grants Oregon resident tuition rates to incoming students from California who graduated from a Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity, or Modoc county high school in 2013 or later.



## Raider Athletics | #RaiderUp

The 2019-2020 season for many sports was interrupted, but SOU had six NAIA Championship qualifying teams:

- Volleyball
- Men’s & Women’s Cross Country
- Men’s & Women’s Basketball
- Women’s Soccer

Sixty-two SOU student-athletes were named Daktronics-NAIA Scholar Athletes for the 2019-20 season, which requires junior or senior status with a 3.5+ GPA.

The SOU Volleyball team was the Cascade Conference Champion, as well as the Cascade Conference Tournament Champion.

