



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

October 2020 Fall Counselor Workshops



Undergraduate students can now major in neuroscience, one of the UO's newest majors.

THE UO IS TEST OPTIONAL

As everyone continues to navigate the challenges of COVID-19, we would like to remind you that the University of Oregon had already permanently made the move to test optional for admissions. We understand that testing is limited or not offered due to the pandemic, so it makes this decision even more timely. Test scores will not be used at all when considering our merit-based scholarships. This approach to merit awards will be reviewed for future years at a later date.

 admissions.uoregon.edu/testoptional

THE OREGON GUARANTEE

Cost is a big factor when deciding where to attend college. To aid in that decision-making, we've introduced the Oregon Guarantee. When students are admitted and choose to attend the UO, their tuition rate will stay the same for five years with no increases and no surprises. The Oregon Guarantee enables families to better plan for their major college expenses.

The Oregon Guarantee applies to all freshman and transfer students admitted to the UO. The program guarantees a fixed rate for tuition, most mandatory fees, honors college differential tuition, College of Business undergraduate differential tuition, and the international fee.

 financialaid.uoregon.edu/oregon-guarantee

THE UO OFFERS THREE NEW MAJORS: BIOENGINEERING, DATA SCIENCE, AND NEUROSCIENCE

The UO has recognized a number of growing and demanding fields in today's job market, thus adding three new majors to its already robust list in the College of Arts and Sciences. Undergraduate students can now choose from bioengineering, data science, and neuroscience as their majors.

Beginning fall 2021, the broad and interdisciplinary bioengineering program will equip students for a variety of specialties in the life sciences, including medical devices, pharmaceuticals, imaging, and clinical and academic research. The program is part of the Phil and Penny Knight Campus for Accelerating Scientific Impact, where initial activities in this area will prioritize neuroengineering and musculoskeletal engineering.

Data science aims to strengthen the ability to help solve some of the world's greatest challenges through the use of data. It puts an emphasis on the application of data science to subject areas such as geography, biology, linguistics, marketing analytics, and accounting analytics.

Neuroscience graduates will have a strong understanding of the structure and function of the nervous system, demonstrate critical thinking, quantitative and analytical skills, and communicate effectively about neuroscience research. The UO is the first public institution in Oregon to offer a neuroscience major.

 majors.uoregon.edu

WE'VE GONE VIRTUAL!

While we may not be physically on campus, traveling to high schools, or tabling at college fairs, our admissions team is still available virtually. There are number of ways our counselors are connecting with prospective students this fall, and our Virtual Visits webpage is a key resource.

Through the Virtual Visits website, students can:

- Schedule one-on-one Zoom meetings with their admissions counselor or a student ambassador.
- Take a virtual campus tour.
- Chat with a housing representative.
- Watch a student-curated YouTube playlist.
- Do at-home, UO-themed activities.

Admissions counselors have already begun attending virtual high school visits and virtual college fairs, and will be a part of Duck Preview—our virtual fall open house streamed live on Fridays beginning in mid-October. Keep an eye on your inbox, as invitations to these events and other virtual activities will be emailed to prospective Ducks and their families.

 virtual.uoregon.edu

PATHWAYOREGON CONTINUES TO MAKE COLLEGE POSSIBLE FOR OREGON STUDENTS

Our PathwayOregon program continues to make a huge impact on Oregon's high school graduates. Since 2008, PathwayOregon has paid for the full tuition of scholarly driven, Pell-grant eligible, in-state students at the UO. The program does more than alleviate financial burden—it also offers advising and sets up community events for Pathway students to meet and make friends, while ensuring they graduate on time.

Historically, PathwayOregon students have freshman retention rates that meet or exceed the average for students who are not lower income. To qualify for PathwayOregon, a student must be an Oregon resident, eligible for the Federal Pell Grant, have a minimum high school cumulative 3.40 GPA, have graduated from high school within the last two years, and must be admitted as a first-time freshman. Qualifying students who apply to the UO by January 15 and complete the FAFSA by February 15 will be automatically considered.

 pathway.uoregon.edu

New Admissions Staff

Visit admissions.uoregon.edu/uocounselors to see our complete counseling staff and to schedule a Zoom call.



RICHARD CLEARE
ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR

Richard comes to Oregon by way of Stuart, Florida. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Lynn University and received his master's degree from Lincoln Christian University in bible and theology. Prior to the UO, Richard served as the recruiting and outreach coordinator for the University of Michigan's College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and also taught English in El Salvador. His territories include Michigan and Washington.



SARAH PEARSON
ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR

Sarah hails from Indiana where she graduated from DePauw University with bachelor's degrees in anthropology and Spanish. She also served as the interim coordinator at DePauw's Center for Diversity and Inclusion followed by a Fulbright award to teach in Brazil. Sarah's territories include New England as well as Deschutes, Crook, and Jefferson counties in Oregon.

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