

Introduction

These regulations and procedures are published to assist students by providing information that is essential for planning and pursuing their academic programs. Continuing efforts are made each year by the students, faculty, and administration to revise and improve these regulations in order to enhance the quality of the university's programs and the achievement of educational goals.

Every student is responsible for knowing the academic regulations and for observing the procedures that govern their relations with Oregon State University. Unless otherwise specified, these regulations apply to both undergraduate and graduate students. Any question regarding these regulations that cannot be answered by a student's academic advisor should be referred directly to the Office of the Registrar (B102 KAd). Additional questions regarding graduate program policies should be addressed to the Office of Graduate Education.

Some students encounter special problems whose proper solution may require deviations from the academic regulations or procedures. Requests for such deviations in the regulations below must be presented to the Office of the Registrar on petition forms, which are available in that office. Petitions received by the registrar will be forwarded to the proper committee or office for review and appropriate action. Requests for deviations from Office of Graduate Education policies should be presented by letter to the graduate dean (See the Office of Graduate Education section of this catalog).

Other special problems may involve academic issues such as academic freedom in the classroom or evaluations of a student's academic performance. All students should appeal academic grievances first to the instructor of the course and then to the chair or head of the academic unit in which the course is offered. If the situation is not resolved to the student's satisfaction, an undergraduate student should consult with the [head advisor/director of advising](#) of the college in which the course is offered to obtain further information about appeal procedures of the college or university; a graduate student should consult the dean of the Office of Graduate Education regarding academic appeal procedures above the departmental level. (Appeal procedures for other than academic grievances, e.g., grievances regarding student employment, financial aid, housing, discipline, human rights, etc. are outlined in the Student Life Policy and Regulations, which are available on the OSU website under "Student Conduct" or from the Dean of Student Life. Some of these regulations pertain to both undergraduate and graduate students. The Office of Graduate Education section of this catalog outlines both academic appeal procedures and those relating to the employment of graduate students.)

In 2025-26, Oregon State University transitioned from Baccalaureate Core to Core Education, the university's general education program for undergraduate degree seeking students. During a transitional period, some students may fulfill baccalaureate core requirements to complete their degree, and others may fulfill core education requirements to complete their degree.

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