

## **Baccalaureate Core**

### **General Education Requirements**

General education requirements vary by school, but typically include courses to guarantee that all students have received the benefits of a well-rounded curriculum. At OSU-Cascades students complete the Oregon State University Baccalaureate Core requirements.

### **OSU Baccalaureate Core**

The baccalaureate core is the general education component of undergraduate education at OSU. It emphasizes creative thinking, writing, world cultures, appreciation of differences, the arts, sciences, literature, lifelong fitness, and global awareness in 15 course categories. Students must complete a total of 48 credits plus the Writing Intensive Course (WIC). OSU-Cascades offers several baccalaureate core courses each term, but not every course each term. Students should work with their adviser to map out these classes over the course of the academic year. Make sure to check with your major curriculum to see if you have specific Bacc Core courses for your major.

- [Baccalaureate Core Courses at OSU-Cascades](#)
- [Baccalaureate Core Planning Sheet](#)
- [Baccalaureate Core Learning Outcomes](#)
- [All OSU courses that complete Bacc Core requirements](#)

Bacc Core from other Oregon Community Colleges can be found at the [Community College Bacc Core equivalency website](#).

<https://catalog.oregonstate.edu/earning-degrees/bcc/>

The Baccalaureate Core (Bacc Core) Curriculum represents what the OSU faculty believes is the foundation for students' further understanding of the modern world. Informed by natural and social sciences, arts, and humanities, the Bacc Core requires students to think critically and creatively, and to synthesize ideas and information when evaluating major societal issues. Importantly, the Bacc Core promotes understanding of interrelationships among disciplines in order to increase students' capacities as ethical citizens of an ever-changing world.

<https://catalog.oregonstate.edu/earning-degrees/#text>

### **The Baccalaureate Experience**

Oregon State University is committed to creating an atmosphere of intellectual curiosity, academic freedom, diversity, and personal empowerment. This will enable everyone to learn with and from others. This compelling learning experience celebrates knowledge; encourages personal growth and awareness; acknowledges the benefits of diverse experiences, world views, learning styles, and values; and engenders personal and societal values that benefit the individual and society.

OSU develops curricula based on sound disciplinary knowledge and input from practitioners. Students acquire skills and knowledge for a lifetime of learning, and will be involved in scholarly and creative pursuits.

The baccalaureate degree includes:

- the baccalaureate core
- an in-depth study in at least one major; and
- individual elective courses.

Minors are available in many areas and are required in certain programs. Students should check college, school, program, or departmental requirements.

The Baccalaureate Core (bacc core) Curriculum represents what the OSU faculty believes is the foundation for students' further understanding of the modern world. Informed by natural and social sciences, arts, and humanities, the bacc core requires students to think critically and creatively, and to synthesize ideas and information when evaluating major societal issues. Importantly, the bacc core promotes understanding of interrelationships among disciplines in order to increase students' capacities as ethical citizens of an ever-changing world.

The Baccalaureate Core

The Oregon State University Baccalaureate Core is continually enriched. It emphasizes critical thinking, writing, world cultures, appreciation of differences, the arts, sciences, literature, lifelong fitness, and global awareness in 15 course categories. Over 250 courses are available to meet core requirements. Students must complete a total of 48 credits plus a Writing Intensive Course (WIC) of at least 3 credits.