

## **INTO OSU Pathways Program**

The Pathways Program allows language students to take both OSU and English language classes. It is one academic year in length, and students who enroll in the Pathways Program work toward completing their first year of undergraduate OSU studies while taking some English language classes as well. One nice feature of the Pathways Program is that some OSU classes are “bridged.” That means that these classes have supportive English language classes associated with them that help students prepare for and succeed in the associated OSU class.

Those who successfully complete the Pathways Program with grades of C or higher will move on to their second year of OSU and do not take any English language classes. Note that all Pathways students must have a GPA of 2.25 or higher to proceed to their second year at OSU.

There are four Pathways programs:

- Business
- General Studies
- Science
- Engineering

The **Business Pathways** program is intended for those who wish to be business majors at OSU. The Business Pathways Program is three to four terms in length. During fall and winter (or winter and spring terms for January admits), Business Pathways students take English language classes. They also take OSU’s Lifetime Fitness for health, Public Speaking, three terms of Math, Cultural Diversity, English Composition, and Business Now. Business Now, Lifetime Fitness for Health, and Cultural Diversity are supported with English language “bridge” courses.

The **General Pathways** program is open to students who are not science, engineering, or business majors (for example liberal arts majors). The General Pathways program is also three to four terms in length. General Pathways students take English language classes for their first two terms. They also take OSU’s Geography of the Non-Western World, Lifetime Fitness for Health, Public Speaking, three terms of Math, Cultural Diversity, English Composition, and Introduction to Microeconomics or Sociology. The

Lifetime Fitness for Health, Geography of the Non-Western World, and Cultural Diversity classes have English language “bridge” or support courses associated with them.

There are two start dates for the Business Pathways and General Pathways Programs: Fall of each academic year and winter of each academic year. Students beginning in winter of each academic year will study during the summer. For students beginning in the fall, summer term is either a vacation term, a chance to make up missed or failed courses, or a time to take additional classes.

The **Science Pathways** program is open to those who wish to be science majors at OSU. The Science Pathways is four terms in length. Science Pathways students take English language classes for two terms. They also enroll in OSU’s Lifetime Fitness for Health, three terms of Math, three terms of General Chemistry, Public Speaking, and Cultural Diversity. Two of these classes (Lifetime Fitness and Cultural Diversity) have English language “bridge” or support courses associated with them. Summer term courses are also required in order to complete the pathway.

The **Engineering Pathways** program is open to those who wish to study engineering at OSU. The Engineering Pathways is four terms in length. Engineering Pathways students take two terms of English language classes. They also enroll in OSU’s Public Speaking, two terms of Engineering Orientation, three terms of Math, two terms of General Chemistry, and Cultural Diversity. Two of these classes (Engineering Orientation and Cultural Diversity) have English language “bridge” or support courses associated with them. Summer term courses are also required.

The start date for both the Engineering Pathways and the Science Pathways programs is in the fall of each academic year.

Those who successfully complete any of the Pathways Program have a 2.25 GPA, a grade of C or better in most courses (Engineering students must have a grade of C or better in all math and chemistry classes), a grade of C or better in Public Speaking, English Composition and Math 111.

**Questions? See . . .**

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