Oregon State University

Educational Programs

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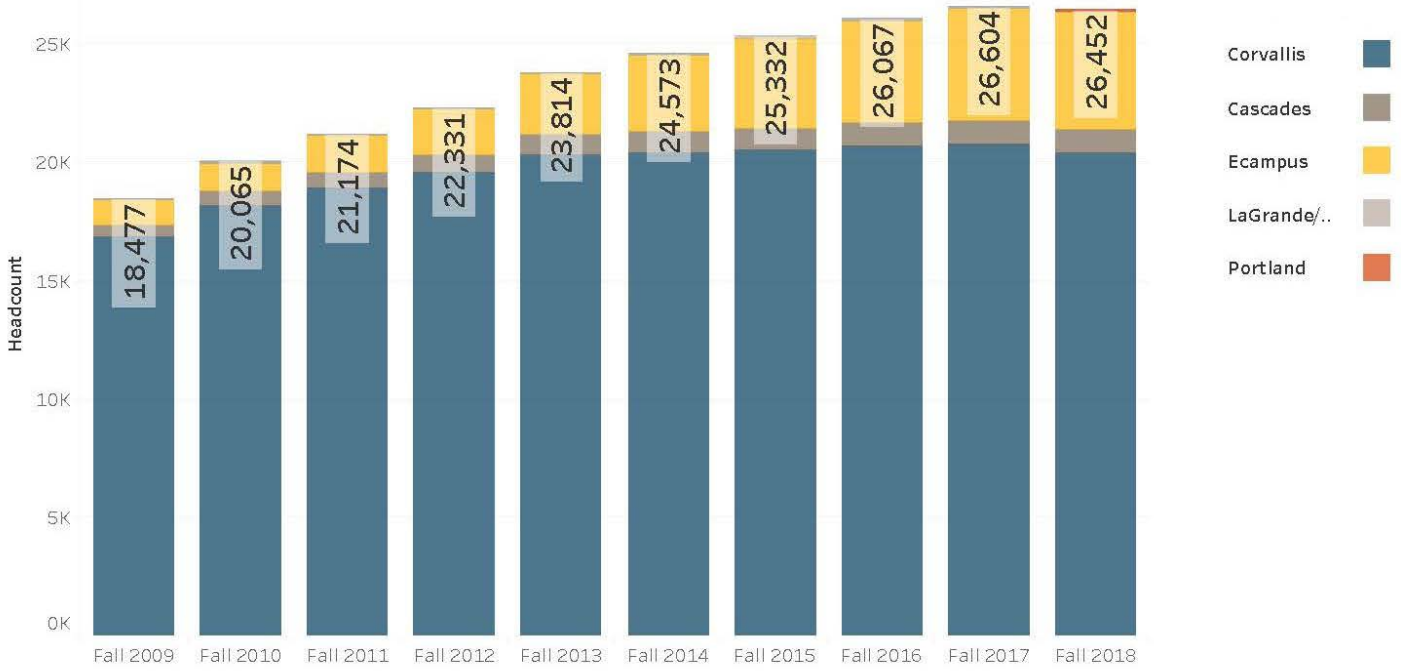
Undergraduate Education at OSU



Undergraduate Academic Programs

- Over 26,000 undergraduate students across all campuses
- 86 Bachelor's degree programs across 9 academic colleges
- Numerous options, minors, certificates
- 51 credits in the Baccalaureate Core
- Honors College degrees in Corvallis, Bend and on Ecampus

Opportunities and Threats

- Rapidly changing marketplace
- Reduced appreciation for general ed curriculum
- Increased competition among universities
- Competition within institution for credit hours

Special Initiatives and Projects

Curriculum

- Efficiencies in the program proposal process; consider course duplication
- Monitor consistently low or declining enrollment programs
- Efforts to reform the Baccalaureate Core
- Develop data science curricula across the university

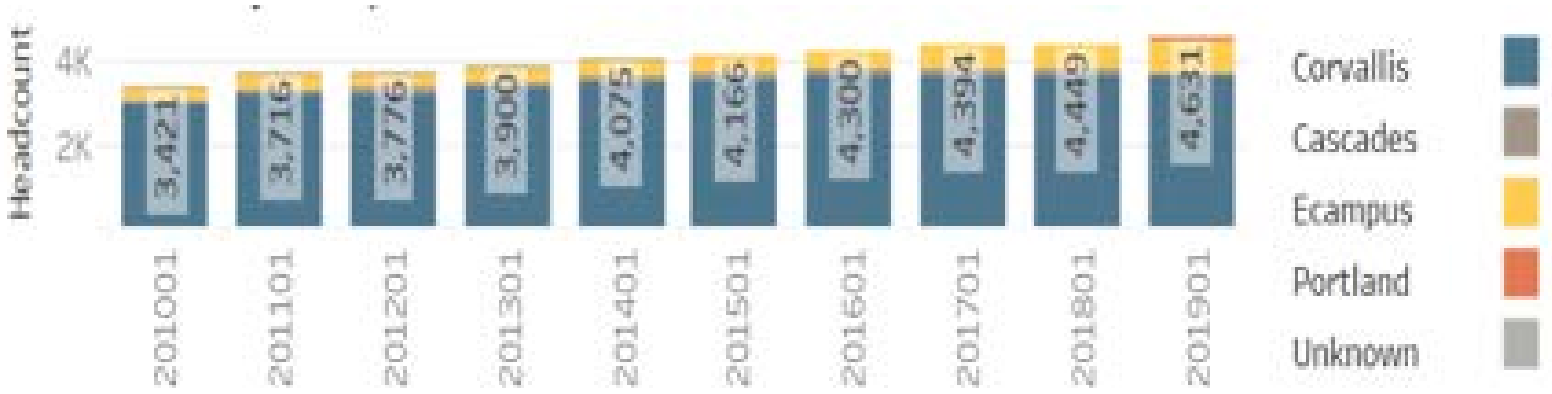
Initiatives and Projects

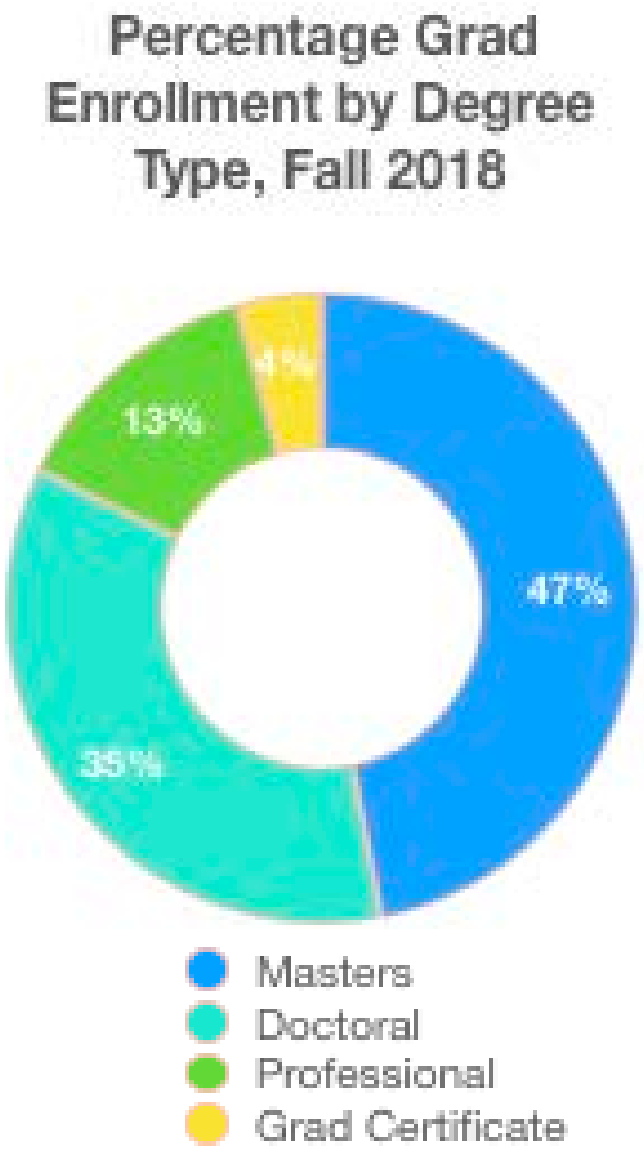
Pedagogy and Program Delivery

- Rejuvenation of the Center for Teaching and Learning
- Adaptive Courseware Initiative, Hybrid course delivery
- Experiential learning opportunities

Graduate Education at OSU

Enrollment by Location





Strengths: Reputation and Collaboration

Many of our graduate programs are nationally or internationally ranked

- Agriculture
- Forestry
- Oceanography
- Robotics
- Business Administration

Faculty and students report that the high degree of collaboration was a big factor in coming to OSU

Weaknesses

Low percentage of graduate students: ***Strong graduate programs, vibrant research, top-notch faculty, and rankings all connected***

Low but improving diversity

Strategic Initiatives:

- Capitalize on our strengths to strategically grow graduate programs and research portfolio - perhaps through a new interdisciplinary program
- Reforming our admissions process to avoid disadvantaging anyone
- Improving campus culture to promote and value diversity

Opportunity: Changing nature of graduate education

Strategic Initiatives:

- Continue to expand offerings online, in Portland, and at OSU-Cascades
- Explore opportunities like 5th year masters, certificates
- Improve mentoring by graduate advisors
- Offer training in transferable skills: interdisciplinary teams, communications, leadership
- Understand where our training can better meet market demand
- Improve graduate student mental health