University of Oregon Presentation

I. Information About the University
   - Medium-sized campus
   - Graduate programs and law school
   - Known for liberal arts programs
   - Other programs include business, journalism, and psychology
   - Quarter system
   - Over 200 clubs/ organizations on campus
   - Transfer students are not required to live on campus

II. Transfer Requirements
   - 24 semester units or 36 quarter units
   - Course Requirements
     - 1 college-level writing class
       ■ No exceptions for admission
     - 1 college-level math
       ■ If you are pursuing a non-math heavy degree, you can ask to be admitted as an exception (write in the special circumstances section)
       ■ If you’re admitted, math is not an exit requirement unless you need it for your major
     - 2 years of high school level second language or 2 semesters of college-level second language
       ■ Both years/ semesters need to be in the same language
       ■ If you haven’t met this requirement, you can ask to be admitted as an exception (write about this in the special circumstances section)
       ■ If you’re admitted, language becomes an exit requirement (regardless of major)
     - Note: The university rarely makes 2 exceptions for coursework (you need at least math or language done)
○ You can let them know if you’re in the process of taking the courses (e.g., applying in the fall and planning to take math in the spring)

● GPA
  ○ If you’re not a resident of Oregon: 2.5 GPA
  ○ If you are a resident of Oregon: 2.25 GPA

● Two-year degree
  ○ Not required, but it is a plus

● Admissions are mainly trying to figure out if you’re capable of college-level work and getting a bachelor’s degree

III. Application Process

● If you meet the minimum requirements, you are guaranteed admission

● Application requirements
  ○ Essays
    ■ Not required
    ■ You can write a special circumstances statement if you want to put context for your transcript in the application
  ○ High school transcript
    ■ Only required if you earn less than 24 semester or 36 quarter credits OR if you’re using it for the language requirement
  ○ SAT/ACT
    ■ Not required, but you can submit it if you’d like
      ● Won’t give you an advantage because you are guaranteed admission if you complete the transfer requirements
      ● Maybe use it if you need it for a departmental scholarship, but it’s unlikely that a department will require it
  ○ Letters of recommendation
    ■ Not required, but you can submit it if you’d like
      ● It can be useful for the departmental scholarship process
Special circumstances can help admissions understand what happened on your transcript

- Remember: the transcript is only numbers and raw data, so if you have a story to explain something, add it to the special circumstances

- Not required, but if there’s something you want to explain on your transcript, it’s probably a good idea
  - E.g., I got Covid last spring and had trouble keeping up with school work, so my GPA was lower at that time
  - Remember: If you meet transfer requirements, you’ll be admitted

Deadlines

- Fall applications
  - March 15
    - Priority registration
    - Must register by March 15 to receive scholarships
  - June 1
    - Admission for the fall quarter

- You can apply for winter, spring, and summer quarters as well
  - The vast majority of applicants apply in the fall because…
    - Beginning of the academic year
    - The only time the scholarships are awarded

Scholarships

- General university scholarship
- Diversity excellence scholarship
  - Find information on the financial aid website
    - A good database for national and regional scholarships
- There are also departmental scholarships
  - Coordinate with departments to learn more

Major declaration
○ You can apply as an exploring student, and you can change majors once you’re admitted
  ■ The university’s top priority is making students graduate, so they will help you with finding a good track for graduation
○ Tip: If you know what your major is, you should reach out to the academic department
  ■ Help you learn about scholarships, internships, etc
  ■ Get’s you on the department’s radar as someone who’s interested in doing well
  ■ Helps you understand if you’re a good fit for the program
  ■ Students are very much encouraged to make connections
    ● Brian can help with this step

IV. Course Equivalency
  ● IGETC doesn’t necessarily transfer to junior year
    ○ However, if you don’t qualify as a Junior, you will be very close
  ● Use the transfer equivalency tool on the university’s website
    ○ Look to see how your coursework will transfer
  ● After you apply, you’ll get access to the university’s evaluation of formal credit

V. After Admission
  ● Orientation (IntroDUCKtion)
    ○ Opportunity to meet with an advisor
      ■ See what requirements are met and needed
      ■ Create a plan
      ■ Advising happens online in summer (for fall students)
        ● Or before signing up for classes for other quarters
    ○ Orientation is available in person and online this year
      ■ Helpful for looking for opportunities on campus
      ■ Helpful for finding community on campus
Opportunities
- University Philosophy: make sure students have great opportunities in and out of the classroom
- Students are encouraged to take advantage of opportunities
  - Remember: these options are for all students, not just freshman
- Opportunities include:
  - Research
  - Internships
  - Study abroad
- Help to make connections in the community and on campus
- Round out education
- Extra experiences will help students thrive in employment or future education

VI. Q&A
- When is the right time to transfer?
  - Sometimes a two-year degree is a wise decision
  - Sometimes students want to go sooner
    - E.g., Architecture major is a five-year program, so going sooner rather than later for architecture might be a good path to help you save time
  - The transfer team wants you to apply when and if it’s a good fit
- Can admitted students take courses at other schools?
  - Yes, dual enrollment is permitted
    - During all quarters
  - If you need another lower-division course, you can take a course from a different university
    - Some students take online community college courses to fulfill requirements
  - As long as the course(s) taken at another institution is accredited, it can be added to the transcript
• How do I send my transcript?
  ○ Send electronically from sending institution
    ■ The quickest and easiest method
  ○ Send paper transcript in a sealed envelope

• What are the opportunities for nontraditional or older students?
  ○ Nontraditional student union
    ■ Help with childcare or veteran benefits
  ○ Transfer social events

• How will GPA be calculated for admission?
  ○ All classes on the transcript will be used
  ○ You will only receive credit for the first time you take a course
    ■ I.e., if you take the same course twice, you only get the credit once
  ○ Note: Most schools leave old classes on transcripts
    ■ Don’t always assume that if you retake a class, the old grade will be removed

• How will high school transcripts be used?
  ○ Only college grades are considered if you’ve completed 24 semester credits or 36 quarter credits
    ■ High school transcripts will be used if you’ve completed less
  ○ You can use your high school transcript for proof of language requirement
    ■ If you want, you can explain poor high school grades in the special circumstances section

• What is your policy for incomplete classes on a transcript?
  ○ Incomplete or withdrawal
    ■ Not a problem for admission (unless it’s a required course for admission)

• What is the maximum number of transferable units?
  ○ 124 quarter credits
  ○ 45 of the last 60 credits have to be taken at the University of Oregon to graduate with a degree from the university
    ■ You can work with an academic advisor for clarity and planning
Are transcripts admitted before or after the application?
  ○ Transcripts can be sent before or after the application
  ○ Admission decisions won’t be made if you have more than 1 term of outstanding work
    ■ E.g., if you’re applying for fall 2025, you need to complete the fall 2024 semester before an admission decision will be made

VII. Announcements
  ● Webinar for transfer students next Tuesday
    ○ Send an email to be signed up
    ○ The link is available if you’re on the mailing list
    ○ The webinar will be recorded and posted on the transfer website
  ● There will be a webinar for community college counselors and advisors
    ○ Date TBA (Probably in about a month)
    ○ Send an email to be signed up
  ● Visit the campus
    ○ Visitors center
    ○ Student tours (led by current transfer student)
    ○ Reach out and coordinate with Brian before your visit to connect
  ● Set up a one-on-one meeting
    ○ Meeting one-on-one can be very helpful for transfers because they have individual needs
  ● Contact
    ○ Brian Stanley (gave the presentation)
      ■ Feel free to call, email, or set up a zoom meeting
    ○ Moriah Dunning
      ■ Regional counselor
      ■ Opportunity to table or speak in person