

GRADUATE STUDENT HANDBOOK

2022-2023

Academic Year



WELCOME

Congratulations on your admission and welcome to Southern Oregon University!

Thank you for choosing SOU for your graduate studies. Whether you are enrolling in a graduate program, pursuing post-baccalaureate studies or a certificate, or taking additional courses for personal gain, it is important to us that you have a positive experience.

This Graduate Handbook was created to assist you as you become acquainted with campus and begin your studies here. You will find program and campus contacts, maps, graduate program policies, campus resources, and other helpful links and information. Additional statements, policies and resources for your individual program may be found in program-specific handbooks, or on their web sites.

Classes have returned to a primarily in-person format as SOU has shifted from pandemic to endemic operations, while some campus offices may continue to operate in a hybrid format. For guidance, resources, and timely information, please visit our OVID-19 and SOU web page.

If you have any questions during your time at SOU, please feel free to contact the graduate

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GETTING AROUND CAMPUS

Ashland Campus Map

Familiarize yourself with the SOU campus by taking a look at our <u>interactive campus map</u>, or a <u>virtual campus tour</u>. Find your classrooms, the library, the bookstore, and more.

Campus Buildings

Classes and events are held in a variety of venues. You might see these abbreviations on schedules:

	Building or Room
AB	Art Building
BRITT	Britt
œ	Cascade Hall
Œ	Central Hall
ан	Churchill Hall
CS	Computing Services (East and West)
COX	Cox Hall
DB	DeBoer Sculpture Studio
DMC	Digital Media Center
₽	Education/Psyer

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Financial Aid

1st Floor, Computing Services (CS) East
For financial aid questions: finaid@sou.edu
For questions concerning scholarships: finaidschol@sou.edu
541-552-6600, Extension 1

The Financial Aid office is located within Raider Student Services (see previous page). Financial Aid for most graduate students is limited to unsubsidized student loans, graduate assistantships, and scholarships. There may also be specialized grants for specific programs.

You must be fully admitted to a graduate program and be enrolled for at least 5 credits in a term (half-time status) in order to qualify for financial aid. To apply for financial aid, first go to www.fafsa.ed.gov and complete your FAFSA -

office will contact you regarding the next steps. Financial aid is disbursed two weeks after the start of a term. To continue qualifying for aid, you must demonstrate that you are making progress toward your degree and remain in good academic standing. Contact the Financial Aid office for specific questions about your

Housing housing@sou.edu 541-552-6371

Admitted graduate students may apply to live in <u>Student Apartments and Family Housing</u>, which are conveniently located only two blocks from campus. A range of accommodations are available, from single studios to four-bedroom apartments, allowing single students, roommates, and families to live affordably in Ashland. For more information about rates, eligibility, pets, how to apply, and more, please visit the <u>University Housing website</u> or contact the housing office.

Student Health and Wellness Center

560 Indiana Street - east of the Art Building, south of Outreach and Engagement 541-552-6136 – Front Desk and to request an appointment

For emergencies, <u>please call 911</u>. For mental health crisis calls after hours, students may call the Jackson County Mental Health Crisis Line at 541-774-8201.

The <u>Student Health and Wellness Center</u> (SHWC) provides access to a wide range of health services including primary medical care, mental health care, preventive services, and campus-wide health promotion. It is here to help SOU students to be the best they can be during their college career. Please visit the <u>SHWC website</u> for a full explanation of all services that are available and current hours of operation. All SOU students who pay the health fee are eligible to access medical and mental health services at the SHWC, and do not need insurance to be seen.

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ACADEMIC PROCEDURES AND POLICIES

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STUDENT LIFE

Stevenson Union 312 541-552-6461 https://studentlife.sou.edu/

<u>SOU Student Life</u> provides social, cultural, and educational programs aimed at advancing diversity and inclusion, leadership development, and student involvement. It is committed to making sure all students have the resources needed to succeed - offering opportunities for employment, service, and engagement which foster a campus dimate that supports equity and social justice.

SOU Social Justice and Equity Center

Stevenson Union 305-308 541-552-6711

Assistant Director for Equity and Access: sylvestea@sou.edu or 541-552-6488 https://socialjustice.sou.edu/

The SOU Social Justice and Equity Center is rooted in the framework of intersectionality and provides advocacy, education, community, and resources at Southern Oregon University; centering the needs of Black students, Indigenous students, students of color, queer and trans students, women and femmes, as well as veterans and military families. We work toward a sustainable world. The SEC provides justice and social change related-education and services, programs, and outreach to support student success and increase graduation rates.

Gender

Campus Recreation

IN CLOSING

We are very happy that you are here at SOU and sincerely want you to feel at home. Please reach out to your graduate program coordinator, your advisor, program staff, or the Graduate Studies office if you need any assistance.

Again, welcome to SOU and have a wonderful year!

SOU Office of Graduate Studies

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