Welcome!

This guide contains resources for new graduate students in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife. We wanted this to be an insider’s guide to everything that is awesome about our department.

Be sure to also check out the Graduate Student Success Guide put out by the OSU Graduate School – it contains general information about OSU and the larger graduate community.

Still have questions? Lucky for you, there are two people here to help!

**Academics:** Susie Dunham ([susie.dunham@oregonstate.edu](mailto:susie.dunham@oregonstate.edu)) our Graduate Program Coordinator is here to answer all of your academic, enrollment and department-related questions.

**Life:** The Fisheries and Wildlife Graduate Student Association has appointed a grad student as the official New Student Liaison. Email Brittany Schwartzkopf ([brittany.schwartzkopf@oregonstate.edu](mailto:brittany.schwartzkopf@oregonstate.edu)) if you need help with housing, classes, Corvallis nightlife or just want to say hello before moving into town. We are a friendly grad student group and we can’t wait to meet you!

**DISCLAIMER:** This document contains references to a variety of local businesses, based on suggestions from graduate students. These references do not constitute endorsement by the university.
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Who are we?

Student Research Interests
- Our department has students working on projects on a wide range of topics.
- You can find a list of the current grad students, along with their research interests on our website:
  - [http://fw.oregonstate.edu/fisheries-and-wildlife/directory/graduate-students](http://fw.oregonstate.edu/fisheries-and-wildlife/directory/graduate-students)

Faculty Research
- Contact information and research projects of our graduate faculty can be found in this website:
  - [http://fw.oregonstate.edu/fisheries-and-wildlife/directory/faculty](http://fw.oregonstate.edu/fisheries-and-wildlife/directory/faculty)

Fisheries and Wildlife Graduate Student Association
- You’re “in” with the graduate community
- Every FW grad student is automatically in the club (no dues)
- We host a variety of events centered around research and fun
- Some events:
  - Friday evening happy hour at Squirrels
  - RAFWE (Research Advances in Fisheries, Wildlife, and Ecology)
    - Student run symposium in February
  - Fall camping trip
  - Winter ski trip
  - Powerpoint potlucks

Hatfield Student Organization
- Welcomes all students who have residency or partial residency at HMSC
F&W Department Staff

**Nash 104 - Main Office Staff**

**Amber Ahlgren** 541-737-4531, Amber.Ahlgren@oregonstate.edu
Receptionist for the Department
• key slips, after hours passes, travel, invoicing and copy codes and long
distance codes.
• help schedule Nash hall rooms 032, 033, 164 and 104j
• General assistance at the front desk in Nash Hall 104.

**Leighann Auer**, Leighann.Auer@oregonstate.edu
Office Specialist for the Department
• Helps with student hiring, etc.

**Gabrielle Fecteau**, gabrielle.fecteau@oregonstate.edu
Office Specialist
• General assistance

**Ann Leen** (ann.leen@oregonstate.edu)
Administrative Manager
• Must see Ann about signing your GTA/GRA acceptance letter
• Tax paperwork, etc. goes to her

**Information Technology**
OSU Computer Helpdesk
Mon - Thurs: 8:00am to 7:00pm, Fri: 8:00am to 5:00pm
541-737-3474
http://oregonstate.edu/is/tss/och/

ROOTS Support Team helps the FW department:
support.roots@oregonstate.edu
http://support.roots.oregonstate.edu/
(541) 737-2443

More Staff Information on the website:
http://fw.oregonstate.edu/content/administrative-and-professional-staff
II. Making the move to Corvallis?

Corvallis fun facts

• Corvallis rated top 10 college town.

• Ranked as the #1 bike to work and #2 walk to work town in the US.

• Home to both OSU and Hewlett-Packard, over 20% of Corvallis residents have earned a graduate or professional degree.

• Ranked as most innovative city in 2011 (by patents per capita).

• Corvallis was also ranked as the city least likely to have a natural disaster. (But an earthquake off the coast is expected in the next 50 years!)

• Slideshow about Corvallis.

Other Things to Note

• Beware of mold in your apartment or home. Tips for preventing mold.

• Most people take Vitamin D supplements in the winter. The winters are dark and rainy and almost everyone I've talked to needs Vitamin D to not feel exhausted all the time.

• The Willamette Valley is the grass seed capital of the world, so many Corvallis residents develop allergies.

• Corvallis weather averages are here.

• The local newspaper is the Corvallis Gazette-Times.
A few notes:

- Corvallis has a difficult housing market (98-99% occupancy rate)
- Rental housing is harder to find when students are looking (start of fall term, late in spring term)
- It is not uncommon for landlord/rental agencies to require an application fee of around $25-50 per person
- There are two types of rental contracts in Oregon: Rental agreements month by month, and leases for a fixed period of time. A security deposit is always required. Be aware that the deposit can be the same amount as the monthly rent. In addition, you may be asked to cover the first and last month of rent, too. Use this link to understand the differences in rental contracts: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Renting
- The city of Corvallis has a rental housing program that offers advice to solve housing issues among other duties: http://www.corvallisoregon.gov/index.aspx?page=354

Furniture resources:

- Craigslist, OSU used store: http://surplus.oregonstate.edu/
- Corvallis Furniture (http://corvallisfurniture.com/) is a great place to get furniture really cheap, and it’s run by former and current OSU students. It’s located down in south town on SW 3rd St.

Looking for Roommates? Email the FW listserv
Want to see if anyone is looking for a roommate? Feel free to email the FW grad student listserv, or email Brittany (FW New Student Liaison, Brittany.Schwartzkopf@oregonstate.edu) and he can send out an email for you.
Finding Housing

Housing resources:
- A guide for families moving to Corvallis: http://visitcorvallis.com/relocating/
- Corvallis Gazette-Times classifieds: http://www.gazettetimes.com/
- Local Craigslist classifieds: http://corvallis.craigslist.org/

Craigslist (CL) is a well known classified advertisements website in the U.S. Use it to look for housing, furniture, bikes, cars, and just about anything else that you might buy, sell, or trade. You should read their FAQ and personal safety tips to avoid frauds. Use your common sense when you using CL or any other free advertising web pages! Here some resources about CL:
http://www.craigslist.org/about/help/; http://www.craigslist.org/about/scams; http://www.craigslist.org/about/safety

- OSU Faculty sabbatical rentals: http://oregonstate.edu/senate/housing/rentavai.html
- City of Corvallis housing assistance resources: http://www.corvallisoregon.gov/index.aspx?page=1262
- Facebook group: Groups at OSU – Housing

Resources for buying a home:
- http://www.wvmls.com
- www.zillow.com
- http://www.trulia.com/for_sale/Corvallis,OR
- Some current FW grads have purchased homes so they can also be a resource if you are considering this option

Some of the rental agencies in Corvallis:
- http://www.duerksenrentals.com
- http://www.paragonrealtyrentals.com
- http://www.rentalsalbany.com
- http://www.ipmg-inc.com
- http://www.sterlingmanagement.net
- http://www.elitepropertiesmanagement.com
- http://kampferinc.com/
- http://www.pinionproperty.com
- http://www.trulia.com/for_rent/Corvallis,OR
Corvallis and surrounding areas

Areas of Corvallis

In our opinion, there really isn’t a dangerous or “bad” part of town. There are several areas that may be better or worse depending on what you are looking for (map on next page). Prices tend to get cheaper the further you get from campus.

1. West Corvallis – several large apartment complexes, bike path runs up Western Blvd into town
2. Downtown – quick walk to shops and bars
3. Southtown - rent is usually a little cheaper, but slightly longer bike ride to campus, close to Willamette Park
4. Campus - watch out for college students! Many live in this area due to its proximity to campus
5. Central - seems to be a pretty popular spot for grad students – close to campus and downtown but not as many undergrads
6. North Corvallis- rent can be a little cheaper but close to restaurants and stores on 9th street.
7. Witham Hill - many apartment complexes that allow dogs! Close to MLK and Woodland dog parks but quite a steep hill to get home on a bike
8. Timberhill – also has a few apartment complexes, close to Chip Ross Park
9. Conifer – probably the longest bike ride, but has many houses to rent and buy

Nearby towns

• Albany - rent is much cheaper, but commute can be a pain. City, so there are amenities like Target, Walmart, etc. There is a bus that goes from Albany to Corvallis
• Philomath – rent is also cheap, but much more rural setting. Philomath town is fairly small but is home to Nut Cakes (great donuts) and the Woodsman (Thai/American bar... yeah it’s really really good).
Corvallis Neighborhoods

Based on City of Corvallis Wards
Before you get to campus

Not on campus yet but want to get started? Here are some things you can do.

Office space
- Talk to your advisor about where your office will be located.
- Kim Nelson is usually in charge of organizing desk space for the grad students, so you can also contact her if unsure whether your advisor reserved you a space (kim.nelson@oregonstate.edu)

Set up your email accounts (ONID and oregonstate)
- You will need an ONID (OSU Network Identification) account
- Your ONID account will provide you with an email address, web space, access to OSU Online Services, the wireless network, Canvas, and Interlibrary loan, among other services
- You will also be issued an Exchange email account (@oregonstate.edu)
- Most people forward their ONID to their oregonstate.edu email or forward both to a personal email (i.e., gmail)
- If you need help with your email, setting up your office computer, connecting your laptop to the FW system, or other IT matters, you can find helpful information and email contacts for our IT department here. Aaron Moffett and Adam Wehner typically deal with FW related issues.
  
  Quick guide for students: http://oregonstate.edu/is/osu-accounts-technologies-guide/new-students

OSU Computer Helpdesk
Mon - Thurs: 8:00am to 7:00pm, Fri: 8:00am to 5:00pm
(541) 737-2443
support.roots@oregonstate.edu
http://oregonstate.edu/is/tss/och/
Register for Classes

- The grad students have compiled their thoughts on course offerings in this [google doc](#)
- General suggestions:
  - Most incoming students take STATS511 as an introductory stats course
  - Department seminar (FW507) counts as one credit and you should go to it anyway (Currently not offered 2016-2017 academic year)!
  - **Be careful about taking ecampus (online courses) - see below.**

### Ecampus vs on campus options

Bottom line: If you want to take an online course at OSU you have to pay $80/credit in technology fees *out-of-pocket*

- Currently, these fees cannot be charged to a grant nor are they covered by any scholarship or fee remission. This fee is necessary to maintain Ecampus infrastructure, thus it is unlikely that this cost will ever be absorbed by any fee remission/reimbursement. This is the University policy and the department has no say in the matter, so if you take issue with this it is something that should be brought up with CGE.
- When it comes to tuition remission the big thing to know is that Ecampus tuition ($432/credit) is charged **in addition to** your base tuition (yes, you are charged twice for an online class). Ecampus and base tuition is charged separately and thus refunding/remission on ebill occurs separately. Base tuition is refunded at the very beginning of the term (if not before the term even starts). Ecampus tuition is refunded in Week 5. When the deadline comes to pay your fees DON'T pay the Ecampus tuition portion of the bill as any incurred interest related to Ecampus tuition will be refunded when the tuition is refunded. DO pay for the Ecampus technology fee.

Here is how things break down for GTAs/GRAs/GRFs:

- GTAs - tuition remission takes care of your base tuition AND Ecampus tuition. You have nothing to worry about other than fees (including the $80 per credit Ecampus technology fee).
- GRAs - your **GRANT** provides your base and Ecampus tuition remission. If Ecampus tuition wasn't budgeted for your grant may come up short. Check with your PI before enrolling in Ecampus courses.
Before you get to campus: Sign up for listservs

Once you get your email set up, you can get on different listservs to know what is happening on campus

**FW Grad Students**
- Susie will sign you up automatically for the FW Grad student listserv. All important reminders, school-related events come through this listserv.

**FW Social Events**
- You might also want to get on the FW social listserv... this is where we post about tailgates, random happy hours, etc. We were worried that the 300 or so people on the grad student listserv might get annoyed with these posts, so we try to confine random outings to the social one.
- **Please be aware this is an optional listserv that you must manually subscribe to.** Students should only register if they are interested in any and all social event e-mails, including those not related to the FW department. Relevant departmental events (such as RAFWE, Friday happy hours, and Coffee Club) will still be posted to the Grad Student Listserv.
- **TO SUBSCRIBE:** You can subscribe and unsubscribe at any time by visiting the following page: http://lists.oregonstate.edu/mailman/listinfo/fw_social_events
- Once you’ve subscribed yourself, you can post events by sending e-mails to fw_social_event@lists.oregonstate.edu.
- When posting please include as much information about the event as possible, including the dates, times, costs, and if there is a maximum number of people who can attend. Provide contact information so people with questions can ask you directly.

**AVES**
- If you are a birdy person and haven't heard of this one, ask me or you can subscribe here: http://lists.oregonstate.edu/mailman/listinfo/aves

**Others**
- **Introduction to OSU List Servers**
  - Search with a blank box to see a full list.
  - Suggested FWL Lists: “AVES” & “mmm”,
First Week Checklist

You will probably feel like you are running around campus an awful lot the first week or so you are on campus. Here are all the things you need to do, grouped by location (more info on subsequent pages)

Memorial Union Building (Room 103)
- ID Card

Nash Hall Main Office
- Key slip – then to the key shop you go!
- Mail box
- Picture taken
- Sign GTA/GRA paperwork

Health Insurance
- Automatic enrollment now for new graduate students. Can provide waiver if have private insurance

Adams Hall
- Parking Permit (if needed)
First Week Checklist

Get keys to your office (two step process)
Once you have your office assignment from your advisor or Kim Nelson (kim.nelson@oregonstate.edu), you can pick up your keys!

1. Get a key slip (and after hours pass) from Amber Ahlgren– located at the front desk in Nash 104.
2. You’ll need to take your key slip to the OSU key shop at the corner of SW Washington Way and SW 15th Street.

Key Shop
Monday - Friday
11:00am to 3:00pm
(541) 737-3565
http://facilities.oregonstate.edu/key-shop
560 SW 15th, Corvallis, OR 97331
Our entrance is on the west side of the building facing the McAlexander Fieldhouse.

Mail boxes
Grad student mailboxes are located in Nash 104. Due to limited availability, you will only receive a mailbox in Nash if you have an office in Nash and/or you are the instructor for a class. People with offices in Hovland will have a mailbox there. See the main office staff for help with this.

Smile!
• Have your picture taken for the FW people board. Check with the front desk in Nash 104 to see who is taking pictures that day.

Paperwork
• If you have a GTA or GRA position, you need to see Ann Leen in Nash 104D to sign your hiring paperwork. (If you don’t do this before term starts, your financial aid will not be correct & your stipend check may be late!)
• Visit the Student Health Center at 108 SW Memorial Place. This is where you check your student health insurance status and file copies of other insurance coverage you may have. They also need a copy of your vaccination records - failure to file these will result in a hold on your registration.
Getting an ID card

Not only are you required to have this card, but it gets you in the Rec Center, sporting games, and gets discounts at the movies!

- You can have your photo taken at the ID center or upload a photo online and have your card waiting for you.
- You will need photo ID (valid driver's license, state ID card, military ID, passport, or residence alien card) to pick up your OSU card.
- Your first ID card is $20; replacement cards are $25.

ID Center
Memorial Union Room 103
Corvallis, OR 97330
Phone: (541) 737-2493
Fax: (541) 737-2433
Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm
http://fa.oregonstate.edu/business-affairs/how-get-id-card

Affiliate ID Cards
Gains, husbands, wives and domestic partners access to sports tickets, access to library services at the Valley Library, and options to purchase Dixon Rec Center memberships. But it also does cost $20.
Getting a parking permit

• Parking structure has gotten fairly complicated
• http://parking.oregonstate.edu/
• From 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, permits are required for all vehicles parked on campus, except during open periods, in metered spaces, or in open lots
• You can purchase a permit online or at the office

Transit and Parking Services

100 Adams Hall
Monday – Friday
7:30am to 4:30pm
(541) 737-2583

Alternatives to getting a parking permit

Bike to campus!
• Fair warning, bike theft is one of the only major crimes that we deal with at OSU. We recommend using a U-lock and avoiding leaving your bike on campus overnight or on the weekends.

Free parking areas
• There are several streets around campus that allow all day parking.
• Be careful, these are generally really full by 8 or 9am!
  • Orchard between 35th and 26th
  • Neighborhoods near 35th between Harrison and Campus Way
• In other neighborhoods, pay attention to signs as some have 2 hour parking limits.

Take the bus
• Buses are free in Corvallis
• Be wary of the bus schedule, some only come once an hour and no buses run on Sunday’s
III. International students

OSU’s International Scholar & Faculty Services (ISFS), located in Heckart Lodge, helps scholars get settled at OSU and in the Corvallis community. Information about visas can also be found on this web page:

- [http://oregonstate.edu/international/atosu/scholars/](http://oregonstate.edu/international/atosu/scholars/)

**Visas and immigration:** Student visas can differ according to the kind of program or sponsor. Please check the visa options and talk to the International Student Advising & Services (ISAS) about any doubt for your specific case.

  - [http://oregonstate.edu/international/atosu/students](http://oregonstate.edu/international/atosu/students)
  - [http://international.oregonstate.edu/ois/visa-immigration-information](http://international.oregonstate.edu/ois/visa-immigration-information)

**Legal services:** OSU has a service of legal advice and representation for OSU students. Please check the link: [http://asosu.oregonstate.edu/legal-advising](http://asosu.oregonstate.edu/legal-advising)

**Banking in the US:** In order to open a banking account in the United States a Social Security Number (SSN) is required. During the International Student Orientation you will receive information about the SSN. If you have an assistantship from your department please contact them to have the support letter that you need to present at the Social Security Office located in Albany, which is about 20 minutes NE of Corvallis. If you have a sponsor please ask ISAS to get the information for this case. Below you will find some links to get familiar with the banks, Social Security procedures, and public transportation to get the Social Security Office in Albany.

  - [http://oregonstate.edu/international/atosu/scholars/new/banking](http://oregonstate.edu/international/atosu/scholars/new/banking)
  - [http://oregonstate.edu/international/atosu/students/current/visa-info](http://oregonstate.edu/international/atosu/students/current/visa-info)
  - [http://www.socialsecurityoffices.us/state/or/social-security-office-albany-or/](http://www.socialsecurityoffices.us/state/or/social-security-office-albany-or/)

**Taxes in the US:** If you have an assistantship from OSU you are required to pay taxes each fiscal year. Please check these links.

IV. Navigating Oregon State

- The FW department is spread out among several buildings on the Oregon State Campus, which sometimes makes it hard to know where people are!
- Because we are so spread out, we encourage everyone to get together at many weekly get-togethers. Ranging from informal coffee breaks to for-credit seminars, each of these are great ways to meet more members of the FW community.

  - **Monday Morning Meeting aka Stream Team**
    - Seminar series based on freshwater issues
    - Usually at 9 or 10 am somewhere in Nash
    - Email announcements go out to the FW list serv
  
  - **Wednesday Departmental Seminars**
    - At 4pm, location varies, invited speakers on a broad range of topics
    - Can register to take this seminar for credit
    - Often grad students take the speaker out for a drink at Bombs Away Café after the seminar.
  
  - **Thursday AVES seminars**
    - Lead by Bruce Dugger, presentations related to birds
    - Get on the AVES list serv for announcements
  
  - **Coffee Club**
    - Friday at 10am in Nash 104J
    - Celebrating that we made it to Friday with treats and coffee
    - Everyone is invited – just stop by and chat with other FW folks
    - Email announcements go out to the FW list serv - they rarely explain what this gathering actually is, but are generally a funny read.
Key:
1. Nash Hall
2. Hovland Hall
3. Weniger Hall
4. Strand Agriculture Hall
5. Kerr Administration Building
6. Waldo Hall
7. Richardson Hall
8. USGS Forest and Rangeland Ecosystem and Science Center/USFS Forestry Sciences Lab
11. Environmental Protection Agency
Other important buildings
12. Cascade Hall
1. Nash Hall

- Fisheries & Wildlife Departmental Offices
- Lab space
- Susie Dunham, Graduate student coordinator
- Faculty, post-doc, research assistants, and grad student offices
- Microbiology Departmental Offices
- Fish and wildlife collections
- Full list of Fisheries & Wildlife faculty and their offices

2. Hovland Hall

- Many graduate student offices
- Graduate student lounge

3. Weniger Hall

Fisheries & Wildlife faculty:

Ford, Jesse M. (Associate Professor of Fisheries)
Horton, Howard (Emeritus Professor of Fisheries)
Lackey, Robert (Professor of Fisheries)
Rosenberg, Daniel (Courtesy Associate Professor of Wildlife Ecology)
4. Strand Agriculture Hall

**Fisheries & Wildlife faculty:**
Fritzell, Erik (Emeritus Associate Dean, College of Ag.)

5. Kerr Administration Building

6. Waldo Hall

**Fisheries & Wildlife faculty:**
Smith, Courtland (Adjunct Emeritus Professor of Anthropology and Fisheries)

7. Richardson Hall

**Fisheries & Wildlife faculty:**
Betts, Matthew (Associate Professor)
8. USGS Forest and Rangeland Ecosystem and Science Center/USFS Forestry Sciences Lab (aka FSL)

![Building Image]

**Fisheries & Wildlife faculty:**

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Fisheries & Wildlife faculty:
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Herlihy, Alan (Prof. of Fisheries, Senior Research)
Hughes, Robert (Prof. of Fisheries)
Kaufmann, Phillip (Courtesy Research Physical Scientist)
Landers, Dixon (Assoc. Prof. of Fisheries)
Schumaker, Nathan (Courtesy Assist. Prof.)

10. Cascade Hall

- Campus police offices
  - register your bike here
- State trooper offices
- Campus printing & mailing services
Research labs and centers housing FW faculty or hosting research projects

1. Fish performance and genetics lab - contact Dr. Schreck for more info; also Salmon disease lab (Microbiology)
2. Hatfield Marine Science Center
3. Oregon hatchery research center
4. HJ Andrews experimental forest
5. Eastern Oregon agricultural research center
6. Starkey experimental forest

College of Agricultural Sciences (CAS): experimental stations*
*not pictured; no FWL faculty or students housed here, but could be potential research sites
Transportation between HMSC and Corvallis

There are multiple options you can search for to get the HMSC in Newport:

1. Take the Coast to Valley Express Shuttle (https://www.co.benton.or.us/publicworks/page/coast-valley-express-service). This will run you $20 round trip

2. Some FW and Integrative Biology student make regular trip to HMSC during the week. We have set up a shared carpool calendar on Google. Please email me (Brittany) or Selene Fregosi (selene.fregosi@oregonstate.edu) if you would like to be added to this

3. Ask for a ride by sending a message to the HMSC community list serve: http://lists.oregonstate.edu/mailman/listinfo/hmsc_community

4. Set a carpool with some folks that travel to Newport by using the http://www.cwride.org/index.asp

5. Use the University Motor Pool service that OSU offers, but keep in mind you need to set all costs first with your advisor, besides getting the driver permission by OSU. http://motorpool.oregonstate.edu/
Getting around

- Portland (PDX) is the nearest large airport; the Hut Airport Shuttle is available to OSU: [http://www.hutshuttle.com/](http://www.hutshuttle.com/)

- Eugene (EUG) is the nearest midsized airport; the Omni shuttle is available to Corvallis as well as the Hut Shuttle: [http://www.omnishuttle.com/](http://www.omnishuttle.com/)


- Corvallis has the highest percentage of bicycle commuters of any city over 50,000 in the US. Bike maps are available at: [http://www.corvallisoregon.gov/index.aspx?page=162](http://www.corvallisoregon.gov/index.aspx?page=162)

- A really comprehensive list can be found on the international student website
  - [http://oregonstate.edu/international/atosu/resources/transportation/around_corvallis](http://oregonstate.edu/international/atosu/resources/transportation/around_corvallis)
On a Serious Note...

A lot of our FW gatherings involve social drinking, and we know that, especially being new to town, this can get people into trouble if they need to drive home.

- The DUI laws in Oregon are extremely strict! And Corvallis is particularly vigilant about drunk driving. You can definitely get a DUI on your bike - police are actually looking for intoxicated bikers.

- Here are the minimum consequences:
  - 90-day license suspension
  - 12-week mandatory treatment plan with random drug tests, alcohol and marijuana
  - Up to a year-and-a-half alcohol prohibition
  - Full year Breathalyzer on vehicle after 90-day license suspension, requiring a test to start and a test every 20 minutes while driving.
  - Over $2,000 in court fees, fines, and other costs
  - All of this for a first time offender

- Alternatives to driving or biking
  - Designated Driver!
  - Take a cab (most rides are <$10)
    - [https://www.yellowpages.com/corvallis-or/taxis](https://www.yellowpages.com/corvallis-or/taxis)
  - Safe Ride provides free rides to students (http://asosu.oregonstate.edu/services/saferide)
V. Campus Resources

On Campus Workshops

- Fisheries And Wildlife Graduate Student Association – RAFWE Workshops
- Wide range of computing workshops through the College of Forestry –
  - Not always offered, College of Forestry preference, and not free for FW students
- For Students interested in GIS careers
  - GIScience Certificate
- For Students interested in careers in academia/higher education:
  - Graduate Certificate in College and University Teaching
- For Students interested in Water and Natural Resource careers
  - Various graduate certificates – LINK
  - Natural Resources Leadership Academy – LINK

Scholarship Information

- FWL Departmental Scholarships – LINK
  - Awarded annually with application due in February
- College of Ag Science Awards – LINK
  - Applications due Feb 1st
- Graduate School Awards – LINK
- Collection of external fellowships with information on how to start – LINK
Valley Library

- The library has an excellent scan and delivery service and requests can be made online through interlibrary loan (ILL). No need to scan a single page! They’ll scan chapters or papers up to 50 pages for you and send it directly to your email: [http://osulibrary.oregonstate.edu/ill](http://osulibrary.oregonstate.edu/ill)

- The library also has lots of support for grad students including a number of very helpful workshops and tutorials: [http://osulibrary.oregonstate.edu/graduate-students](http://osulibrary.oregonstate.edu/graduate-students)

- Current library hours:
  - [http://osulibrary.oregonstate.edu/hours](http://osulibrary.oregonstate.edu/hours)

- Quiet study rooms available to reserve when studying for qualifying exam or writing thesis.

Research Office

- “Oregon State is one of only two land, sea, space and sun grant institutions in the U.S., holds a top tier research designation from the Carnegie Foundation, and is the state's largest public research university. Oregon State research totaled almost $281 million in Fiscal Year 2012, and private sector financing reached nearly $35 million, a 42 percent increase in the past two years.”

- The Research Office provides information on funding opportunities, best practices, training workshops, and other guidance.

- The Research Office Approval is needed for Grant Application Submission. Plan ahead to allow time for this process.

- [http://oregonstate.edu/research/](http://oregonstate.edu/research/)
Ombuds Office

- The Ombuds Office offers impartial or neutral conflict resolution and will facilitate communication or mediate between individuals or groups.
- An Ombuds is someone who helps people to informally resolve conflict by facilitating communication to help all parties reach mutually satisfactory solutions.
- If you aren’t sure where to take your concern, the Ombuds is a safe place to start.
- [http://oregonstate.edu/ombuds/](http://oregonstate.edu/ombuds/)

University Ombuds
Sue Theiss
541-737-7028
sue.theiss@oregonstate.edu

Graduate Student Success Center

Announcing the Creation of a Graduate Student Success Center (GSSC)

- The Graduate Student Success Center (GSSC) is a unique space located in the historic Memorial Union, room 203 above the Java Stop, at Oregon State University.
- The OSU Graduate School provides funding and support, while the MU hosts and services the center. Though the GSSC is facilitated through the Graduate School and housed through the Memorial Union, it is a student-led space.
- A Graduate Research Assistant, appointed by the Graduate School, staffs the GSSC and collaborates with other graduate students to offer programming opportunities for Graduate Student Success, Academic Progress, Professional Development, and Interdisciplinary Dialogues.
- The GSSC will also be a satellite home for resources from across campus providing more informal services. Join, create, discuss, share, and relax in a place made for you… your Graduate Student Success Center!
- [http://gradschool.oregonstate.edu/graduate-student-success/graduate-student-success-center](http://gradschool.oregonstate.edu/graduate-student-success/graduate-student-success-center)
Counseling and Psychological Services

- “Counseling and Psychological Services provides counseling, consultation, outreach and education to OSU students, faculty, and staff. We do this in order to facilitate student’s academic success, mental health, and personal development and to promote a culture of positive mental health at OSU.”
- Some resources at CAPS are available to everyone on campus. Some counseling resources are only available to students, who pay a health fee. For more information, visit http://oregonstate.edu/counsel/ or contact CAPS:

  500 Snell Hall
  541-737-2131
  CAPS@oregonstate.edu
Coalition of Graduate Employees

From the CGE website http://cge6069.org/

Mission
• The Coalition of Graduate Employees (CGE) represents the interests and rights of Oregon State University’s graduate employees through the bargaining and maintenance of a fair working contract. We strive to create a community of graduate employees empowered to advocate for collective issues.

Vision
• We will create a working environment where fair and equitable treatment protects the holistic well-being of all workers, and the principles of participatory democracy promote collaboration and shared goals across peoples.

Values
• Member-driven collective action – We believe in the ability and wisdom of the graduate employee community to define issues and participate in crafting effective solutions.
• Advocacy – We are committed to empowering members of our community to speak for themselves when they can and speaking on their behalf when they cannot.
• Equity and justice – We value the contributions of everyone in all aspects of the university. While we are diverse, we share common goals: dignity, respect, and recognition for our work.
Personal/Family Support

For general info about OSU’s family services
http://oregonstate.edu/childcare/

Some special resources that we thought we would highlight:
• Drop-in child care at the Valley Library and Dixon
  o http://childcare.oregonstate.edu/osu039s-child-care-centers#olv-childcare
• OSU Child Development Center
  o http://childcare.oregonstate.edu/osu039s-child-care-centers#osu-child-dev-lab
VI. Community Resources

Local banking

Listing of Corvallis banks and credit unions: http://www.yelp.com/search?cflt=banks&find_loc=Corvallis%2C+OR

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<td>Mon-Thurs: 9:30am-5:30pm</td>
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Food, drinks, and entertainment

- Download the Student Survival Kit app to get coupons and discounts on restaurants and a lot more in Corvallis

- LINK Recommendations directly from FW Grad Students

Restaurants (a much longer list including reviews is here):
  - Magenta
  - Del Alma
  - Café Yumm
  - Big River
  - Nearly Normals
  - Evergreen
  - The Woodsman (via Yelp)
  - Fireworks
  - Luc

Bars:
  - Squirrel’s (via Facebook)
  - The Downward Dog - Pub & Grub
  - Les Caves

Brew Pubs:
  - Block 15
  - McMenamins
  - Flat Tail Brewing - Sports Pub & Brewery
  - Oregon Trail Brewery
  - Sky High Brewery

Coffee shops:
  - The Beanery
  - Coffee Culture

Wineries, Cideries and Spirits:
  - Two Towns Ciderhouse
  - Heart of Willamette winery association
  - 4 Spirits Distillery

Music/Theater/Arts:
  - Bombs Away
  - The Majestic
  - Darkside Cinema
  - Whiteside Theatre
  - The Arts Center

Corvallis Public Library
Local parks and trails

- McDonald Forest: [http://www.cof.orst.edu/cf/recreation/visitor_map.php](http://www.cof.orst.edu/cf/recreation/visitor_map.php)
  - Otherwise assume dogs should be leashed. Also, note that dogs are allowed in the center aisle of the farmers’ market, but they are not allowed to enter the tents.
- Benton County Natural Areas and Parks: [https://www.co.benton.or.us/parks](https://www.co.benton.or.us/parks)
- Linn County Parks & Recreation Department: [http://www.linnparks.com/](http://www.linnparks.com/)
- State Parks: [http://www.oregonstateparks.org/index.cfm?do=visit.dsp_find](http://www.oregonstateparks.org/index.cfm?do=visit.dsp_find)
Sports and recreation


• Corvallis is very close to numerous other outdoor recreation opportunities:
  o Oregon Coast (~1 hour) - [http://visittheoregoncoast.com/](http://visittheoregoncoast.com/)
  o Crater Lake National Park - [http://www.nps.gov/crla/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/crla/index.htm)

• Numerous maps and guide books are available at the OSU Bookstore.
Community events

- **Farmer’s market** on Sat and Wed from 9am to 1pm from mid-April until mid-Nov (1st Street & Jackson).
- **Winter market** on Sat from 9am to 1pm starting mid-Jan at the Benton County Fairgrounds.
- **Rhapsody in the Vineyard**.
- **Culinary Week**.
- **Red, White, and Blue Riverfront Festival**.
- **Corvallis Fall Festival**.
- More information at Visit Corvallis.
Corvallis is the home of a number of musical groups, from symphony orchestras to rock bands. Here's a small compilation of them:

- **OSU-Corvallis Symphony Orchestra**
- **Willamette Valley Symphony**
- **Pro Musica Corvallis String Orchestra**
- **Corvallis Youth Symphony Association**
- **OSU Concert Bands**: Wind Ensemble, Wind Symphony, Campus Band and the OSU Marching Band
- **OSU Chamber Winds** and **Jazz Ensemble**

Other sites of interest:

- **Chamber Music Corvallis**
- **CorvallisLIVE**, a comprehensive list of Bands/Artists
Thank you!

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