

Mission Statement

Southern Oregon University is an inclusive campus community dedicated to student success, intellectual growth, and responsible global citizenship.

Commitments

Southern Oregon University is committed to:

1. a challenging and practical liberal arts education centered on student learning, accessibility, and civic engagement;
2. academic programs, partnerships, public service, outreach, sustainable practices, and economic development activities that address regional needs such as health and human services, business, and education; and
3. outstanding programs that draw on and enrich our unique arts community and bioregion.

Institutional Goals

1. Enhance SOU's national recognition as The Public Liberal Arts University of the West.
2. Significantly increase retention and recruitment of diverse, academically proficient students.
3. Implement and promote a powerful institutional plan that establishes SOU as a leader for diversity in southern Oregon.
4. Modernize and expand SOU's buildings and infrastructure.
5. Increase faculty and staff opportunities for meaningful professional development.
6. Implement selected renewable energy projects in the Climate Action Plan to ensure that SOU remains a regional leader in sustainable practices.
7. Support SOU priorities by maintaining financial integrity and significantly increasing fundraising success.

Fall 2014 Contact Information

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Fall 2014 General Profile

Headcount: 6,186 (FTE: 4,343)

88% undergrad and 12% graduate
71% resident and 29% non-resident
18% minority population

3961 total applications and 78% of those admitted

717 new freshmen and 587 new transfers

21 to 1 student to faculty ratio

157 tenure track faculty, 183 administrative personnel, and 190 classified staff

Housing and residential services capacity: 1100 and another 206 family housing units

Over 1,000 degrees conferred in the past year

41 major programs and over 160 areas of study

4 bachelor online degree completion programs, 3 online master programs, and 5 online endorsement or licensures; 10 accelerated baccalaureate programs

175 acre campus

335,250 Library book volumes

293,827 Government documents

807,661 Microfilm/fiche Items

4,732 Periodical Subscriptions

11,475 Audiovisual Holdings

86,069 Electronic Books



Hannon Library

Southern Oregon University

Fall 2014 Enrollment Facts at a Glance - All Enrolled¹

ALL ENROLLED	Previous Total	Current Total	% Current Enrollment	% Change Last Year	ALL ENROLLED	Previous Total	Current Total	% Current Enrollment	% Change Last Year
Total Enrollment	6,097	6,186	100%	1.5%	Gender⁵				
Total FTE^{2,3}	4,334	4,343	-----	0.2%	Men	2,526	2,476	40.0%	-2.0%
Full Time/Part Time					Women	3,475	3,570	57.7%	2.7%
Undergrad. full time	3,667	3,637	58.8%	-0.8%	Student Level				
Undergrad. part time	1,817	1,807	29.2%	-0.6%	Freshman	912	1,030	16.7%	12.9%
Total Undergrad.	5,484	5,444	88.0%	-0.7%	Sophomore	795	796	12.9%	0.1%
Graduate full time	210	227	3.7%	8.1%	Junior	1,143	1,067	17.2%	-6.6%
Graduate part time	403	515	8.3%	27.8%	Senior	1,464	1,365	22.1%	-6.8%
Total Graduate	613	742	12.0%	21.0%	Graduate	353	370	6.0%	4.8%
Admission Source⁴					Post bac./non-grad.	121	141	2.3%	16.5%
New freshman	647	717	11.6%	10.8%	Post baccalaureate	83	90	1.5%	8.4%
Undergrad. transfers	548	587	9.5%	7.1%	Non-adm. undergrad.	1,049	1,045	16.9%	-0.4%
New graduate	234	273	4.4%	16.7%	Non-adm. graduate	177	282	4.6%	59.3%
All non-admitted	1,226	1,327	21.5%	8.2%	Residency Fee Status				
Return after absence	45	117	1.9%	160.0%	9 credit hours and up				
Cont.w/o Interruption	3,397	3,165	51.2%	-6.8%	Resident	2,752	2,685	43.4%	-2.4%
Geographic Source					Non-resident	1,389	1,470	23.8%	5.8%
Jackson county only	2,609	2,687	43.4%	3.0%	0-8 credit hours				
Sthrn. Ore. (6 county)	716	726	11.7%	1.4%	Resident	1,678	1,720	27.8%	2.5%
Subtotal (7 county)	3,325	3,413	55.2%	2.6%	Non-resident	278	311	5.0%	11.9%
Portland (3 county)	446	473	7.6%	6.1%	Minorities				
Other Oregon	536	488	7.9%	-9.0%	Native American	71	59	1.0%	-16.9%
California	913	1,016	16.4%	11.3%	Asian/pacific islander	120	124	2.0%	3.3%
Alaska	94	75	1.2%	-20.2%	Black	107	116	1.9%	8.4%
Hawaii	87	104	1.7%	19.5%	Hispanic	454	481	7.8%	5.9%
Other states	416	449	7.3%	7.9%	Total Minorities ⁶	1,037	1,135	18.3%	9.5%
International	160	154	2.5%	-3.8%	Age				
Total Non-Oregon	1,790	1,812	29.3%	1.2%	17-25 years	4,280	4,303	69.6%	0.5%
					26 years and up	1,811	1,878	30.4%	3.7%
					Average age	26 yr (121)	27 yr (118)	1.8%	
					Most frequent age	21 yr (620)	18 yr (611)	9.9%	

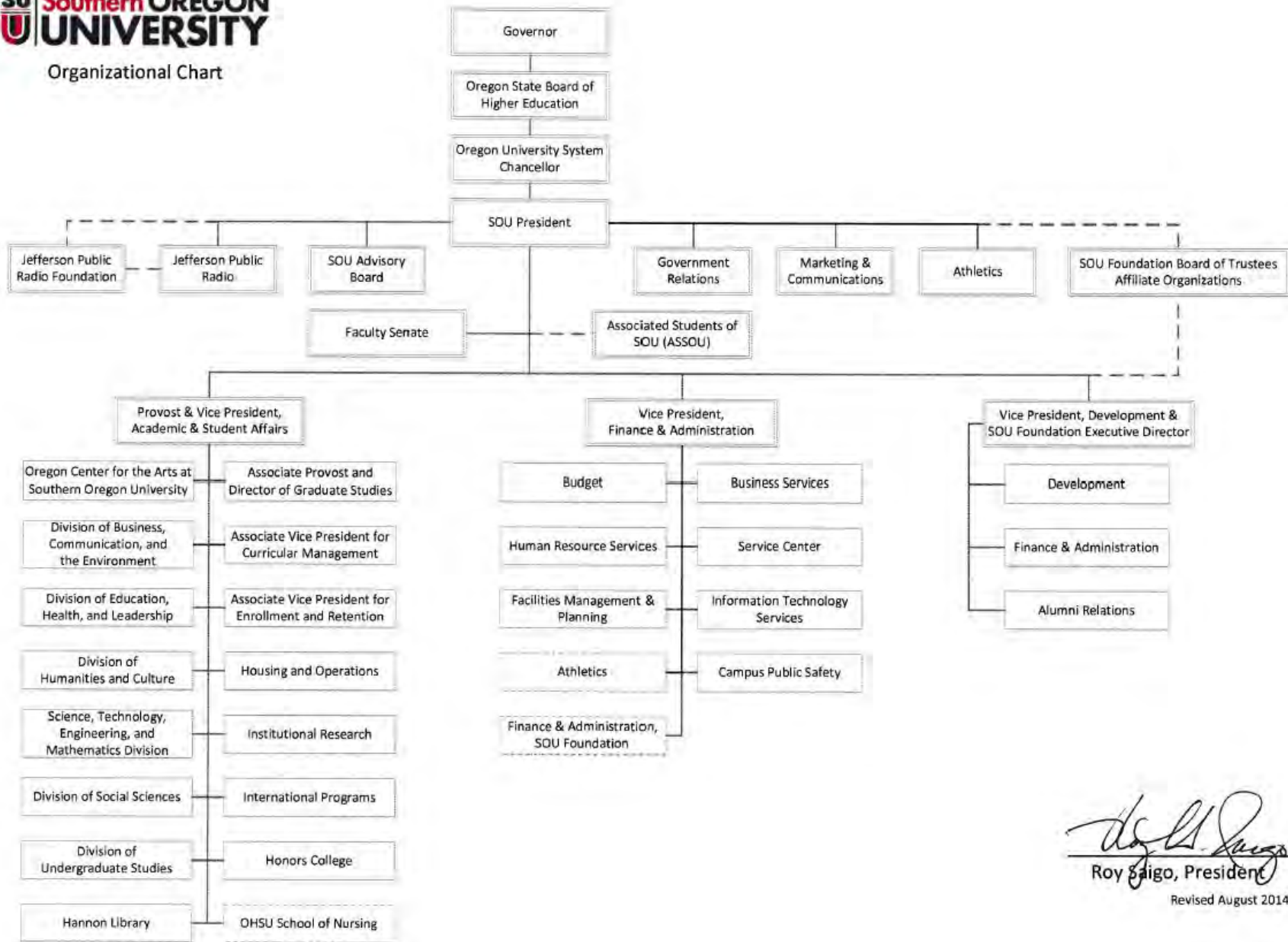
1. Data represents fourth week figures which may be adjusted by OUS reporting.
2. FTE; total credit hours divided by 15 for undergraduate credits and divided by 12 for graduate credits.
3. OHSU and OCNE Nursing coursework excluded from FTE.
4. Summer Admissions included in counts.
5. OUS permits students to report gender as "other" or "unknown"
6. Total includes students who selected multiple ethnicities

SOU Institutional Research - Fall 2014
4th Week Data

History at a Glance

- 1855** – City of Ashland, originally called Ashland Mills town, officially founded.
- 1872** – Ashland Academy founded by Rev. Joseph H. Skidmore and Annie Hill Skidmore.
- 1878** – The Academy was incorporated as the Ashland Academy and Commercial College.
- 1879** – School sold and renamed Ashland College and Normal School (ACNS).
- 1881** – First graduating class of ACNS.
- 1882** – Gov. of Oregon signs bill recognizing ACNS as an official state school.
- 1886** – Closed due to financial trouble, no evidence of the state supporting the institution.
- 1887** – Reopened as Ashland State Normal School after fundraising.
- 1890** – Closed due to lack of enrollment.
- 1895** – Reopened as Southern Oregon State Normal School after a series of deals.
- 1899** – The institution begins receiving state appropriations.
- 1932** – The unofficial name of Southern Oregon Normal School (SONS) becomes official.
- 1934** – Drama Professor Angus Bowmer founds the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.
- 1938** – Receives full accreditation from the American Association of Teachers Colleges.
- 1939** – Renamed to Southern Oregon College of Education.
- 1941** – Authorized to offer the first advanced degree, a B.S. in elementary education.
- 1956** – Renamed to Southern Oregon College, no longer just a school of education.
- 1966** – The entire Faculty Council resigns leading to work on a new faculty constitution.
- 1975** – Renamed to Southern Oregon State College.
- 1997** – Renamed to Southern Oregon University.
- 2007** – Created the College of Arts and Sciences.
- 2013** – Implemented House Model with Green and Social Justice Houses.

Organizational Chart



Roy Saigo
 Roy Saigo, President

Revised August 2014

Academic Calendar

2014-2015

	Fall 2014	Winter 2015	Spring 2015
Priority Registration	May 19	Nov 10	Feb 23
Registration	Sep 15	Dec 22	Mar 16
New Student Orientation	Sep 25-28	Jan 2-5	Mar 26-30
Quarter begins	Sep 29	Jan 5	Mar 30
Last day to add courses, change sections, or register	Oct 3	Jan 9	Apr 3
Last day to pay fees without penalty	Oct 3	Jan 9	Apr 3
Late add fee (\$100) for any classes added after this date	Oct 10	Jan 16	Apr 10
Last day for tuition refund for dropped courses	Oct 12	Jan 18	Apr 12
Last day to drop a course for no grade	Oct 24	Jan 30	Apr 24
Last day to add a course or change sections	Oct 24	Jan 30	Apr 24
Last day to change "Audit" option	Oct 24	Jan 30	Apr 24
Last day to change P/NP option	Nov 14	Feb 20	May 15
Last day to submit course withdrawal	Nov 28	Mar 6	May 29
Final examinations	Dec 8-12	Mar 16-20	Jun 8-12
Quarter ends	Dec 12	Mar 20	Jun 12
Thanksgiving Holiday	Nov 27-28		
Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday observed			Jan 19
Memorial Day holiday observed			May 25

* Source SOU Website

Academic Offerings

2014-2015

Oregon Center for the Arts

- Art
- Creative Writing
- Emerging Media & Digital Art
- Music
- Theatre Arts
 - Dance
 - Shakespeare Studies

Education, Health, and Leadership

- Education
 - Early Childhood Development
 - Elementary Education
- Health and Physical Education
- Outdoor Adventure Leadership
- Military Science
 - Army Gold

Social Sciences

- Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Economics
- Geography
- History
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

Undergraduate Studies

- House Experience
- Honors College
- Learning Commons
- Study Abroad
- Success at Southern
- University Seminar

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Mathematics
- Physics

Business, Communication, & the Environment

- Business
- Communication
 - Journalism
 - Video Production
- Environmental Studies

Humanities and Culture

- Anthropology
- English and Writing
- Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies
- International Studies
- Native American Studies
- Philosophy
- World Languages & Literatures

Graduate Studies

- Master of Arts in Teaching
- Master in Education
- Master in Management
- Master in Business Administration (MBA)
- MS in Environmental Education
- MS in Applied Computer Science
- Master in Interdisciplinary Studies
- Master in Mental Health Counseling
- Master of Theatre Studies, Production & Design
- Master of Music, Performance
- Summer Language Institute
- PSM in Applied Mathematics

* Source SOU Website

Library Collection 2014-2015

Library Collection Information - June 30, 2013

Collections	Volumes/Items	Titles
Books	335,250	265,040
Electronic Books	86,069	86,069
Gov. Documents -Total	293,827	148,544
Cataloged Print Documents	71,070	52,986
Cataloged E-docs	41,548	41,330
Microfilm	16,917	918
Microfiche	790,744	376,990
VHS & DVD Videos	9,679	8,734
Audio CDs	1,796	1,377
Prints	4,000	3,493
Current Periodical Subscriptions		
Print		613
Electronic		4,119
SUBTOTAL		4,732
Electronic Reference Resources		76
Streaming video	1,056	
includes 1019 Filmmakers, 37 Shakespeare		
Streaming audio	1,248,679	
This is # of tracks; album # not harvested		
as of 11/08/13 we have 89,420 edisks and 1,302,201 tracks		

* Based on biennial submission to IES Academic Libraries Survey

