START 2024

WHAT TO EXPECT
Goals

• The goals of START are:
  • We empower students to succeed in their academic and social environments at Oregon State.
  • We prepare families to support their students in their first year at Oregon State.
  • We work to foster connections with new students to initiate their social and institutional belonging at Oregon State.
  • We introduce the culture of Oregon State to incoming students.

• Three-legged stool:
  • Orientation is Academic, Social, and Culture of OSU, all focused on helping student find belonging.
New this year!

- Housing availability for night before START for those more than 50 miles away from Corvallis
- Transfer START is one day (START and Advising together)
- Night time socials occur after START for FY students and before START for TR students
- Childcare available for TR students as a pilot this year
- Black & Indigenous Student Success Connections is a stand alone program this year for FY & TR students
- Cost to families went up to assist in right-sizing our budget
  - Was $65 per person for FY families – now $80
  - Was $70 per person for overnight families – now $75
New this year: part 2

• Time with peers in a new format: OS You: Campus Life and OS You: Academics, as well as a shorter time with their START Leader
• Optional night at the Knights game after START for most sessions
• Academic Success panel for families BEFORE college release
• No-host family social the night after START session
• Logistics Assistants helping our team show up more prepared
• Technology onboarding in Canvas for students PRE-START
• 1/3 of all FY START spots held in reserve for post-June 1 students
More about the Technology Onboarding

- Developed in collaboration with CHA with the intention of providing students a quick start guide for all of the technology they’ll use during their advising time at START
- This is NOT a “kitchen sink” technology onboarding – instead it’s a broad overview of the most important tools and the basics of navigating them
- Students should complete this prior to START and will be able to use this as a reference through their first term

Includes:
- ONID and DUO
- OSU email
- Zoom
- ALEKS
- Beaver Hub
- MyDegrees
- Schedule of Classes
- Available tech support
- A final quiz
In-person Structure

• In both FY and TR sessions, students stick with their family until after the Resource Fair, Welcome, and Dollars and Sense.
• Both FY and TR attend Your Learning at OSU just after lunch
• College time with students
  • FY students: 3pm-4:30pm
  • TR students: 1:30pm – 4:30pm
• Day 2 for FY students – advising appointment(s), pick up ID card, as well as a myriad of other optional engagements
Virtual Structure

• START is five days, asynchronously held through Canvas
• Required parts will take most students around 2 hours to complete, including college components leading to advising.
• Advising days follow START, over three days and is the only required synchronous activity in virtual START
START Dates

• First Year START
  • June 25/26, 30/July 1 (Bilingüe)
  • July 2/3, 9/10, 11/12, 14/15 (Black & Indigenous Student Success Connections), 16/17, 30/31
  • August 1/ 2, 4/5, 6/7

• Transfer START
  • June 27
  • July 18, 14/15 (Black & Indigenous Student Success Connections)
  • August 8

• Virtual START (FY and TR)
  • July 19-23/24-26
  • September 6-10/11-13

• Hawai’i START (FY and TR)
  • June 15 on Oahu

• Make-up START (FY and TR)
  • Friday September 20
Benefits to this model

- Student choice is at the center of the model, allowing students to maximize their goals for getting started at OSU
- In-person is preferable, encouraging students to be on campus with us if at all possible
- Calendar is more predictable, with Tuesday/Thursday START days and Wednesday/Friday Advising days for most of the summer
- Late summer vacation is encouraged, with 3 weeks from August 12-September 3 having no START activity
What can you find on the internal START site?

• Sample schedules for each iteration of START (FY, TR, BISSC, Bilingüe, Hawai’i)
• View the materials in student and family folders
• View the student view in Beaver Basecamp when signing up for START
• Calendar of all START dates in 4 different formats, including when sessions are full and supporting documents for each as they arrive
• Contact info for all OSO staff
• Copies of messages sent to campus and to students about START
• Coming soon:
  • Your Learning at OSU slides and script
  • Change of major process for all iterations of START sessions
Resources for further information

Electronic

• Internal website
  • https://newstudents.oregonstate.edu/internal
  • START info sharing listserv
    • Sign up here: https://lists.oregonstate.edu/mailman/listinfo/start_updates

• Outlook Calendar
  • Available as .ics and online