It’s almost time for START!

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START is approaching!
Here’s what you need to know!

Sign-ups for START open May 6th at 2 pm PST - sign-up when you’re ready to commit to OSU

Costs for attendance
Students | $10
Siblings under age 10 | $0 per person
Parents/Families | $80 per person

Students to stay in housing night of START | $60 per person
Parents/Families to stay in housing night of START | $75 per person

We will have START sessions in Corvallis in June, July, August, and September. Please see newstudents.oregonstate.edu for specific dates and information.

What to expect when signing up for START in Corvallis

- On-campus Engagement: Immerse yourself in the OSU community with both days of START in person! Day 1 features group sessions connecting you with life as an OSU student. Lock in your advising appointment for day two, setting the stage for a personalized academic journey.

- Empowering Advising Sessions: Day 2 is all about you and your academic aspirations. Meet face-to-face with your dedicated academic advising team, explore exciting course options, and finalize your fall class registration. Remote advising is available if joining us physically isn’t feasible, ensuring your success.

- Immerse Yourself in Campus Living: Experience vibrant campus living with an overnight stay in our residence halls! Limited accommodations are available for those traveling from outside the Willamette Valley. Students stay in lively halls with shared bathrooms, while families enjoy suite-style accommodations nearby.

- Family-Focused Support: Parents and families, your involvement is not just encouraged—it’s celebrated! Gain valuable insights into supporting your student’s transition to university life during our tailored sessions. Whether it’s your first student heading off to college or you’re seasoned in higher education, our comprehensive support ensures you’re equipped for OSU’s unique landscape.

Which START is right for you?

In-person START is the ultimate choice for students craving a vibrant community experience. Tailored for those venturing to Corvallis from near and far, it’s perfect for anyone uncertain about their next steps at OSU. Our guided orientation is a proven success for traditionally-aged students fresh from high school and those transitioning from community college. Expect an immersive journey centered on relationship-building and essential student engagement practices, ensuring a seamless transition to Oregon State.

Virtual START caters to self-motivated students who possess existing support networks at OSU or in Corvallis. It offers a more streamlined version of the START program, ideal for older than traditional aged students, those who need flexibility while in the fire service or military, and those who excel at creating community connections independently. This asynchronous format provides optional engagement opportunities, allowing students to participate as they’re able.