

Dear Transfer Student:

Congratulations on your acceptance to Portland State University! I am very pleased to welcome you to the PSU community and want to help you make a smooth transition to PSU. Thus, I am sending you some information to review before you attend your Orientation, Advising & Registration (OAR) session. While all aspects of your OAR session provide a valuable introduction to the PSU community, the academic advising available there is essential in assuring that you get the best possible start at PSU.

Please familiarize yourself with all available information. This will assist you in making the best educational choices. Prior to attending your OAR session it would be helpful if you review the following materials:

- Advising information and graduation requirements at www.pdx.edu/advising/pre-orientation-advice-new-students
- PSU Bulletin (also called the catalog) at www.pdx.edu/registration/bulletin.html
- Fall 2009 Class Schedule at sa.pdx.edu/soc

At your OAR session you will receive hard copies of these publications. The Bulletin outlines PSU's graduation requirements and is the primary source of information on all majors offered at PSU. The Class Schedule lists course offerings and scheduling patterns for the term. The Registration Guide contains registration policies, drop and add deadlines, final exam schedules, academic calendars, and other relevant information for fall, winter and spring terms. Reviewing these publications will prepare you to make the best academic decisions, though you will also need the expertise and assistance of advisers at your OAR session.

Your Transfer Evaluation Report is an essential part of the transfer process - Bring it to your Orientation, Advising & Registration (OAR) session. In addition to listing the PSU equivalents for all the courses you are transferring to PSU, the report shows how these courses fulfill some of PSU's graduation requirements. On the first page is a legend and narrative about the evaluation; this is followed by a list of your transfer courses and their PSU equivalencies. The next sections contain the graduation requirements (e.g. total credits, residency, degree and general education) and show how your previous courses meet these requirements. The evaluation does not include your major requirements; information about these requirements is found in the Bulletin (see above) and can be discussed with academic advisers at Orientation.

Academic advising. The amount of information available at your OAR session can be daunting. The more you familiarize yourself with the above materials, and all other available materials, prior to Orientation, the better prepared you will be. Academic advising at OAR will provide you with enough information to make confident choices about your fall term class schedule. However, you should also plan to meet with an academic adviser in the Undergraduate Advising & Support Center (UASC) and/or in your major program during your first or second term to discuss your academic interests and goals in greater detail. If you have already selected a major, I strongly encourage you to meet regularly with an adviser in your major department.

Advisers from the Undergraduate Advising & Support Center (UASC) look forward to meeting you and helping you make the next few years some of the most interesting, challenging, and rewarding years of your life. Please call New Student Orientation with any questions, (503) 725-5555 or (800) 547-8887 ext. 5555 or visit their website at www.pdx.edu/orientation. I look forward to meeting you this summer.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Barham, Director
Undergraduate Advising & Support Center (UASC)

Foreign Language: Students seeking a Bachelor of Arts (one component of the undergraduate graduation requirements) must demonstrate a two-year (203-level) proficiency in a foreign language requirement. This is different from the admission second language proficiency required for admission to PSU which is equivalent to two quarters of college-level study (e.g. German 101-102). For more information on how to meet these requirements, see www.fll.pdx.edu/html/advising/index.php

If you have never studied a foreign language before, PSU offers instruction in over 20 languages. An exciting new program called the Russian Language Flagship offers incentives to students who continue the study of Russian at advanced levels. It is open to ALL MAJORS and both BA and BS degree candidates who can demonstrate knowledge of Russian at an intermediate-high level. For information on PSU foreign language programs and the new Russian Language Flagship see www.fll.pdx.edu

Math Placement: Students who plan to take Mathematics or Statistics courses should review the placement information; see www.mth.pdx.edu/programs