

Portland State University

2007 Fact Sheet

WHAT MAKES OUR UNIVERSITY SPECIAL is not just what we do, but the way we do it: linking faculty, students, and research to projects in the community. Our urban location, regional connections, and global partnerships provide students with relevant experience while making a difference in neighborhoods and around the globe.

- Undergraduates learn in small interdisciplinary communities and engage in community-based learning programs. The University Studies curriculum prepares students for lifelong success—arming graduates with academic knowledge, refined interpersonal skills, and authentic work experience.
- For the fifth consecutive year, Portland State University's curriculum ranks among the best in the nation, according to *U.S. News & World Report's* America's Best Colleges 2007, which features Portland State under the section "Academic Programs to Look For."
- Portland State University was selected as one of the "Best Colleges in the West" in the *Princeton Review* book *Best 361 Colleges, 2007 Edition*.
- Another *Princeton Review* book, *Colleges with a Conscience: 81 Great Schools With Outstanding Community Involvement*, listed Portland State for excellent service-learning programs and blending academics with community work.
- Portland State University earned a place on the U.S. President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. It is one of only 141 colleges, universities, and professional schools nationally to be recognized for distinguished community service.
- The Business Outreach Program has been instrumental in creating and assisting over 400 minority owned businesses in North and Northeast Portland through long-term mentoring relationships.
- A report released by the Association of American Colleges and Universities, "College Learning for the New Global Century," recognizes Portland State as a leader in fostering civic, intercultural, and ethical learning. The report highlights the University Studies program, which "helps students become more aware of their own biases and prejudices and deepens students' understanding of sociopolitical issues."
- The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching recently selected Portland State University and 75 other U.S. colleges and universities for its new Community Engagement Classification. Portland State was one of only 62 schools that received classification in both categories: Curricular Engagement and Outreach and Partnerships.
- Through the Senior Capstone program alone, more than 160 community-based research projects are completed per year, addressing community-identified needs. Annually, more than 7,800 PSU students, faculty, and staff formally engage in community partnerships through academic courses, research, and other service efforts. Its students contribute over 1.3 million volunteer hours every year—a value of \$20 million annually—through the University's community-based learning curriculum. Over 400 community businesses and organizations benefit annually from partnerships with PSU students and faculty—to date, more than 1,000 partners have been served.

Key messages about Portland State University

Portland State combines involvement and expertise in all things urban with a passion for cultivating all things “green.”

- Green—it’s more than our school color, it’s our school spirit. The sustainable design of every new building on campus with eco-roofs and energy efficient systems; research into alternative energy sources like solar panels; aggressive waste reduction and recycling programs; a curriculum that encourages students to consider issues from economic, social, and environmental viewpoints. Those commitments combine to set Portland State apart as the most sustainable urban university in the nation.
- The Nohad A. Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning, part of the College of Urban and Public Affairs (CUPA) at Portland State University, is the nation’s oldest continuously operating instructional program in urban studies. The *Journal of Urban Affairs* ranked Portland State’s doctoral program in urban studies fifth nationally. CUPA and its faculty are highly regarded and ranked worldwide by peers and organizations.
- The New England Board of Higher Education recognized Portland State as one of 25 universities considered “Saviors of Our Cities” for exemplary examples of community revitalization and cultural renewal, economic drivers of the local economy, and advocates of community service and urban development.
- The 2005 *Beyond the Grey Pinstripes* report ranked Portland State University’s MBA program in the top 20 worldwide. The survey rates schools on the degree to which they integrate social and environmental stewardship into MBA curricula and faculty research. Portland State was recognized for the caliber of its faculty research, and the emphasis on social and environmental awareness in required core MBA courses. In addition, Portland State offers MBA students the option to specialize in environmental sustainability through its Environmental Sciences and Resources department.

- Salmon-Safe, a nonprofit devoted to restoring agricultural and urban watersheds so that salmon can spawn and thrive, certified Portland State as the nation’s first “Salmon-Safe” university for landscaping and storm water management.
- *The New York Times* featured The Broadway building at Portland State University, a 384-apartment student residence, for leading the way in “The Greening of America’s Campuses.” (January 8, 2006)
- PSU received a LEED Gold rating, the second-highest certification tier possible, for its Northwest Center for Engineering, Science and Technology. LEED or the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System™ is the nationally accepted benchmark for design, construction, and operation of high-performance green buildings.
- The *Portland Tribune* featured Portland State for its advanced sustainability practices, “PSU gets an ‘A’ for its green efforts.” (September 10, 2006)
- Planetizen, an online planning and development network, recently ranked Portland State’s graduate program for urban planning 24th out of 94 collegiate urban planning programs.

Portland State provides opportunity to all who demonstrate a genuine commitment to achieve.

- Students can earn a PSU degree at six different locations in the metropolitan region and Willamette Valley. By 2012, the University expects to teach 5,000 undergraduate students on (or near) community college campuses.
- Curriculum articulation agreements with area community colleges allow students to easily transition from community college to PSU. Students may simultaneously attend PSU and area community colleges through streamlined co-enrollment program documentation.
- PSU offers more than 120 undergraduate, master’s, and doctoral degrees, as well as graduate certificates and continuing education programs.
- On average, more PSU graduates are accepted to medical and dental programs at OHSU than from any other university in the nation.

- PSU's Honors Program offers a demanding course of study that furnishes students with an extremely competitive portfolio for graduate admission—more than 75 percent of the program's graduates attend their first- or second-choice graduate school.
- In August 2006, Portland State was voted best university or college in a readers' poll by *Willamette Week*, stating, "With dozens of new star faculty members and a growing national reputation, it comes as no surprise that you're excited about Portland State University."
- Two PSU students, Eric Wynkoop and Alder Phillips, were awarded Fulbright U.S. Student Scholarships to study abroad for the 2006-2007 school year. Recipients of Fulbright awards are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential.
- Real estate students at Portland State proposed new energy efficient and affordable lofts in Seattle and won the third-annual National Association of Industrial & Office Properties Pacific Northwest Real Estate Challenge.
- For the second time in three years, advertising students from the School of Business Administration (SBA) at Portland State University won the Cadillac National Advertising Case Competition.

Attracts creative and motivated students and faculty who teach and learn in a diverse community of all ages, nationalities, and races.

- PSU is Oregon's most ethnically and culturally diverse public university.
- PSU offers 135 study-abroad opportunities in nearly 40 countries and has long-standing programs in Italy, China, Germany, Japan, and Korea.
- Twenty-three foreign languages are also offered, more than at any other university in the state.
- PSU serves students from 50 states and 91 countries representing a full spectrum of races, cultures, ages, and interests.

Conducts research and service critical to the economic development and quality of life of the region.

- Research expenditures at PSU have more than doubled in the last 10 years, totaling over \$40 million in 2006.
- PSU faculty members lead Oregon's Lab2Market initiative, a National Science Foundation-funded program that facilitates the commercialization of novel technologies and the creation of high-wage jobs by forging networks between private-sector business expertise and world-class research at Oregon universities.
- The total economic impact of the University was \$1.068 billion on its surrounding region in 2005, including its role as workforce developer, business accelerator, employer, purchaser, and real estate developer.
- Two new technologies, developed by Portland State faculty researchers, were selected by Lab2Market for potential commercial application. Lab2Market networks between private-sector business expertise and Oregon's research universities to develop technologies with economic potential.
- A Tektronix donation funded PSU's new advanced video and image processing research facility. It includes a Motion Picture Expert Group (MPEG) portable analyzer, MPEG transport stream monitors, MPEG test systems, picture quality analysis systems, and a real-time spectrum analyzer.
- In October 2006, Portland State dedicated the Center for Electron Microscopy and Nanofabrication, a signature research facility of the Oregon Nanoscience and Microtechnologies Institute (ONAMI), a collaboration between Oregon's research universities, Pacific Northwest National Laboratories, and industry partners. The center provides researchers with state-of-the-art facilities for the characterization, measurement, and fabrication of nanoscale materials and devices. Researchers from participating institutions are able to access the center by visiting PSU, or through remote-access high-speed Internet connections—enabling critical research to take place throughout Oregon.
- In October 2006, Portland State's Graduate School of Education received almost \$2.4 million in federal grants for special education projects and scholarships for special education graduate students.

- Portland State University Chemistry Chair Kevin Reynolds is the principle investigator on a four-year, \$1.6 million grant with the University of Michigan from the National Institutes of Health. The project researches polyketide synthases, which generate natural products with wide-ranging pharmaceutical and agricultural applications.
- Portland State University Professors Margaret Neal and Leslie Hammer's landmark study identified the effects of maintaining multiple family caregiving and work roles in the book, *Working Couples Caring for Children and Aging Parents: Effects on Work and Well-Being*.
- The Regional Research Institute in Portland State University's Graduate School of Social Work collaborated with the polling firm, Harris Interactive, to produce two surveys that illustrate how stigma associated with mental illness can dissuade young people and their families from seeking help.

Embodies and contributes to the vision and character that make Portland a progressive, entrepreneurial city with growing international connections.

- Portland State is home to more than 1,100 international students representing 91 foreign countries. Since 1997 PSU's international student population has grown by more than 50 percent and is rapidly becoming a first choice among students abroad.
- PSU promotes relationships with its more than 800 alumni living in the Middle East and is bringing computer science and engineering programs to China. In 2005, 29 students graduated from Portland State University's undergraduate program in Shanghai.
- Since 2001, officials from China's Ministry of Land and Resources have traveled to Portland State to be a part of the China-U.S. Sustainable Land Use Training Program, sponsored in part by PSU. To date, 291 Chinese officials have attended the land use planning and governance training program. Highlighting sustainable development in the Portland region, the program creates dialogue between experts to catalyze project development and joint ventures.

PSU Statistics

ENROLLMENT 2006-2007 (fall '06, fourth week)

Total	24,284
Undergraduate	18,012
Graduate	6,272

FULL TIME/PART TIME

Full Time	56.2%
Part Time	43.8%

DEGREES AWARDED 2005-2006

Total	4,528
Baccalaureate	3,034
Master's	1,453
Doctorate	41

DEGREE PROGRAMS 2005-2006

Total	124
Baccalaureate	51
Master's	61
Doctorate	12

EMPLOYEES

Total	3,381
Faculty	2,049
Non-Faculty	1,332

COMPREHENSIVE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

\$114 million raised

ALUMNI

107,000+
(65 percent reside in the six-county Portland metro area)