FOUR-YEAR DEGREE GUARANTEE
Frequently Asked Questions

How does it work?
If you are a full-time freshman entering Portland State in fall 2014, you can sign an agreement to follow a four-year degree path. PSU will give you the advising and courses you need to graduate in four years. If you meet all the requirements of the agreement and still can’t graduate on time, PSU will not charge you any tuition for the rest of the classes you need. You only pay for four years.

How and when do I sign up?
First you must apply and be accepted to Portland State University for fall 2014. Then you can indicate your interest in the guarantee before you register for classes. Go to pdx.edu/admissions to learn about the admission process.

Do I have to pay an extra fee or tuition for this guarantee?
No. There is no extra charge to sign up for the guarantee.

Is there a penalty for signing the agreement and failing to meet the requirements?
No. PSU will not penalize you if you fail to meet the requirements, but you might not graduate in four years, adding time and expense to your degree.

If I don’t sign up for the guarantee, can PSU still help me graduate in four years?
Yes. PSU provides advising and maps to a four-year degree to all students, regardless of whether they sign up for the guarantee. Year-by-year plans for completing a degree in four years are available for all majors at pdx.edu/undergraduate-programs.

Can I sign up for this later in my freshman or sophomore year?
No. You must sign up for the agreement when you enter PSU as a freshman.

What if I have AP, IB, and/or college credit from high school?
Yes, you are eligible for the guarantee.

What if I am a current student, transfer student or don’t declare a major yet?
You are not eligible for the guarantee, but you can find a map to completing your degree in four years at pdx.edu/undergraduate-programs. Meet with an adviser in your major department or, if you have not chosen a major, in Advising & Career Services to make sure you are on track to graduate on time.

Can I change my major after signing up for the guarantee?
Yes. You can change your major and continue to participate in the guarantee, as long as you meet the requirements of the new major without changing your four-year graduation date.

What if I do everything I am supposed to do and still don’t graduate in four years?
If you meet all the requirements of the agreement but you are unable to graduate because the courses you need are not available, Portland State will pay the tuition for any additional required courses.

Where do I go for more information?
Go to pdx.edu/4 or call the Admissions office at 503-725-3511 or 800-547-8887, extension 5-3511.