The U of O encourages the education process to exceed the limits of the classroom. While most of our time is spent in the academic environment, equal amounts of time should be used for joining clubs and organizations. To receive the full college experience, students must immerse themselves into the culture of the University. By joining a club or organization, they have the opportunity to make friends, learn new skills, meet people from many different molds, and grow as individuals. Use this guide to explore the other side of U of O.
The multicultural clubs offered at the U of O give students a chance to dive into different cultures. Students who are feeling homesick can mingle with other students who are going through the same thing. It is very hard to come to a country you are not familiar with, and these clubs offer comfort. Although each club is very specific in who it is attracting, any race or ethnicity are encouraged to join each club. The U of O prides itself on being diverse and by offering these clubs, it brings all people in to learn new cultures and make new friends. It is important that we all have an understanding of everyone’s cultures and these clubs help bring everyone together.
Arab Student Union

Black Student Union

European Student Union

Hawaii Club

Hong Kong Student Association

Japanese Student Organization

Jewish Student Union

Korean Student Association

Kultura Pilipinas

Muslim Student Association

Native American Student Union

Non-Traditional Student Union

PERMIAS
ISA is celebrating its 50th year of advocating for international students. It gives a place of comfort to students who may be feeling homesick. The ISA members get a chance to interact with each other and talk about the drastic changes they may be experiencing in a new country. They host a weekly coffee hour that allows the students to bond over a hot cup of brew. Co-Director Dawn Le said, “coffee hour is our most popular event and it has been here for thirty years.” Non-international students are encouraged to come to coffee hour and experience other cultures here on campus. Le also said, “Anyone can attend coffee hour, the purpose is to foster interaction between domestic and international students.

They host other events such as a Thanksgiving dinner, to give international students who cannot go home a meal. ISA offers members like Le, a chance to polish their leadership skills by being apart of the ISA team. Le also explained that it gave her a chance to learn about cultural sensitivity. The club strives to promote a positive public view of international students through publicity and works with other international clubs as well. The interaction between students in the club acts a stepping-stone to making friends with domestic students.

“Serving the global community through advocacy, events, promotion, and unity.”
GET CREATIVE!
SPECIAL INTEREST CLUBS

Art History Association
Answering the question: “What can I do with art history?” with events, workshops, field trips and other opportunities for students to submit their work and to celebrate art. AHA meets the first Friday of each month.

Emerald City Chess Club
If you’re a chess enthusiast in need of a network and easy access to chess activities in the Eugene area, this is the club for you.

Divisi
UO’s premier acapella women’s group performing a wide variety of music styles including pop, r& B, jazz, and original pieces and covers.

Duck Street Dance Club
Learning and teaching hip-hop, jazz funk, b-boying, locking, house, popping, lyrical hip-hop and more.

Jam Squad
University of Oregon’s first hip hop based dance team. Non-competitive. Come and let your dance moves do the talking.
Belegarth Medieval Combat is not your average club. It is a full-contact sport that is sure to get your heart pumping, including sword fighting, spear throwing, archery and other kinds of medieval warfare. Each weapon is foam-padded, subtracting the element of danger but leaving the heart-pounding action and intensity of real combat. Tir na nÓg is just one of the realms in the Northwest, and meets to practice here at the UO, using the EMU lawn as their battleground. The fighters of Tir na nÓg have become a close-knit group of lifelong friends and allies, and stress the fact that being involved in medieval combat creates a network of friends across the nation.

This sense of community is embodied at events, where members dress up and boff from dusk ‘til dawn. And men aren’t the only ones fighting: Valkyrie, the women’s realm, is as active and physically demanding as the men. The group travels to events throughout the year to compete with different realms across the country. The Tir na nÓg welcomes new members and even passers-by to join in the fun.
Mind the Gap
Looking for a multi-gendered singing experience? Join Mind the Gap, the University’s co-ed a’cappella group.

On the Rocks
UO’s all-male a’cappella group made famous by viral video of Lady Gaga’s “Bad Romance” and appearances on NBC’s “The Sing-Off”.

Oregon Ballroom Dance Club
Provides Friday night lessons for a wide range of dance styles. Beginning and intermediate lessons as well as open ballroom dancing available.

Pocket Playhouse
It’s your time to shine at the UO’s student-run theater. The Pocket is a place for aspiring actors and actresses to demonstrate their craft in various aspects of theatre. All experience levels welcome!
Advertising Society
A diverse community for all ad-curious university students. Providing opportunities to learn, grow, and create.

American Institute of Architecture Students
Architectural training, education, and practice to promote excellence in the field.

Excel
Interested in building your skills in a useful and versatile program? Excel club meets weekly, starting with the basics until you’ve mastered the software.

Geology
Are you an amateur rock collector? Step up your game and share your passion for rocks with outreach, education, and field trips! Take a chance and rock your world.

Illustrator
Curious about learning how to create art in Adobe Illustrator? Join the club!

Math & Science Association
Promoting research, scholarship, integration, and practice of science and mathematics.
Oregon Future Lawyers Association
Worried about passing the bar? OFLA provides students with practical law experience. Work with other students who are dedicated to becoming lawyers.

Philosophy
Get ready for some thought-provoking discussions! Dive deep into the minds of Plato, Aristotle, and Dante.

Pre-Dental
Gaining knowledge and experience in the dental field. Bicuspids, incisors, and canines galore!

Pre-Med
A community, education, and support system for students interested in the medical field.

Pre-Nursing
A community of students getting involved in nursing-related work in the Eugene community. Take the steps towards a career in saving lives.

Pre-Pharmacy
Guidance for undergrads in the pharmacy field.
Public Relations Student Society of America
A pre-professional group of students pursuing the field of public relations. Providing opportunities for professional development.

Toastmasters
Practicing conducting meetings, speeches, presenting, and related skills in a relaxed environment. Open to students, faculty, staff and community members.

University Film Organization
A place for university film makers and creatives to connect, create, and share their films with the world. Your audience awaits!

Puppy Time Pre-Veterinary Society
Spend some educational time and gain veterinary experience with puppies!

Sports Business
Interested in being the next Mark Cuban? Sports Business club provides a platform for sports marketing students to gain experience in various aspects of sports business.
Sprouting from an American Sign Language circle at the Mills International Center, the ASL Club was formed as a way to keep members of the group together and active in signing. Sign language is a valuable tool used to communicate in an effective, expressive, and non-interruptive way with people you may not be able to talk to otherwise.

There are some personal benefits as well. ASL member Nicholas Hadley says “You can say a sentence with your vocal tone but we don’t use much of our facial expression, and that’s the essence of sign...you learn how to show yourself more fully, and I feel like that’s a very beneficial factor.”

The ASL Club is a great way to make friends and learn a new skill, while immersing yourself in a community that a lot of people don’t know much about. Meetings are relaxed and informal, and anyone who is interested in sign or deaf culture is encouraged to drop in. No prior knowledge is expected, just an interest and willingness to come hang out and participate, listen, or watch.
GET ACTIVE!
SPORTS & OUTDOORS CLUBS

Climbing
Challenge your body physically as you scale the intimidating indoor rock wall.

Fencing
Lessons for the beginner and competition for the expert. Fencing meets three times a week, and participates in tournaments.

Kendo
Practicing the martial art of Kendo, or “The Way of the Sword”, based on traditional Samurai swordfighting. Beginners and experts welcome. Shinai and bogu provided.

Competition Not Conflict
Promoting, pursuing, and practicing healthy sportsmanship.

Outdoor Program
For the adventurer. The expeditionist. The nature enthusiast. Grab your bike and ride head over for some fun!
SPECIAL FEATURE:
PIT CREW

Who is Pit Crew?

YOU are pit crew! The group consists of UO students, but getting involved is a different story. To become a part of the Pit Crew Administration Board, please visit our site to sign up for updates.

What is Pit Crew?
The Pit Crew is a rapidly growing student group at the University of Oregon. During and after student games, The Pit Crew is consistently supporting UO athletics. As uopitcrew.com illustrates, “our hope is to inform students how to get involved with their campus by supporting our athletic department,” which in turn creates a strong student community at the University of Oregon.

What does Pit Crew do?
The Pit Crew supports and attends all sporting events at UO. After becoming a part of Pit Crew, start attending games, collecting shirts, engaging in game chants, and showing your duck pride. The University of Oregon is known nation-wide for its student spirit and community support, which helps to create a fun environment for everyone.
Sailing
Part of the Northwest Intercollegiate Sailing Association, the UO sailing team competes with other universities across the country.

UO Snow
University of Oregon’s freestyle ski and snowboarding team. Meet, race, and compete with skiers and snowboarders of all levels.

Surfing
Bringing the surfing community together to promote the sport and organize group trips.

Swimming
Do you have natural fish-like qualities? Put on your swimcap and googles and get to swim club! Competitive and non-competitive swimmers welcome. “SWIM THE DAY!”
Ultimate Frisbee

The University of Oregon is the proud owner of one of the nation’s premiere ultimate programs. For those in search of some serious competition, or just for fun, all levels of frisbee-throwers are welcome.

Water Polo

Both men’s and women’s water polo teams are offered at UO. Take your skills to the pool to practice or compete.

Wakeboard & Waterski

Get on the water and feel the rush. See if you got what it takes to clear the wake, or glide across it effortlessly. All levels of experience are welcome and equipment is provided.

Wushu

Practice and training for the exhibition and full-contact sport of Wushu, derived from traditional Chinese martial arts. Established in 1994 by Coach Daniel Wu.
GET INVOLVED!
HUMAN INTEREST CLUBS

Active Minds
Changing the conversation about mental health at the University of Oregon. Come grab some pizza and engage in a healthy and positive environment.

All Sizes Fit
Promoting body positivity on campus and raising awareness of eating disorders and body dysmorphia.

Blood Drive Association
Raising awareness about the importance of giving blood, and holding regular blood drives on campus.

Climate Justice League
The CJL leads a call-to-action for the prevention of climate change. Committed to improving the sustainability of Eugene and UO campus, the CJL holds campaigns and events and is the only one of its kind in America.

ASUO
University of Oregon’s student government, Associated Students of UO. By students, for students.
Coalition Against Environmental Racism

Educating campus about the disproportionate impact of pollution and other hazards on certain communities and promoting activism in the Environmental Justice Movement.

College Democrats/Republicans

Offering a healthy environment for political discussion, debate, and activism.

OUTlaws

OUTlaws are comprised of UO law students promote awareness, education, support and appreciation for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer legal issues and civil rights.

Sexual Wellness Advocacy Team

Bravely starting the conversation about sexual violence, consent, and healthy relationships, SWAT performs sex-positive workshops in a theatre style for various classes and student groups. Promoting social change.
SPECIAL FEATURE:
LESBIAN GAY BISEXUAL TRANS QUEER ALLIANCE

Q&A with Casey Drobnick, Community Liaison for LGBTQA

1) What is LGBTQA’s mission? What do meetings entail?

The core purpose is to create opportunities for people to celebrate, appreciate, and affirm themselves. Our mission is to prevent isolation while raising awareness and maintaining a space inclusive to all sexual orientations, gender identities, and expressions. Our vision is of a world free from homophobia, heterosexism, and gender bias. We hold discussions about topics that range from gathering students to attend local LGBTQ student leadership conferences, to discussing LGBTQ issues in the media, to planning upcoming events.

2) How does meeting with others who identify as LGBTQ or allies help individuals?

We attempt to create spaces where people feel comfortable expressing themselves fully. Our group provides an opportunity to meet others who may be going through similar coming out experiences, discrimination, or are having trouble living in a society where gender and sexuality are constantly policed.

3) Explain why it is important to have this group as an outlet on campus.

It is important to acknowledge that the LGBTQ community still faces discrimination in today’s society. Having a group that provides support and advocacy is vital. According to the Campus Pride Index (which ranks schools on their support for LGBT students), the UO is ranked in the Top 25 LGBT-Friendly Campuses and Top 10 Trans-Friendly Campuses in the nation. The UO is gaining a reputation for the LGBTQA Alliance and other LGBTQ programming and support we offer, which will make more students pick the UO seeking this support. We must continue to support students who chose to come to the University of Oregon seeking a safe place to express their gender and sexuality.
Slavery Still Exists
Raising awareness about human trafficking on campus to bring local and global change. Events include a week dedicated to the issue.

Students for Choice
Promoting reproductive freedom and raising awareness about reproductive health issues on campus.

Students for Life
Helping men and women with crisis pregnancy.

Students for Ethical Treatment Animals
Animal advocates educating the community on the many forms of animal abuse. Outreach includes tabling, demonstrations, vigils, video showings, speakers and dialogue, media and more.
GO OUT. GET CONNECTED.