



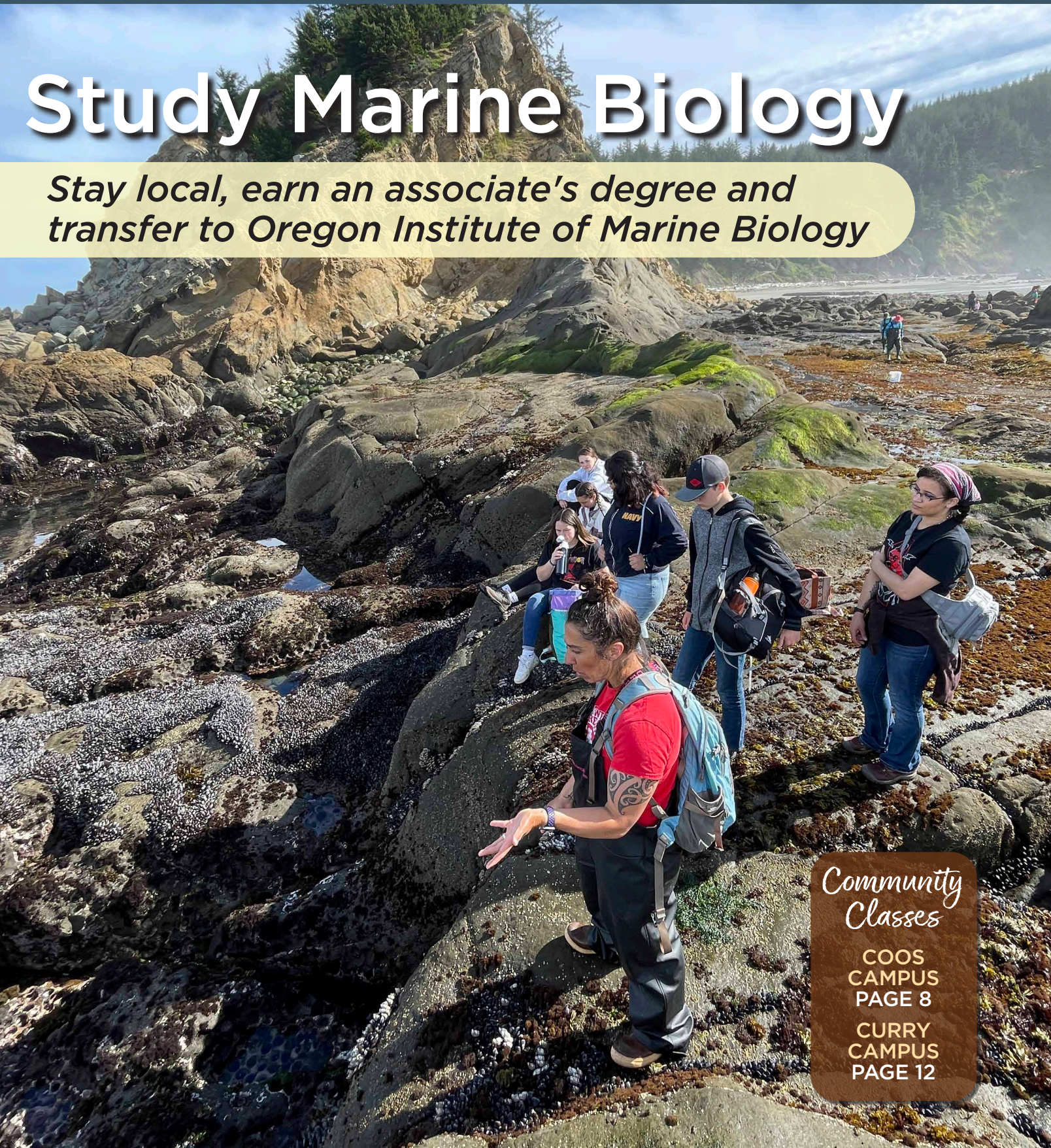
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Southwestern Launches New Pathway to a Marine Biology Degree

Students at Southwestern Oregon Community College no longer have to choose between staying close to home and studying marine biology at a top-tier program. Thanks to a new partnership with the University of Oregon, they can do both.

Southwestern's new Associate of Science (AS) in Marine Biology gives students a direct path to the University of Oregon's Institute of Marine Biology (OIMB) in Charleston. It's one of the premier marine science programs on the West Coast with a campus built

specifically for hands-on marine science, right on the water.

Students spend their first two years at Southwestern earning their AS degree, then transfer to OIMB as juniors to complete their Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology. The degree also meets transfer degree requirements, so it transfers smoothly to any Oregon public university, and it lays a foundation for students considering medical, dental, or veterinary school instead.

It's a big deal, and a long time coming. Southwestern and OIMB have tried to build a program like this over the past three decades without success. That makes this launch — the result of close collaboration starting in May 2024 — worth celebrating.

The program welcomed its first students in the 2025/2026 academic year, and the response was immediate: twenty-five students declared the new major in that first fall term alone.

The first two students on the SWOCC to UO/OIMB pathway will start at OIMB this fall!

After completing their degree through OIMB, graduates are prepared for careers with state and federal agencies, research and teaching positions, or graduate study leading to master's and doctoral degrees.

For students like Izzy McCabe and Ava Bolster featured here, the new degree has already opened doors to research and internships. With a clear pathway now in place, Southwestern expects many more to follow.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Amy Burgess @ SWOCC

Amy Burgess is Assistant Professor of Biology at Southwestern, covering the Principles of Biology series, Practical Ecology, Oceanography, and Marine Biology.

Originally from Alpine, Utah, Burgess earned a bachelor's degree in Integrative Biology from Brigham Young University, where a spring semester at OIMB gave her a taste of the Southern Oregon Coast's marine habitats. She earned a master's in Marine and Estuarine Science from Western Washington University, then pursued doctoral coursework at OIMB, including deep-sea fieldwork aboard research vessels and a dive in the ALVIN submersible in the Gulf of Mexico. Her research has spanned work in marine and freshwater ecosystems.

"This new program gives students the opportunity to get their feet wet, literally and figuratively, in local marine habitats," Burgess said.



Maya Watts @ OIMB

Maya Watts is an Associate Teaching Professor and the Education Program Coordinator at the University of Oregon's Marine Laboratory, the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology. She teaches courses in Invertebrate Zoology and Coastal Habitats, in addition to advising marine biology majors and organizing OIMB's academic programs. Watts earned her PhD from the University of Oregon working on host-parasite relationships and larval biology of Oregon intertidal invertebrates.

After participating in research on invertebrate assemblages on deep-water canyons off the east coast of the U.S. she returned to OIMB. "It's been a pleasure collaborating with SWOCC's advising and administrative team to get the AS in Marine Biology started, and create a pathway to make our marine biology degrees more accessible to local students," Watts said.



MARINE BIOLOGY INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHTS

Izzy McCabe

Izzy McCabe didn't come to Southwestern for a marine biology degree. It didn't exist yet. She enrolled anyway, taking a chance on a program she knew was in the works. That bet paid off. This year, McCabe is one of the first two graduates of Southwestern's new Associate of Science in Marine Biology.

McCabe grew up in Derby, Kansas, about as far from tide pools as you can get. Her path started at a swim meet, where she spotted the Southwestern Swim Team and got curious. She wanted a small school, in a small coastal town, with both a swim team and marine biology program. Southwestern fit.

Her love of marine life goes back to childhood summers at her grandmother's house in Florida, where she developed a fondness for invertebrates over larger, flashier animals. Research convinced her that the Pacific Northwest, not Florida, was where she wanted to study.

This fall, she enters the University of Oregon's Institute of Marine Biology as a junior through Southwestern's articulated degree path – a program with a research focus on marine invertebrates that lines up with her interests.

This summer, she's getting a head start through an internship with the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, studying the invasive European 5-spine green crab. Thanks to Dr. Shon Schooler, research coordinator at the South Slough, SWOCC interns have been working alongside the science team there for three years running.

Ava Bolster

Ava Bolster is entering her third year at Southwestern this fall, though not on the path she originally imagined. She switched her major from Theatre Arts to Marine Biology, a shift that's taken her all the way to Washington, D.C. Bolster grew up in Gold Beach and is spending her summer as a Special Events and Public Programming Intern with the Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute.

The opportunity came through Southwestern geology professor Dr. Win McLaughlin, who forwarded Bolster an email from the Smithsonian's rural outreach program seeking student nominations. The process moved fast and drew stiff competition. More than 70 educators across the country submitted student recommendations for the internship, which accepts just 10 percent of applicants, with only one or two rural students selected per state.

In her role, Bolster helps prepare event surveys and after-action reports, tours the park to assess venues, and sits in on everything from zookeeper webinars to Association of Zoos and Aquariums symposiums. She's used the internship to build relationships with keepers and learn about animal care. This experience is helping move her toward her goal of a future career in conservation and animal husbandry, maybe even someday with the Smithsonian itself.

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"Coming from Kansas, this was just an idea. The internship has proved my passion and career can be the same thing. Waking early, crawling through mud, counting crabs, and knowing I'm living the life my younger self dreamed about."



"I'm a first-generation college student and I'm very grateful that a small-town kid, let alone a woman in STEM, has been offered this opportunity. This internship has allowed me to connect with some amazing scientists and staff members for life."

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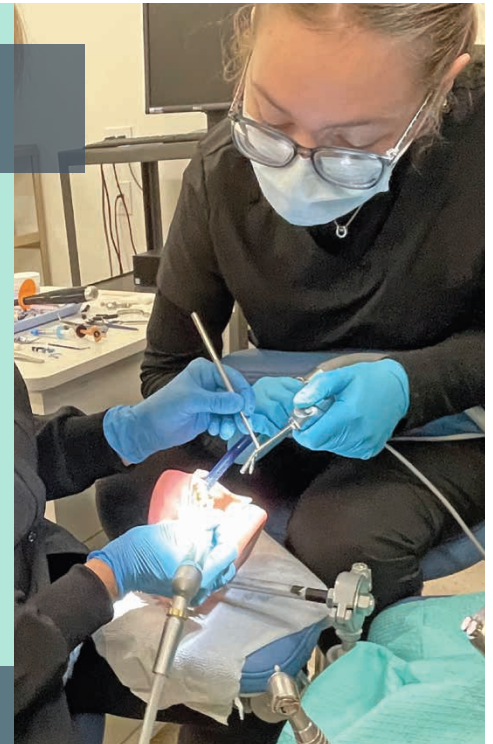
\$54,834 Average annual southern Oregon coast wage

\$59,328 Average annual statewide wage

32 Annual southwestern Oregon job openings

811 Annual statewide job openings

Source: Oregon Employment Department



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Where are we now?

SWOCC alums are building rewarding careers and making a positive difference in their communities and beyond.



Rashinda Reed

Southwestern is proud to honor Rashinda Reed, head women's volleyball coach at the University of Alabama, as its 2026 Distinguished Alumna. Known for connecting with players and challenging them to reach their full potential, Reed combines a competitive spirit with a strong commitment to student-athlete success.

Reed began her collegiate career at Southwestern, playing for the Lakers in 2000-01. She quickly became a standout, earning NWAACC all-star honors, helping lead the team to postseason competition, and receiving Most Valuable Player recognition at a California tournament.

"SWOCC gave me much more than volleyball. It gave me lifelong friendships, mentors who still impact my life to this day, and experiences that helped me grow into the person and coach that I've become."

She continued her playing career at the University of Georgia, earning a bachelor's degree in psychology before playing professionally in Europe. Reed later moved into coaching, holding positions at the University of Southern Indiana, Binghamton University, Northern Michigan University, and the University of Illinois.

In 2021, Reed became the University of Alabama's head volleyball coach and the first Black woman to lead the program. A member of both Southwestern's Athletic Hall of Fame and the Northwest Athletic Conference Hall of Fame, Reed continues to inspire student-athletes through her leadership, determination, and commitment to excellence.

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All classes take place at 2140 Newmark Ave, Coos Bay

MARI 0281 EXPERT 100-TON

This ten-day class will satisfy the exam requirements for the Master 100-ton or the OUPV 6-pack license. The Master is required to operate charter boats and other vessels carrying more than six passengers. Subjects include seamanship, navigation, 'Rules of the Road,' and the federal regulations for both inspected and uninspected passenger vessels. This also includes the OUPV class.

Ten days / \$1,300

MARI 0281 65 Sept 28-Oct 9

MARI 0281 66 Oct 26-Nov 6

MARI 0281 67 Nov 30-Dec 11

MARI 0033 APPRENTICE MATE OF TOWING

The scope of this course is to provide instruction in and evaluation of the rules and regulations for towing vessels and barges, and towing vessel terminology, hazards, and safety. This course is open to all mariners who either hold a license as Master not more than 200 tons, Apprentice Mate (Steersman), Mate (Pilot) of Towing; OR have satisfied the examination requirements for Master 200 tons within one year of completion of this course.

Two days, Thursday and Friday / \$500

MARI 0033 65 Oct 15-16

MARI 0033 66 Nov 12-13

MARI 0033 67 Dec 17-18



MARI 0527 UPGRADE 100 TO 200 TON

The scope of this class is to provide instruction and assessment in the subjects of navigation general, deck general, safety, and environmental protection as appropriate for the upgrading of an MMC National Officer Endorsement Master not more than 100 GRT to Master or Mate not more than 200 GRT Near Coastal. Upon successful completion of this upgrade class the mariner will have the knowledge of navigation, seamanship, and federal regulations necessary to accept the responsibility for the safety of vessels less than 200 GRT on near coastal routes, including its cargo and passengers; be aware of the obligations under federal regulations concerning safety and protection of the marine environment; and be able to take the practical measures necessary to meet those obligations.

Three days, Monday through Wednesday / \$750

MARI 0527 65 Oct 12-14

MARI 0527 66 Nov 9-11

MARI 0527 67 Dec 14-16

Job Training

EMS 153 01 ACCELERATED EMT

Start your career as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) through Southwestern's accelerated program. Train for a fast-paced, versatile career in just one term. Students must apply through our myLakerLink portal. Course is twelve credits and after successful completion, allows students to sit for the EMT certification exam.

Location: Sumner 10

Day: Mon-Thu

Cost: \$2,387

Time: 6:00pm-9:20pm

IND 4100 65 TRAFFIC CONTROL FLAGGER CERTIFICATION

This training is an ODOT-approved, safety training course covering the requirements for flaggers and approved techniques for moving traffic cautiously and consistently through work zones. For ages 18 and over. Class books are included. Receive necessary credentials for employment upon successful completion.

Instructor: Michelle Holifield

Location: Tioga 103

Cost: \$159

Day: Tue 9/15, 10/13, 11/17, 12/15 Time: 8:30am-12:30pm

RE 0100 65 REAL ESTATE BROKER LICENSE COURSE

This accelerated course prepares you to qualify for the Oregon Real Estate Broker's License Exam in just ten weeks. It is a hybrid course, combining live lectures with the 150-hour on-line home study to meet the Oregon Real Estate Agency (OREA) requirements. The course and instructor are certified by the OREA. For information call 503-551-4467 or email: stacey@sts.careers.

Location: Zoom

Cost: \$695

- First Tuesday Class: September 29, 6-9pm
- One Saturday class: December 5, 9-5pm
- Last Tuesday Class: December 1, 6-9pm

RE 0177 65 PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Get prepared to take the State of Oregon Property Manager License Exam. This course is the fastest way to qualify to take the exam which covers the role of property managers, tenant relations, fair housing, lease agreements and more. Must attend all class sessions and have online capacity to complete the self-study portion. For information call 503-551-4467 or email: stacey@sts.careers. All materials provided.

Location: Zoom

Cost: \$629

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

- First Tuesday Class: October 6
- Last Tuesday Class: November 17



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- Introduction to Childcare Health and Safety



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Community Classes

Southwestern offers lifelong learning and personal enrichment opportunities to the community. Non-credit classes are provided by qualified instructors from our community. Course and section numbers are located before the course title. Fall term classes are eleven weeks long, from September 14, 2026, to November 25, 2026, unless otherwise indicated by specific dates.

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Art

Note: Fee for art materials included in price of class.

ART 0257 65 CERAMICS: HANDBUILDING BASICS

For all skill levels. Beginning potters create works of art through demonstrated and supervised basic hand building techniques that support exploration in a studio setting covering the processes of working in clay, designing, curing, finishing and firing. Intermediate and advanced students are self-directed to enhance their skills with hand-building and/or wheel throwing techniques with instructor support.

Instructor: Annie Pollard

Location: Eden 5

Day: Mon

Cost: \$189

Time: 1:00pm-3:50pm

ART 0257 66 CERAMICS: HANDBUILDING BASICS

Location: Eden 5

Day: Tue

Cost: \$189

Time: 6:00pm-8:50pm

ART 0259 65 ADVANCED CERAMICS

An independent study course for pottery and clay artists, who have a good understanding of basic techniques, to gather to learn from each other, share ideas, and create new pieces. You will define your own learning goals and work towards them in a supportive environment. Because there is a wide range of skill level and technique focus among students, emphasis is placed on individual development and one-on-one attention. Must have taken a class from Annie previously or concurrently.

Instructor: Annie Pollard

Location: Eden 5

Day: Wed

Cost: \$164

Time: 1:00pm-3:50pm



ART 0146 65 SCRIBBLE ART & SKETCHBOOKS

Scribble Art is part doodle, part dance, and 100% delightful mess-making! We explore patterns, playful marks, whirly spirals, and the kind of intuitive wisdom that sneaks in when you're not trying to be perfect. Grab your magic on paper bags, junk mail, cardboard, newspapers, and yes, even real drawing paper.

Instructor: Shinan Barclay

Location: Eden 7

Day: Tue

Cost: \$90

Time: 6:00pm-7:50pm

ART 0142 65 MASTER BEGINNING WHEEL THROWING

Achieve mastery of centering clay for wheel-thrown pottery; learn best practices to create simple shapes; understand craftsmanship, various techniques and safe habits.

Instructor: Roberta Westerfield

Location: Eden 5

Day: Wed

Cost: \$194

Time: 6:00pm-8:50pm

ART 0148 65 PAINT THE BEACH-BEGINNING WATER AND COLOR

In PAINT THE BEACH, students will use Scribble Art techniques, markers, and brushes to explore the magic of water, light, and nature's patterns. In this playful, hands-on class we let the water do the work. Students observe patterns—waves roll forward dark to light as the sky descends dark to light. Beginning students discover their artistic voice and create colorful unique beachscapes.

Instructor: Shinan Barclay

Location: Eden 7

Day: Thu

Cost: \$90

Time: 6:00pm-7:50pm

Fitness & Recreation

PE 0503 65 PILATES® EXERCISE

Pilates® is a body-conditioning routine that helps build flexibility, muscle strength, and endurance in the legs, abdominals, arms, hips, and back. It puts emphasis on spinal and pelvic alignment, breathing, and developing a strong core, as well as improving coordination and balance.

Instructor: Melissa Loudonbeck

Location: Rec Center 121

Days: Tue, Thu

Cost: \$109

Time: 12:00pm-12:50pm

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PE 0525 65 POUND® FITNESS

Rock-Out while you Work-Out!! POUND® is a full-body cardio session, combining light resistance strength training with constant simulated drumming. Through continual upper body motion using lightly weighted drumsticks, you'll turn into a calorie-torching drummer! Rock, rap, dubstep, pop and old school music fuse to create the POUND® track series. The POUND® workout fuses cardio, isometric movements, plyometrics and isometric poses with pulse-racing, sweat-inducing drumming.

Instructor: Melissa Loudenbeck

Location: Rec Center 121

Day: Tue

Cost: \$85

Time: 5:30pm-6:20pm

PE 0505 01 TURBO KICK

Turbo Kick is a combination of intense kickboxing moves, as well as a unique blend of intense interval strength and endurance training all perfectly choreographed to high-energy and motivating music. Turbo Kick requires no previous kickboxing experience or equipment.

Instructor: Melissa Loudenbeck

Location: Rec Center 121

Days: Mon, Wed

Cost: \$105

Time: 5:30pm-6:20pm

PE 0507 65 YOGA

Restorative, therapeutic yoga for any level. Improve and maintain breath awareness as well as skeletal alignment, balance, strength and mobility; releasing stress and tension with a somatic practice for health and quality of life.

Please bring your personal mat.

Instructor: Linda Lavery

Location: Rec Center 121

Day: Mon, Wed

Cost: \$75

Time: 1:00pm-2:20pm

PE 0233 65 PHYSICAL CONDITIONING

Get motivated, improve your endurance, and get in shape! Designed for mature adults who need to modify a fitness program according to their current level of conditioning. Work on strengthening and flexibility.

Instructor: Dan Neal

Location: Rec 121

Cost: \$90

Days: Tue, Thu

Time: 10:00am-11:20am



Special Interest

DRIV 0622 65 BASIC MOTORCYCLE RIDER TRAINING

Basic Rider Training is a fifteen-hour (three-day) course for novice riders to build fundamental street-riding skills and strategies. Training motorcycles and helmets are provided. For individuals with no riding experience, this is the recommended course. Registration must take place prior to the date of the class at <http://team-oregon.org>.

Instructor: Michael Heinen

Location: Newmark 201

Cost: \$229

Days: Fri 9/11 6:00pm-8:30pm; Sat 9/12 8:00am-3:30pm

Sun 9/13 8:00am-3:30pm

DRIV 0623 65 INTERMEDIATE MOTORCYCLE RIDER TRAINING

Intermediate Rider Training is an eight-hour (one day) course for riders who already know how to get underway, turn, shift and stop a motorcycle or scooter while strengthening fundamental street-riding skills. Training motorcycles and helmets are provided. Registration must take place prior to the date of the class at <http://team-oregon.org>.

Instructor: Michael Heinen

Location: Newmark 201

Cost: \$199

Day: Sat 9/12

Time: 8:00am-5:00pm

DRIV 0620 65 AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

This course offers you the opportunity to learn how to drive more efficiently and safely. The course contains up-to-date information about changes over time in ourselves, our vehicles, and our roads. The content of this course can help boost safety awareness, refresh and improve driving skills, minimize crash risk, increase confidence, prolong mobility, and maintain independence. Completion of this one-day six-hour driving refresher course can yield discounted auto insurance premiums for individuals. Bring your lunch as we will only take a 30-minute break. To register call 503-594-4024.

Instructor: Nancy Brown

Location: Tioga 103

Day: Fri 9/18, 11/20

Time: 9:15am-4:00pm

Cost: AARP members \$20, non-members \$25, check or cash payable to AARP at the class.

Bring your AARP card and driver's license.

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PHL 0844 65 PLAYING WITH PHILOSOPHY

We will play around with common idioms that include the word "play" to introduce philosophical concepts while we play games, play films, and play music, and even read a play.

Instructor: Pete Hodges

Location: Eden 1

Days: Thu

Cost: \$100

Time: 10:00am-11:50am

WR 0100 65 WRITING YOUR AUTOBIOGRAPHY/ MEMOIR

Elements of autobiography/memoir are presented, discussed, and practiced in writing short stories from your life. Reading short excerpts from published works expands understanding of these elements. The class is a supportive and positive writing group, helping each other develop stories while learning and laughing.

Instructor: Sally Harrold

Location: Zoom

Day: Tue

Cost: \$105

Time: 11:30am-1:50pm

BOT 0221 65 FUNGAL ECOLOGY

From the forest to the classroom, you will learn to identify common mushrooms in Western Oregon. The main objective is to provide you with a broad overview of this kingdom of organisms. You will be part of robust classroom discussions to learn about fungal diversity, the role of fungi in decomposition, and other roles in the forest and across bioregions. Participate in field trips to learn to identify, harvest, and prepare wild mushrooms, followed with lab identification techniques and an opportunity to taste the culinary value of our region's wild mushrooms.

Instructor: Robin Koeller

Location: Coaledo 10

Day: Lectures (5)

Every other Wed 9/23-11/18

Day: Field Trip (4)

Every other Fri 10/9-11/20

Cost: \$219

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Time: 10:30am-4:00pm



TA 0104 65 SAYING YES!

INTRO TO THEATRE IMPROV

Saying Yes has never been easier! Join us in this fun, adventurous, and inspiring class where we create a safe space to explore the fundamentals of improvisational drama. No prior experience necessary. Improv is not only fun but can pave the way for limitless possibilities while providing expanded avenues for more courageous, spontaneous, and creative moments in your life, along with more opportunities to listen, give, compromise, and collaborate.

Instructor: Dan Silvius

Location: Umpqua 184

Day: Tue

Cost: \$89

Time: 5:30pm-7:20pm

G 025DB 65 REGIONAL GEOLOGY –

DEPOE BAY FIELD TRIP

A lecture in the field to highlight the significant geologic features along the Oregon Coast with stops focused between Florence and Depoe Bay. Some of the highlights are stops at Devil's Churn, mollusk fossils at Beverly Beach, Cape Foulweather, Devil's Punchbowl, Pillow Basalts at Depoe Bay and more. The course consists of a field trip arranged to illustrate the geologic setting, stratigraphy and structure, topography, age and origin, significant events through geologic time, and special features unique to the region. Also offered as G145DB 01 for 1 credit.

Instructor: Ron Metzger

Location: Itinerary and details in Canvas and sent via email

Cost: \$60 (includes transportation; please bring lunch)

Date: Sat 10/3

Time: 7:30am-5:30pm

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Mastering Your Time: Strategies for Peak Productivity and Balance. Develop practical tools to take control of your schedule. Take a proactive approach to setting clear boundaries, avoiding burnout and making time for what matters most. This dynamic course provides practical tools to address work-life balance and helps to streamline your routine.

Instructor: Gayle Goldstone

Location: Curry Campus 118

Day: Wed 9/16, 10/7, 10/21

Cost: \$40

Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm

WKFC 0513 98 PRACTICAL AI FOR LIFE AND WORK

An Introduction to AI. Demystify artificial intelligence and learn how to integrate it into your daily life. Designed to be non-technical, you will learn how the tools work. Gain the confidence to use AI tools effectively for writing, research, planning, and problem-solving.

Instructor: Gayle Goldstone

Location: Curry Campus 118

Day: Wed 11/4, 11/18, 12/2

Cost: \$40

Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm

IND 4100 99 TRAFFIC CONTROL FLAGGER CERTIFICATION

This training is an ODOT-approved safety training course covering the requirements for flaggers and approved techniques for moving traffic cautiously and consistently through work zones. For ages 18 and over. Class book is included. Receive necessary credentials for employment upon successful completion.

Instructor: Michelle Holifield

Location: Curry Campus 118

Day: Tue 9/22

Cost: \$159

Time: 9:00am-1:00pm

COMMUNITY EDUCATION SHOWCASE

Meet & Greet

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- **Meet the Instructors:** Talk face-to-face with well-versed local teachers for upcoming classes.
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Art

ART 0145 99 DRAWING FUNDAMENTALS: INTRODUCTION TO DRAWING

Discover the joy of visual expression in this five-week in-person studio workshop. This course guides the beginner artist through the essential elements of observational drawing including techniques, perspective, light and shadow, texture, and composition. Through hands-on exercises with graphite, charcoal, and ink, you will learn to train your eye, accurately measure proportions, and translate the three-dimensional world onto a flat page. Materials will be provided to get you started.

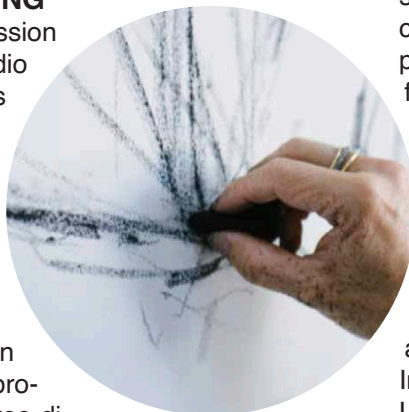
Instructor: David Marlowe

Location: Curry Campus 138A/B

Days: Fri 9/18-10/16

Cost: \$95

Time: 1:00pm-3:50pm



ART 0240 99 MIXED MEDIA COLLAGE: COLORFUL BOUQUETS

Create colorful bouquets in a vase using collage papers and watercolor paints. You don't have to be an artist for this fun and easy class. Experiment with different shapes, sizes, and colors to create a bouquet that suits your style and personality. There are no rules or limitations to what you can create! Materials and supplies are provided.

Instructor: Mary Whitaker

Location: Curry Campus 138A/B

Days: Wed 9/16-9/23

Cost: \$65

Time: 1:00pm-3:50pm

ART 0240 98 MIXED MEDIA MASTERPIECE: PAINTING ABSTRACT FACES

Create faces that tell a story. No experience is needed for this fun class where you'll learn to paint exciting creative faces using blind contour drawing. This three-session workshop will take you through a step-by-step process where you'll explore new techniques and ideas that will help to make your art personal, expressive and uniquely your own. It starts with painting backgrounds using layers of paint, then draw faces using contour drawing, paint, collage, and other tools such as markers, pastels, and crayons. Add eyes, lips, and a finishing layer, hair, hats, necklace or any other special touches to make your own amazing painting. Paint will be supplied.

Instructor: Mary Whitaker

Location: Curry Campus 138A/B

Days: Tue 10/6-10/20

Cost: \$75

Time: 6:00pm-8:50pm

ART 0295 99 MOBILE DEVICE PHOTOGRAPHY

Unlock the creative power of the camera you carry every day in this immersive, five-week in-person photography workshop. Designed for beginners, this course utilizes both dedicated digital cameras (DSLR/Mirrorless) and modern smartphones as primary artistic instruments. You will progress from basic automatic shooting to advanced manual controls, learning the trifecta of ISO, shutter speed and aperture.

Through hands-on studio sessions and real-world assignments, we will dissect the unique strengths, advanced features, and hardware limitations of both platforms, explaining how to maximize a phone's computational AI and unlock a dedicated camera's raw optical superiority. The course concludes with a final digital portfolio presentation and a supportive peer critique.

Instructor: David Marlowe

Location: Curry Campus 138A/B

Days: Fri 10/23-11/20

Cost: \$95

Time: 1:00pm-3:50pm

Field Studies

BOT 0224 MUSHROOM IDENTIFICATION

This course instructs students in the identification of local wild mushrooms, their basic characteristics, and positive identification of edible and non-edible species. Preparation for food and methods of preserving will be stressed. Field trips happen even if it rains. Wear sturdy shoes, bring water, snack/lunch.

Instructor: Bob Burch

Cost: \$55

BOT 0224 99 Brookings

Location: Curry Campus 137A/B

Day: Lecture Fri 11/20

Day: Field Trip Sat 11/21

Time: 6:00pm-8:50pm

Time: 9:00am-1:50pm

BOT 0224 98 Port Orford

Location: Port Orford Senior Center

Day: Lecture Sat 11/21

Day: Field Trip Sun 11/22

Time: 6:00pm-8:50pm

Time: 9:00am-1:50pm

GEOLOGY ON THE SOUTHERN COAST

G 0251 99 LOCAL LANDFORMS: OUR RUGGED COAST

A lecture in the classroom and out in the field will highlight prominent Oregon landforms and their geological formation. Emphasis will be on the dynamic coastal environment, its rocky habitats - famous headlands and sea stacks - and the rich biodiversity they support, including tidepools and colonial nesting seabirds.

Instructor: Claudia Hasenhuttl

Location: Curry Campus 137A/B

Days: Thu 9/24

Cost: \$75

Time: 1:00pm-3:50pm

CURRY CAMPUS COMMUNITY CLASSES • REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 24**GEOLOGY ON THE SOUTHERN COAST****G 0251 98 WATERSHEDS & ESTUARIES**

In this course, we will explore the journey of some of southwestern Oregon's prominent rivers, from their rugged headwaters through rich valleys, to coastal estuaries, and out to sea. Through combined in-class lecture and a field trip component, students will learn about local watersheds, the ecosystems and biodiversity they support, and a bit of cultural history.

Instructor: Claudia Hasenhuttl

Location: Curry Campus 137A/B

Days: Thu 10/22

Cost: \$75

Time: 1:00pm-3:50pm

G 0251 97 COASTAL HAZARDS: KING TIDES & SNEAKER WAVES

This course explores basic coastal oceanography, focusing on tides, the predictable rise of king tides, and the hazardous, unexpected nature of sneaker waves. Students learn the gravitational mechanics of tides, the identification of dangerous seasonal wave conditions, and safety protocols to mitigate hazards.

Instructor: Claudia Hasenhuttl

Location: Curry Campus 137A/B

Days: Tue 11/17

Cost: \$45

Time: 1:00pm-2:30pm

Health and Fitness

HE 0201 99 MEDITATION

Quantum Reiki Meditation is an evolved holistic wellness technique developed by Aranka Fisher and open to all students. In class we will cover the etheric & physical body systems, breath, the soul, mind, consciousness, universal source, energy chakras, crystals and more. In class we will do a deep guided Quantum Reiki Meditation to help activate one's pineal gland (third eye), connect to source, the soul, earth, etc. to receive infinite source light energy and get deeply detoxed & enlightened while in a higher state of consciousness and awareness.

Instructor: Aranka Fisher

Location: Curry Campus 138A/B

Day: Thu

Cost: \$75

Time: 5:45pm-6:45pm

PE 0413 99 QIGONG

A meridian based whole-body program of meditative and flowing exercises designed to restore energy, foster relaxation and improve health and well being. Qigong is an innovative practice based on ancient Chinese healing methods.

Instructor: Linnie O'Flanagan

Location: Curry Campus 138A/B

Days: Sat 9/26, 10/10, 10/24, 11/7, 11/14

Time: 9:30am-11:50am

Cost: \$179

PE 0502 99 BETTER BONES AND BALANCE®

Better Bones and Balance® is an exercise program that was developed and tested by researchers at Oregon State University. This program targets strength and balance through key exercises shown to reduce the risk of falls and fractures and is suitable for ambulatory individuals who are at beginner and intermediate exercise levels.

Instructor: Lisa Reed

Location: Langlois Lions Club

Day: Mon, Fri

Cost: \$89

Time: 9:00am-10:20am

PE 0502 98 BROOKINGS

Instructor: Doni Boyd

Location: Curry Campus 138A/B

Day: Tue, Thu

Cost: \$89

Time: 11:00am-12:20pm

PE 0570 99 LOW-IMPACT DANCE AEROBICS

This class uses easy-to-follow dance steps and rhythmic movements that are choreographed to upbeat music. It's a fun way to get moving while improving your cardiovascular system, muscle strength, flexibility, balance, and boosting your overall fitness level. This is a great class for active seniors no matter your level of fitness.

Instructor: Mary Whitaker

Location: Curry Campus 138A/B

Days: Tue, Thu

Cost: \$75

Time: 8:30am-9:50am

PE 0504 99 TAI CHI

This course in Tai Chi is a gentle, relaxed, non-sweat, personal exercise (translated as the "Grand Ultimate") for any age. The 'Yang Form' will be taught along with 'Chi Gwa' (circulating breath) and 'Silk Cocoon Chen' (fine intertwining energy). This course is noncompetitive and will start with the basics, and then individuals will progress at their own rate.

Instructor: Deane McConnell

Location: Curry Campus 137A/B

Day: Tue

Cost: \$63

Time: 10:00am-11:20am

PE 0504 98 TAI CHI

Instructor: Deane McConnell

Location: Curry Campus 137A/B

Day: Tue

Cost: \$63

Time: 5:30pm-6:50pm

Special Interest

ASL 0501 99 AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

Introduces the natural, signed language of American deaf people. Includes instruction in proper sign formation, American Sign Language (ASL) grammar and vocabulary, expressive and receptive skills. Emphasis on the history of ASL, the deaf community in North America, and deaf education.

Instructor: Bj Farris

Location: Curry Campus 206

Days: Tue, Thu

Cost: \$115

Time: 3:30pm-4:50pm

CURRY CAMPUS COMMUNITY CLASSES • REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 24**BA 0134 99 SMART PLANNING FOR TODAY'S RETIREES**

This is a virtual class held via Zoom designed to help individuals plan for retirement. What's your retirement dream? Learn how to put together a plan that will help you reach your goals. Class includes a workbook to help individuals create their own plan and a private coaching call. Pre-register by September 29.

Instructor: Jesse Coffee

Location: Virtual Zoom

Days: Tue 10/6 & 10/13

Cost: \$39

Time: 6:00pm-7:50pm

CRT 0180 99 COOKING DEMONSTRATION: GLOBAL TEA JOURNEY

Join local tea expert Kai Druzdel to learn about the wonderful world of fine loose-leaf tea. Whether you're already a tea drinker or are just looking for a new hobby, this class is for you! Over two sessions, we'll look at global tea history and culture, check out the main styles of tea, and learn how to brew the perfect cup. Note: This class will focus mostly on caffeinated tea (*Camellia Sinensis*) but we'll also look at some tasty non-caffeinated options.

Instructor: Kai Druzdel

Location: Curry Campus 137A/B

Day: Fri 9/18-9/25

Cost \$95

Time: 9:00am - 11:50am

HE 0591 99 MEDICARE 101

In this class students will learn about the four parts of Medicare: Medicare part A, B, C, and D. They will learn about the timelines surrounding Medicare enrollment and the policies. An in-depth presentation on Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Supplements will be provided. Students will leave the class with the tools to make informed decisions on what type of plan best fits their own, or a family member's needs.

Instructor: Alex Aranda

Location: Curry Campus 137A/B

Day: Mon 10/5

Cost: Free

Time: 2:00pm-3:20pm

WR 0115 99 INTRODUCTION TO GRANT WRITING

This Introduction to Grant Writing course provides a basic understanding of grant writing and the foundations of project development. We will cover how to prepare your organization to apply for grants and identify local sponsors and small grants to consider. The course is open to all but geared toward smaller non-profits.

Instructor: Alisa Green

Location: Curry Campus 109

Days: Sat 10/3 & 10/17

Cost: \$75

Time: 10:00am-12:50pm

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