



*The Oregon Alliance of Independent Colleges and Universities ("The Alliance")
is the organizational voice for the private, nonprofit higher education institutions in the state.*

Oregon Private College Undergraduate Admissions Flexibility During COVID-19

Oregon's private, nonprofit, independent colleges and universities understand the extraordinary circumstances of COVID-19 and its impact on students and families. We encourage high school students to remain hopeful about their future and continue to pursue their collegiate goals. We are committed to communicating, collaborating, and engaging with students, families, and partners to identify and navigate the undergraduate admissions challenges presented by this ongoing public health crisis.

All of the [Alliance member institutions](#) are prepared to be as flexible as possible when working with Fall 2020 applicants and accepted students. While all of the campuses are adhering to [Oregon's "Stay Home, Save Lives" order](#) to protect the health and welfare of their communities, some or all of the Admissions Office staff are working remotely to process applications and continue important communications. Here are the specific ways our campuses are adjusting their admissions practices for Fall 2020:

Transitioning to Virtual Events & Advising: The Alliance institutions have transitioned their prospective student campus visits and information sessions, admitted student events, new student advising processes, and other admissions-related activities to a virtual experience/platform. (*Visit our ["Private Colleges" webpage](#) for direct links to each institution's virtual visit options!*) Admissions Office staff are also available to answer questions, address concerns, and provide support for prospective and accepted students.

Delaying Enrollment Confirmation Deadlines: Most Alliance institutions are not delaying Fall 2020 admissions decisions, as this would cause confusion and complications for institutions, students, and their families. However, many Alliance institutions have extended the deadline by which accepted students must submit their seat deposits or confirm their enrollment, or are willing to work with admitted students on a case-by-case basis.

Modifying Policies on Pass/No Pass Grades: How or if high school and college level Pass/No Pass grades are factored into a student's GPA varies from institution-to-institution. Whatever the case, the Alliance institutions are committed to evaluating Spring 2020 grades of "Pass" without prejudice. This is a hallmark of our holistic application review process and a demonstration of how we are taking into consideration the unique circumstances of our applicants.

Making Adjustments to Standardized Test Requirements: The Alliance institutions that required a standardized test (e.g. SAT, ACT, CLT) for admission prior to the start of the COVID-19 pandemic are making them optional, waiving them altogether, or willing to work with students on an individual basis.

Maintaining Flexibility Around AP/IB Credit: The Alliance institutions who have accepted AP/IB credit in the past will continue to do so and be as flexible as possible toward AP/IB classes and scores.

Accepting Unofficial Transcripts: The Alliance institutions acknowledge that obtaining official transcripts may be difficult during this time. Although official transcripts must eventually be submitted, the institutions will accept unofficial copies or screen shots until official copies are available.

Re-evaluating Financial Aid Packages: The Alliance institutions understand that the financial situations of some families have changed during this crisis and will evaluate with individual students and their families their changed circumstances. We are committed to providing affordable access and appreciate the adversity of what students and families are going through.

We encourage Fall 2020 applicants and accepted students to regularly check their email, campus portals, and admissions websites for the most up-to-date information.