

# SPECIAL ACADEMIC SERVICES, PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES

## Special Programs Office of Individual Study

The Oklahoma State University Office of Individual Study offers online, self-paced undergraduate courses in multiple time frames including 8 weeks, 16 weeks, and 12 months. Individual Study courses offer college credit and are ideal for individuals with busy schedules who desire a more flexible format such as those working full time, juggling family responsibilities, military members, and incarcerated individuals. Individual Study students may be in-state, out of state or out of country students and do not have to be admitted to OSU.

OSU students can also enroll in any of the course options. Check the class schedule for "independent study." Yearlong courses have open start dates so students may begin a course anytime. Courses are delivered through the OSU learning management system, Canvas; however, students who do not have Internet access can participate in courses using print-based materials.

Call 405-744-6390 or visit [is.okstate.edu](http://is.okstate.edu) (<http://is.okstate.edu>) for class descriptions, costs, and enrollment information. For information on all OSU online courses and degrees, visit [osuonline.okstate.edu](http://osuonline.okstate.edu) (<http://osuonline.okstate.edu>), call 405-744-1015, or email [osuonline@okstate.edu](mailto:osuonline@okstate.edu).

## English Language and Intercultural Center

The English Language and Intercultural Center (ELIC) was established in 1970. The ELIC's mission is to equip its students with the English language proficiency, academic skills, and intercultural knowledge necessary to gain entrance and achieve success at Oklahoma State University or any American institution of higher education. In addition to its regular programming, the ELIC offers fully customizable English language and intercultural training to students, faculty, programs, businesses, and government sponsoring agencies seeking to succeed in the United States academic and cultural context.

The ELIC has taught students from as many as 30 different countries in a regular semester. Students' academic backgrounds vary from high school graduates to career professionals who plan on beginning or continuing their higher education studies. The ELIC offers programs that last 8 weeks and 16 weeks; however, upon request arrangements might be made for different durations.

For more information, please contact the ELIC.

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## Ethics Center

Scott Gelfand, PhD—Associate Professor and Director

The Ethics Center at Oklahoma State University is committed to promoting moral reflection and deliberation in personal, professional, community and civic life. The Ethics Center does not seek to dictate values; rather, we attempt to meet our organizational commitments by organizing and promoting workshops, symposia, conferences and other forums where those interested, including professional ethicists, faculty, students, and the general public, can study and discuss relevant topics. In addition, we will attempt to support research relating to applied and professional ethics. Finally, the Ethics Center will provide Oklahoma State University with a centralized office that students, faculty and the public can contact to find out what ethics classes and resources are available.

The Ethics Center is sponsored and operated by the Philosophy Department at Oklahoma State University, under the direction of Dr. Scott Gelfand, and overseen by a standing committee of faculty members having research and teaching interests in applied and professional ethics.

## Gerontology Institute

Alex Bishop, PhD—Associate Professor and Gerontology Program Coordinator

The Gerontology Institute is housed in the Department of Human Development and Family Science. The Gerontology Institute operates in conjunction with a gerontology masters program committed to promoting excellence in the study and understanding of aging across the life course through scientific research, education and service.

The Gerontology Institute was created in response to a widespread interest in course offerings in gerontology. Students can receive an MS in Human Development and Family Science with an option in gerontology. Undergraduates may earn a BS in Human Development and Family Science with a professional track in aging services within the child and family services option. An undergraduate gerontology minor is also offered. Students wanting to attain an MS with an option in gerontology may complete the on-campus program in HDFS or the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance online gerontology program (Great Plains IDEA) at OSU. Students may also seek a graduate certificate in gerontology through the on-campus program in HDFS. For more information on the online gerontology program see <https://osuonline.okstate.edu/programs/graduate/gerontology-master-of-science.html>.

The Gerontology Institute serves as a link between the University and the community in the field of aging. For more information, visit <https://education.okstate.edu/departments-programs/gpidea/gerontology.html> or e-mail [humansciences.hdfs@okstate.edu](mailto:humansciences.hdfs@okstate.edu).

## The Institute for Teaching and Learning Excellence (ITLE)

Christine K. Ormsbee, PhD—Vice Provost

The *Institute for Teaching and Learning Excellence* supports all instructors in the design and delivery of high-quality instruction. Employing an array of multimedia services, ITLE staff supports the integration of the most current technologies with effective classroom pedagogy. ITLE provides a variety of professional development opportunities such as "Preparing Online Instructors" and "Scholarship of Teaching and Learning," as well as "OSU Faculty Reads," a monthly book reading program. In addition, ITLE

cooperates with campus departments on teaching and learning-related research projects to provide the professional development requested.

ITLE produces still image and video-based educational content from recording and editing classroom presentations for delivery via multiple media formats, to distributing live, interactive classes world-wide from high-tech classrooms across the campus. The Creative Services department within ITLE produces high-end graphics, animations, and interactive content that can stand-alone or be integrated within videos to provide visual clarity for any subject or concept. ITLE houses a high definition, broadcast-quality television production department, which is used for everything from recording classroom presentations to the 4K production of teleconferences, documentaries, video training presentations and public service announcements for the University and for both government and commercial agencies. Also, faculty can record presentations in a broadcast-quality studio or in a more relaxed office-like setting in a Camtasia/Webcam studio.

The ITLE building has a large multi-media conference room and a smaller flexible classroom available for professional development events and other campus activities. ITLE provides equipment and staffing to support web-based courses as well as technical assistance, for the Canvas Learning Management System. ITLE also manages the Campus Streaming TV system, working with the streaming company to provide educational and entertainment programming of interest to the OSU community.

The ITLE facility provides an outlet for student internships in graphic design, computer animation, production, and engineering fields, and has agreements with several departments across campus for credit-based experiences supervised by their full-time, professional staff. In addition, ITLE provides part-time employment for some students each year in many of their departments.

For more information, call 405.744.1000, or visit [itle.okstate.edu](http://itle.okstate.edu) (<http://itle.okstate.edu/>).

## Mathematics Learning Success Center

The Mathematics Learning Success Center (MLSC) is a support facility for undergraduate mathematics instruction at OSU located on the 5th floor of Edmon Low Library. The MLSC offers FREE in-person drop-in tutoring for all 1000- and 2000-level math classes and Linear Algebra. These support services are integrated with mathematics course instruction to enhance student learning and success in lower-division mathematics courses. Other services include high school tutoring hours, exam review videos, textbooks and laptops that can be used in our facility, and special tutoring for some upper-division math classes. For more information, visit <https://cas.okstate.edu/mlsc/> or call 405.744.5818.

## National Student Exchange

The National Student Exchange (NSE) enables OSU students to spend a semester or year at one of over 170 colleges in the United States; its territories of Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands; as well as in Canada. As part of OSU's global engagement efforts, NSE provides many students the ideal first experience living and studying in a culture different from Oklahoma. The National Student Exchange is also an opportunity for students in highly-structured programs to study away for a semester and still make progress toward graduation. It also provides students with meaningful cultural-learning opportunities within the USA and Canada.

NSE enables students from member colleges and universities to attend OSU while paying their own university's tuition and fees or while paying OSU resident tuition rates. OSU students may have two payment options when participating in the National Student Exchange, Host or Home Pay:

- In Host Pay, the student temporarily transfers to a host university and pays resident tuition and fees there, as well as living expenses. While federal financial aid applies, OSU-specific scholarships do not. All credit will be awarded as transfer credit.
- In Home Pay, the student remains enrolled at Oklahoma State University while studying at a host university. The student pays tuition and fees at OSU, just as if they were on campus, but all housing, meals, and other costs will be paid at the host university. Most OSU scholarships and financial aid will apply as usual on this option.

For additional information and application materials, visit [https://global.okstate.edu/studyabroad/national\\_student\\_exchange.html](https://global.okstate.edu/studyabroad/national_student_exchange.html), contact the Center for Global Learning, 056 Student Union or e-mail [abroad@okstate.edu](mailto:abroad@okstate.edu).

## OSUTeach

The OSUTeach program is designed to increase career options for majors in science and mathematics by preparing students as secondary teachers. OSUTeach offers a dual degree four-year program. Students will receive a STEM degree (options in biology, chemistry, geology, mathematics, physics, and zoology) which leads to a B.S. in the selected discipline **and** a secondary education degree. Students will also earn their teacher certification at the secondary level. OSUTeach is a collaboration between the College of Education and Human Sciences and the College of Arts and Sciences. OSUTeach students begin supervised teaching in K-12 classrooms during their first semester in the program and continue these field experiences throughout their coursework, which culminates with apprentice teaching. Interested students begin the program by enrolling in SMED 1012, Inquiry Approaches to Teaching.

## Pre-Professional Health & Law Support Services

The Office of Pre-Professional Health & Law Support Services provides support and resources to assist students with their holistic development toward professions in healthcare, law and veterinary medicine. Assistance is provided at all stages of the pre-professional planning process; from career exploration to professional school matriculation. Services are available to all OSU students, regardless of major.

There is no best, right or required major to prepare for entry into healthcare, law or veterinary medicine and **no specific major** grants acceptance or automatically makes a student more competitive in their future professional application. We recommend students choose a major based on personal and academic interests rather than selecting a major based solely on interests in healthcare, law or veterinary medicine. Majors provide the foundation for future careers, reflect personal interests and demonstrate individual capabilities in particular subject areas.

To learn more about support services, how to grow into a holistically competitive candidate or schedule an appointment visit [preprofessional.okstate.edu](https://preprofessional.okstate.edu/) (<https://preprofessional.okstate.edu/>).

Pre-Professional Health & Law Support Services is located in 040 Student Union Basement; contact 405.744.9965 for more information.

## Psychological Services Center

The Psychological Services Center was established in 1971 as a training, service and research facility at Oklahoma State University. It is operated by the Department of Psychology through the College of Arts and Sciences. It is located in 118 Psychology Building on the OSU campus. The building is accessible to the handicapped.

Services are provided to children, adolescents and adults and are available to residents of Stillwater and the surrounding community as well as OSU students, faculty and staff. The Center offers a variety of psychological services such as but not limited to: adult individual and group therapy; parent counseling and training; child therapy, including treatment of disruptive childhood behaviors, phobias and anxiety disorders; relaxation training; assertiveness training; stress management; depression; intellectual and personality assessment; assessment of attention deficit and learning disorders; and school consultation.

The Center's staff includes doctoral students in the Clinical Psychology training program and is accredited by the American Psychological Association. The staff also includes supervising clinical psychologists from the Department of Psychology. Although the exact composition of the staff may change from year to year, the staff is generally composed of individuals from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds. There is a sliding scale fee structure based on one's financial situation.

The Center schedules appointments from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. On Friday, appointments are scheduled from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Appointments can be made by contacting the Center at 405.744.5975. More information can be found at <http://psychology.okstate.edu/osupsc> (<http://psychology.okstate.edu/osupsc/>).

Tony Wells, PhD—Interim Clinic Director

## Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic

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The OSU Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic provides comprehensive clinical services to the OSU/Stillwater and the Tulsa communities. We are dedicated to providing the highest standard of care in speech-language pathology and audiology. Nationally-certified and state-licensed clinical faculty supervise graduate student clinicians as they provide a wide range of diagnostic and therapy services, including early intervention. Treatment is provided for a variety of communication disorders, delays and/or differences across the lifespan including:

- Articulation and Phonological disorders
- Language disorders
- Stuttering
- Autism
- Voice disorders
- Swallowing disorders (also, feeding disorders)
- Language, cognitive, and other communications disorders resulting from stroke, head injury, dementia, and other neurological impairments
- Dialect variations

- Hearing impairment, including early intervention
- Reading and writing disorders

The OSU Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic is located in Social Sciences and Humanities on the OSU campus. Fees are charged for services with special rates provided for all OSU students, faculty, and staff. A sliding fee scale for services ensures that individuals are served regardless of their ability to pay. To schedule an appointment please call 405.744.6021.

The OSU-Tulsa Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic is located in Rm. 391 of the North Classroom building at 700 N. Greenwood, Tulsa. To schedule an appointment at the OSU-Tulsa Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic, please call 918-594-8199.

## Study Abroad

OSU students can add an international dimension to their degree program through education abroad designed to support specific academic and professional goals. International programs such as study, internships, research, and service-learning equip students with the skills and knowledge required for future leadership. By developing global competencies needed to engage with local, national, and global communities as a culturally perceptive citizen, participation in international education opportunities also expands key academic and career benefits, such as:

- Students who studied abroad were twice as likely to find a job quickly following the completion of their college studies.
- College graduates who studied abroad see a 25% higher average starting salary than those who did not study abroad.
- Nearly 60% of employers consider study abroad to be a valuable asset for an individual's career path.
- Study abroad participants are about 20% more likely to graduate on time than non-participants.

As part of Oklahoma State University's global engagement initiative, the University partners with over 60 universities abroad for semester and academic-year exchanges. There are also hundreds of options for students looking for summer break, spring break, and winter intersession options. The following program types allow students to have an international experience that aligns with their academic and professional goals.

- **Reciprocal Exchanges.** Students may earn OSU credit through reciprocal exchanges in over 30 countries in Europe, Asia and Latin America, and other regions. While participating in reciprocal exchange programs, students pay tuition and fees to OSU.
- **OSU Faculty-led Programs.** Students may also earn OSU credit by enrolling in short-term international courses offered by OSU college outreach units in countries such as Japan, the United Kingdom, France, Greece, Italy, Mexico, Ireland, and South Africa. Programs are typically held over winter break, spring break, and summer.
- **Affiliated/Approved Programs.** Students may earn transfer credit through participation in pre-approved study abroad programs offered by other U.S. universities or study abroad program providers. Students on affiliated programs pay fees directly to the provider.
- **Internship and Volunteer/Service Programs.** Students may also participate in non-credit work, internships, and volunteer/service learning opportunities abroad. These programs are offered as short-term experiences or semester-long immersion, often combined with academic study in the host country.

- **National Student Exchange Programs.** The National Student Exchange (NSE) enables OSU students to spend a semester or year at one of over 170 colleges in the United States; its territories of Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands; as well as in Canada. More information can be found at <http://catalog.okstate.edu/about/special-academic-services-programs-facilities/#specialprogramtext>.

Financial assistance is available for many programs through scholarships as well as federal grants and loans. In many cases students may use federal financial aid to offset the cost of an academic program abroad. Students may apply for School of Global Studies and Partnerships (SGSP) Scholarships such as the Provost's Study Abroad Scholarship or the Humphreys Study Abroad Scholarship through the Center for Global Learning to support their credit-bearing activities abroad. Other scholarships for study abroad are also available. Information on these national and local scholarships is available at [https://global.okstate.edu/studyabroad/osu\\_student\\_resources/finding\\_funding/index.html](https://global.okstate.edu/studyabroad/osu_student_resources/finding_funding/index.html) ([https://global.okstate.edu/studyabroad/osu\\_student\\_resources/finding\\_funding/](https://global.okstate.edu/studyabroad/osu_student_resources/finding_funding/)) or through the Center for Global Learning office, 056 Student Union, 405.744.8569.

For more information on studying, working, teaching, or volunteering abroad contact the Center for Global Learning, 056 Student Union, e-mail [abroad@okstate.edu](mailto:abroad@okstate.edu) or visit the website <https://abroad.okstate.edu> (<https://abroad.okstate.edu/>).

## The Center for Family Resilience (CFR)

The Center for Family Resilience (CFR) is an initiative of Oklahoma State University's Department of Human Development and Family Science, College of Education and Human Sciences, and the OSU-Tulsa campus. The vision of the CFR is that every family be fully equipped to support members in achieving their full personal and social potential.

Located on the Tulsa Campus, the mission of the CFR is to build family resilience in Oklahoma and beyond through innovative research on everyday issues affecting families, and by translating research results into effective programmatic or policy solutions. The CFR's mission is implemented through three main programs. The community engagement program builds bridges among community agencies, family and social service providers and CFR affiliate researchers. The research program coordinates the activities of affiliate researchers to create knowledge of individual and family resilience and the factors shaping resilience. The translation and education program emphasizes dissemination of acquired knowledge and the transfer of that knowledge to everyday professional practice.

## Center for Hospitality and Tourism Research

Brijesh Thapa, PhD—Professor & Head, Carl & Marilynn Thoma Distinguished Chair, Interim Director, Center for Hospitality and Tourism Research

The OSU Center for Hospitality and Tourism Research (CHTR) in the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management is dedicated to hospitality and tourism research and supports all areas of inquiry that directly and indirectly affect hospitality and tourism operations and management. The Center links cutting-edge research with the critical needs and demands of the global hospitality and tourism industry. Through collaborative efforts between the university, the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department and hospitality industry, the CHTR supports research, instruction, and extension/outreach activities

essential to faculty scholarly development, student learning, industry practice and local community development. The CHTR positions the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management as the premier provider of hospitality and tourism research excellence. For more information, visit [https://business.okstate.edu/departments\\_programs/htm/](https://business.okstate.edu/departments_programs/htm/).

## The Center for Family Services

The Center for Family Services is sponsored by the Department of Human Development and Family Science in the College of Education and Human Sciences.

The Center's dual mission is to provide high-quality, low-cost marital and family therapy services to the public and to provide a high-quality training environment for master's degree students specializing in marriage and family therapy. Because the Center for Family Services is a training facility, advanced graduate students in marriage and family therapy conduct the majority of the therapy. While conducting therapy, therapists-in-training are under the direct supervision of clinical faculty members. The Center allows for video recording of sessions and for observation of sessions by clinical supervisors.

The Center for Family Services is open to individuals, couples or families seeking help with personal or relationship issues. Presenting issues may include marital concerns, family violence, adjustment to divorce or other life-changing events, child behavior problems, parenting concerns, anxiety and depression, and family reunification. Fees are determined on a sliding fee scale based on income and family size.

Appointments are available on request. While appointments are available during daytime and evening hours, most appointments are scheduled on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

The marriage and family therapy program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE) of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.

## Writing Center

Since 1976, members of the Oklahoma State University community—students, faculty and staff—have found writing support from the tutors at the Oklahoma State University Writing Center. The OSU Writing Center aims to create well-developed and effective writers regardless of skill level or background. Writing Center tutors help writers understand and practice many useful strategies—from brainstorming to drafting to editing techniques.

Appointments for the OSU Writing Center in 440 Student Union, satellite locations, and online options (online/synchronous, e-tutoring/asynchronous) can be scheduled at [osuwritingcenter.okstate.edu](http://osuwritingcenter.okstate.edu) (<http://osuwritingcenter.okstate.edu>). Check the Writing Center website for appointment times and availability. Writers may call 405.744.6671, or direct questions to [writingcenter@okstate.edu](mailto:writingcenter@okstate.edu).