

## Oregon Institute of Technology INTRODUCTION (1.1)

Oregon Institute of Technology is the only public institute of technology in the Pacific Northwest. Founded in 1947, OIT is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges. It offers bachelor's degree programs in the engineering and health technologies, management, communications, and applied sciences. Bachelor's degree completion programs are also offered at two sites in the Portland area and at Fort Lewis and Boeing/Seattle in Washington.

OIT plays a unique role in the Oregon University System. The teaching/learning philosophy is based on an applied approach to technology studies. For most students, more than 40 percent of instructional time is spent in laboratories, clinical studies or externship settings. Every program places the student in a high tech learning environment, beginning with the first academic year.

But work and study are not the only attractions at OIT. An active student government provides the framework for a broad menu of student activities, from a weekly newspaper and an FM radio station to pre-professional clubs. Outdoor activities take advantage of OIT's location in Klamath Falls, where the Cascades meet the high desert. OIT offers a fitness center and a variety of intramural and intercollegiate athletic opportunities.

Upper Klamath Lake and the Cascade Mountains are visible from every campus building and the abundance of windows in each facility allows students and faculty to enjoy the year-round sunshine.

The most dramatic change to this year's *Fact Book* is the format. This is the first year that bound copies will not be produced. The 2001-2002 *Fact Book* is published on the OIT web site ([www.oit.edu](http://www.oit.edu)) with tables available as Portable Document Format (PDF) files. In the Index, page numbers have been replaced by table numbers with links to the actual tables.

The methodology used to produce Student/Faculty Ratio was revised in Fall 2001 (refer to the Note listed on Table 4.6 for details). Table 4.6.1, which shows a five-year trend in student/faculty ratio, is excluded this year since comparable data for prior years is not available. The titles of the "Student Tracking: OIT First-time Freshmen" tables in Section 8 have been revised to better describe the data being presented. They are now labeled "One-Year Retention Rates by Major"; the content of the tables has not changed.

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