





Transitional Studies Online Orientation



Transitional Studies Division

Improve your reading, writing and math skills.

- Adult Basic Education (ABE)
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
- General Education Development (GED) preparation classes
- High School+ Diploma (HS+) for individuals 18 & older
- Integrated Basic Education and Skills
 Training (I-BEST) team teaching.





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How to Contact Us?

- Email: <u>basicstudies@olympic.edu</u>
- Virtual Assistance Lobby & Office Hours
 - Monday Thursday from 8:30am 3:30pm
 - http://zoom.us/j/95662891776
- **Bremerton: Phone:** 360-475-7550 **Location:** Bldg. 4, room 223
- Shelton: Phone: 360-432-5435 Location: Bldg. S-4
- Official College Communication Can be found on the Olympic College Web Site
 - www.olympic.edu



Agenda: Orientation Overview

- High School+ (HS+) Diploma
- General Education Development (GED)
 - Olympic College provides classes to prepare for online exams through www.GED.com
- Class Registration and cost
- Technology Resources
- Student Loaner Laptop & Mobile Hotspots
- Technology Refresher Strongly Recommended
 - Review Technology Accounts
- College Resources.





ABE Classes

 Classes offered quarterly – 10-week sessions, except for summer quarter at 8 weeks

➤ Summer: July — mid August Winter: January — mid March

► Fall: Late September — December Spring: April — mid June

Schedule: Classes are offered morning, afternoon and evening

Note: Classes, days, times & locations will vary each quarter

Classes are all Online

- Due to COVID-19, until further notice (hybrid Spring 2022?)
- In person class sites: Bremerton and Shelton.



Covid-19 Vaccine Verification

- As a reminder, all students taking on-campus classes and/or participating in on-campus activities, events, and operations Winter Term 2022 are required to provide proof of vaccination status or have an approved exemption on file.
 - The deadline to provide proof of vaccination status is Dec. 31.
 - The deadline to submit exemption request forms is Dec. 24.
- Students who are only taking online courses and do not need to come to campus are not required to verify their vaccination status or request an exemption.
- For more information, including instructions for uploading forms, visit the <u>Vaccination Verification webpage</u>.





What Classes are Offered?

- English
 - Fundamentals of Reading & Writing, Transitions Reading & Writing
- History
 - Contemporary World Problems, U.S. History
- Math
 - Arithmetic, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry
- Science
 - Biology, Chemistry, Earth & Space Science
- Portfolio classes include:
 - Art, Civics, Health, Contemporary World Problems/History, Occupational Education, Physical Education, U.S. History



High School+ Diploma

- Opportunity to complete your high school diploma by earning credits for ABE classes
- Good option for people missing only a few credits or with extensive life, work, and military experience for which credit may be granted
- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Official high school transcripts are required. **DO NOT OPEN!**Order transcripts from your high school or online at:
 - https://www.parchment.com/
- Possible to earn 0-3 High School credits per quarter based on attendance, participation, and completion work/assignments.



High School+ Diploma (continued)

Contact the Transitional Studies Division when you receive your transcript(s). The Student Success Coach with evaluate your transcript(s) to help you schedule classes and prepare an education plan.

Note: Acceptance of class credits may vary depending on the state you attended school.

360.475.7550

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GED Exams (2014 and beyond)

- Four (4) computer based online exams. Sign up and receive scores at: www.ged.com. Classes can help determine readiness.
 - Contact OC Testing Center for GED testing updates at: 360-475-7238; testingcenter@olympic.edu
- Basic technology skills are important: mouse operation, drag and drop, copy and paste, etc.
- Keyboarding: minimum of 20 words per minute to finish comfortably, within time limits
- Resources
 - www.gcflearnfree.org
 - www.typing.com



Cost of GED Exams

- Test center cost is \$30 per exam (\$120 total)
 - -Retake \$10 (contact OC Testing Center);
- Testing online is \$36 per exam (\$144 total)
 - -Retake is \$36 per exam
- Can retake exam up to 3 times with no waiting period
 - -After 3 times must wait 60 days
- In Washington you can take the exam in Spanish
- Each exam scored individually; must have 145 passing score
- Payment resources <u>may</u> be available <u>when</u> you are ready to take the exams. (Contact the Basic Studies Department for additional information).



GED Exams

- Total of four (4) exams
 - Reasoning Through Language Arts Exam
 - Social Studies Exam
 - Science Exam
 - > Mathematical Reasoning Exam
- Range from 1 to 3 sections



Class Registration

- After completing the Orientation, an appointment will be made with Jennifer Hoodenpyle to enroll in classes
 - -https://calendly.com/jhoodenpyle/
- Cost: \$25 per quarter; waiver available if you qualify
- Payments through Cashier's Office
 - >360-475-7181
 - webpayment@olympic.edu;
 - <u>cashieroffice@olympic.edu</u>





Technology Resources

- Technology Accounts (see handout)
 - ctcLink Activation: Student Self-Service Portal to Your College Resources
 - Student Email: Official communication tool for Olympic College
 - Canvas: Learning Management System used by Faculty to Support Teaching
- Loaner Laptop & Mobile Hotspots Free! (*Note: Depending on availability)

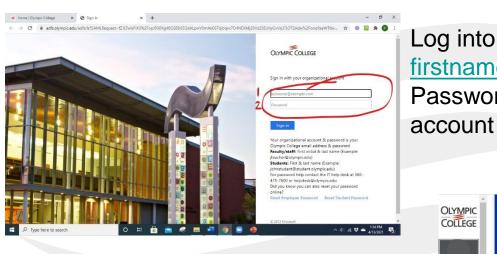


Attendance

- Your attendance is important to your improvement and success
- Please contact your teacher directly or call the main office before the start of the class if you cannot attend
- If you miss more than three (3) classes in a row and have not contacted your teacher or the office, you may be dropped from the class
- If you are going to be moving or leaving the class before the last day, you MUST tell your teacher at least two (2) weeks before you leave.

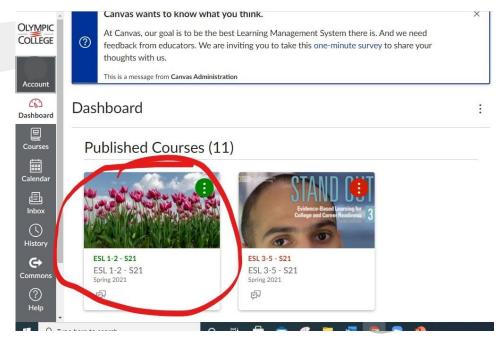


Canvas

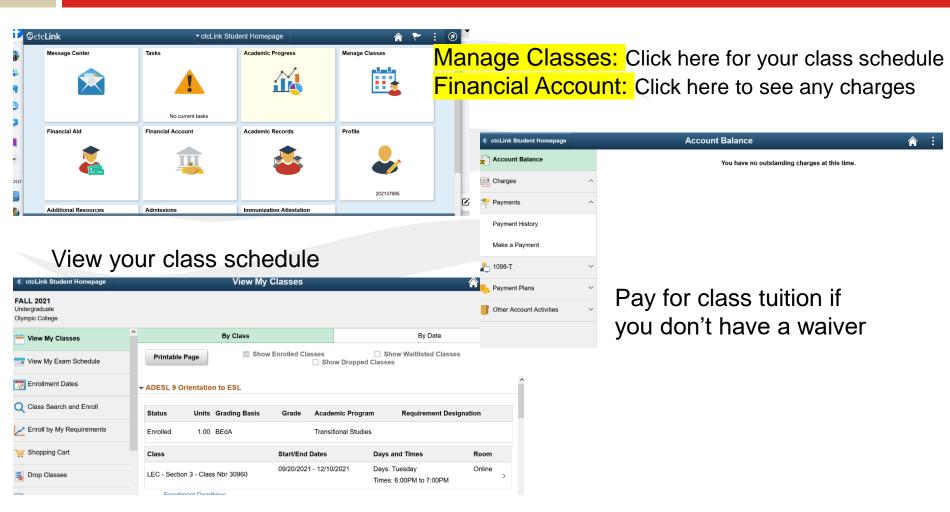


Click on courses to view your course, you will see the syllabi, contact information for your instructor and the modules containing coursework.

Log into canvas using your student email address: firstname@student.olympic.edu
Password: what you created when setting up the



CTC Link





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Learning Support Resources

See a list of online/virtual assistance office hours at: https://www.olympic.edu/services/virtual-assistance-during-covid-19

- Access Services: 360-475-7540; accessservices@olympic.edu
- Computer Lab: 360-475-7600; helpdesk@olympic.edu; <a href="helpdesk@oly
- Library: 360-475-7250; librarians@olympic.edu
- Tutoring: 360-475-7765; nhays@olympic.edu
 - >eTutoring Website: www.etutoringonline.org
- Writing Center: 360-475-7250; nhays@olympic.edu



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Possible Funding Resources

- Workforce Development Funds (ABAWD, BFET, Worker Retraining, WorkFirst etc.)
 - Workforce Development Funds or https://olympic.instructure.com/courses/2004540/pages/wo rkforce-development-funds



College Resources (continued)

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- Campus Security; 360-475-7800; securityofficers@olympic.edu
 - Parking permit, student identification card, escort on campus, vehicle unlock & jump start, lost and found, security concerns
- Career Center: 360-475-7480; careercenter@olympic.edu
 - Employment resources, resume and interview assistance, internships
- Cashier's Office: 360-475-7181; webpayment@olympic.edu; cashieroffice@olympic.edu
- Child Care: 360-475-7190;
- Counseling Services: 360-475-7230; counselingfaculty@olympic.edu
 - Personal and career counseling, academic advising



College Resources (continued)

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- Distance Learning: 360-475-7770; sos@olympic.edu
- Fitness Center @ OCB: 360-475-7227
- Information Technology: 360-475-7600
 - Loaner Laptop (Make request with office staff or faculty)
 - Mobile Hotspot (Student must request at this web link after notification of your class registration)

https://olympic0.sharepoint.com/sites/OCExternal/IT/support/SitePages/OC-IT-EQUIPMENT-CHECK-OUT-PROGRAM.aspx?CT=1598309856355&OR=OWA-NT&CID=d5f3df52-15bf-e50f-ae63-615e9d4f8b0c



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- Military & Veterans Programs: 360-473-2821; mvp@olympic.edu
- Multicultural Services: 360-475-7441; multicultural@olympic.edu
 - Cultural, educational, social, and recreational activities
- Sheryl McKinley Food Bank: foodbank@olympic.edu
- Students in Need Group (SING): 360-574-6817; SING@olympic.edu
 - Information, resources, or referrals (e.g. food, housing, emergencies)
- Testing Center: 360-475-7238; testingcenter@olympic.edu



Looking Ahead...

Done!

You have completed your GED or High School+ diploma



Take the Accuplacer test for placement in Math and English, Apply for Financial Aid www.fafsa.ed.gov

Professional/Technical Programs Certificate or 2 year ATA degree options:

<u>Examples</u>: Business Management, Computer Information Systems, Culinary Arts, Early Childhood Education, Human Services, Welding

- 2 Year Transfer Degree Associate in Arts (AA) or Science (AS)
 - 4 Year Applied Science Bachelor
 Degree Options offered by OC:

Digital Filmmaking, Information Systems,
Organizational Leadership & Technical
Management and Nursing



You're Ready for Class!

- Learn to Navigate CANVAS, Zoom etc.
- Use the OC college resources
- Be prepared for class:
 - You DO NOT need to purchase any books.
 - Paper/notebook, pen or pencil, binder to organize your class materials and handouts
 - Access to a computer, Internet/WiFi
 - > Attendance and regular communication with faculty
 - Establish a consistent study schedule.



HEERF Grant

- The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund is a federal grant that provides grants to students whose education is impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak.
- Eligibility Criteria
 - You must be enrolled in at least three credits at Olympic College for Winter Term. Application opens December 15.
 - –You must submit the HEERF Request form.

https://www.olympic.edu/paying-college/financial-aid/higher-education-emergency-relief-fund



Dreams...

So many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable, and then, when we summon the will, they soon become inevitable.



Christopher Reeve



And Remember... To Have Fun!