What We Do? Basic Studies Department

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:** basicstudies@olympic.edu

• **Virtual Assistance Lobby & Office Hours**
  ➢ Monday – Thursday from 8:30am 3:30pm
  ➢ [http://zoom.us/j/95662891776](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](http://www.olympic.edu)
Agenda: Orientation Overview

• English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
• Assessments and Interview (Reading, Writing, Listening)
• Class Registration, Schedule and Cost
• Technology Resources
• Student Loaner Laptop and Mobile Hotspot Program
• Technology Refresher – Strongly Recommended
  ➢ Review Technology Accounts
• College Resources.
Question?

How many words do you think there are in the English language?

➢ A: 200,150
➢ B: 750,650
➢ C: 995,020
➢ D: 1,022,000

What do you think? A, B, C or D?

Source: https://englishlive.ef.com/blog/language-lab/many-words-english-language/
D is correct – 1,022,000

➢ There are more than one 1,000,000 million words in the English language

➢ There are approximately 170,000 words in current use

➢ The number of words used by each individual person is approximately 20 – 30,000

➢ Most people use about 1,500 – 2,000 in conversation.
ESOL 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

• In person class sites: Belfair, Bremerton, Poulsbo, Shelton, & Goodwill
What Classes are Offered?

• Civics*
• Bridge to College Success*
• Grammar*
• Conversation* (advanced)
• Pronunciation* (2 levels)
• Reading and Writing (6 levels)
• Speaking and Listening (6 levels)

*Grammar, Pronunciation, Conversation, Bridge to College Success and Civics classes are not offered every quarter.
How Long Does it Take to Finish?

• Most students stay in a class for at least two (2) quarters
• You pass your Speaking/Listening and Reading/Writing classes separately
• Passing to the next level is based on your attendance, participation, homework, and final exam score.
Class Registration

• You will register for classes after completing the Orientation

• Picture Identification (ID) is required for registration

• Cost: $25 per quarter; waiver available if you qualify

• Payments through Cashier’s Office
  ➢ 360-475-7181
  ➢ webpayment@olympic.edu;
  ➢ cashieroffice@olympic.edu
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 Hotspot – 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.
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; https://www.olympic.edu/services/computer-labs/open-lab-hours (*NOTE: You must make a reservation before coming to campus)

• **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
College Resources

Possible Funding Resources

• Workforce Development Funds (ABAWD, BFET, Worker Retraining, WorkFirst etc.)

➢ Workforce Development Funds or https://olympic.instructure.com/courses/2004540/pages/workforce-development-funds

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- **Access Services**: 360-475-7540; accessservices@olympic.edu
- **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;
College Resources (continued)

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• **Counseling Services:** 360-475-7230; counselingfaculty@olympic.edu
  ➢ Personal and career counseling, academic advising

• **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
You’re Ready for Class!

• Learn to Navigate CANVAS, Zoom etc. – attend a Technology Refresher session

• Check out the OC college resources

• Be prepared for class:
  ➢ 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.
And
Remember...
To Have Fun!