



Application Process and Requirements for Admission AY 2024/25

(A) ESSAY QUESTIONS—Please answer *the* “MAIN” and *one* “SUPPLEMENTAL” essay question.

Write a thoughtful essay in multiple paragraphs of approximately 500 words in answer to each of the following instructions or questions. (500 words per essay.) Students may not use AI assistance for any part of the writing/revising/editing process of this application.

MAIN ESSAY QUESTION: Everyone answers this one!

Design *a monument to truth*: produce a developed description, consider its dimensions, what would it look like and from what materials would it be made, where would you locate it, and why? Please be detailed and give thought to the composition of this monument! Explain your choices and thinking about the monument you would design.

SUPPLEMENTAL ESSAY QUESTIONS: Everyone chooses one to answer!

1. What is a Thursday?
2. Design your own skeuomorph! “A skeuomorph is a derivative object that retains ornamental design cues from structures that were necessary in the original. Skeuomorphs are typically used to make something new feel familiar in an effort to speed understanding and acclimation.” Wikipedia [Classic skeuomorphs: the tiny handle on the neck of a maple syrup container, the shutter click sound on your cell phone camera.] Explain why it should be a skeuomorph in today’s world!
3. Is it time we stop trying to fight boredom?

The essay answers, as part of the application process, may be reviewed by the Honors Program Admissions Committee (HPAC): Exec. Director and/or Assistant Director, Core Faculty, and current students of the OTHP.

(B) At the end of the document, please include your undergraduate major(s) and/or minors, and your anticipated date of graduation (month/year). ***We require Honors Program students to have a minimum of three years*** as students at Oregon Tech, which may include a year or term on externship or study abroad or an internship. Also, include your hometown and high school.

Email **(A)** and **(B)** above as one attached .pdf file, to the Exec. Director: Christopher.Syrnyk@oit.edu.

Please include “Honors Program Application First and Last Name” in the subject line of your email.

We accept applications for Fall term 2025, from January 1st to September 1st, 2025. Sometimes we offer early acceptance, and we have been known to keep the application process open until the end of September. Application acceptance and review, however, will conclude by the start of Fall term 2025.

(C) After reviewing the application, we will email students with an “Honors Program Admission Decision.” The final element of the application process, if deemed necessary, may include an interview with the prospective student—in person or via Zoom—with HPAC or the Executive Director, or we make request further information in a follow-up email.

(D) Final admission decisions, at the latest, will be provided in writing, via email, ***by the end of September***.

If you have any questions about the Honors Program or application process, please email the Exec. Director, Dr. Syrnyk, and see our website (FYI the website is being remodeled): [Oregon Tech Honors Program](#)