

Special Academic Services, Programs and Facilities

University Academic Services

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The Office of University Academic Services (UAS) provides academic advising and a variety of enrollment services to several groups of students, including those admitted to OSU through the Alternative Admission Program, students regularly admitted by the Academic Review Committee, probationary students enrolled through the University Academic Assessment Program, undecided transfer students, students who wish to explore pursuing a Bachelor of University Studies degree, and concurrent high school students. UAS also provides free tutoring to all students across campus. The overall goal of UAS is to provide personal attention and assistance to students as they adjust to OSU and explore the various academic options. Students may contact the UAS office at (405) 744-5333 in 214 Student Union, or visit the Web site at <http://uas.okstate.edu> for more information.

The following programs are offered at UAS:

—Alternative Admission. The Alternative Admission Program allows approximately eight percent of OSU's entering freshman class to be admitted without meeting all of the initial academic requirements. UAS provides alternative admission students with a freshman orientation class (UNIV 1111) to help them adjust to the demands of college life, to learn how to become academically successful, to explore the various major options, and to make them aware of university rules and regulations. UAS strives to promote academic success by offering individualized academic advising tailored to students' needs, as well as by encouraging all OSU students to take advantage of the free tutoring available through the office. Academic advisers in UAS also enforce the required remediation of curricular and basic academic skills deficiencies. After remediating deficiencies and completing one semester with a 3.0 GPA or higher or two semesters with a minimum 2.00 GPA, students may generally transfer to their academic college of choice, depending on their college's and department's individual GPA requirements.

—Academic Review Committee (ARC) Admission. A new category of regularly admitted students includes those admitted by ARC, a committee appointed by the Vice-President of Academic Affairs. ARC looks holistically at student applicants and bases full admission on their response to a series of questions designed to assess their accomplishments, experiences, and special talents; their leadership and participation in activities; as well as their GPA's, test scores, and curricular summaries. These ARC admits will be advised in UAS until remediating any deficiencies they might have and meeting a minimum GPA requirement to transfer to their various college choices.

—University Academic Assessment. The University Academic Assessment Program (UAAP) is designed for students who have experienced academic difficulty at the college level. These include:

- students who are placed on academic probation while in UAS;
- students on probation who are referred by the colleges;
- students who are in good academic standing, according to State Regents' policy, but are ineligible for admission to their desired college or major;
- students who left OSU while on probation or were suspended by OSU and have stayed out of college for a minimum of one regular semester, but who are readmitted to OSU based on demonstrated potential for success; and
- students who transfer to OSU below the stated scale of 0 to 60 hours attempted with a 2.25 GPA or 61 or more hours attempted with a 2.0 GPA, and are thus on academic probation.



In addition to hands-on academic advising, UAS advisers assist students in developing a realistic plan of study through graduation. They inform students of important policies and requirements, such as the minimum grade-point averages required by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and by specific majors, as well as the repeat and reprieve options. Advisers also inform students of the UAS free tutoring program available to all OSU students. UAAP students are required to enroll in and complete UNIV 2001, the Academic Assessment and Evaluation course. This course is designed to help students identify their reasons for experiencing academic difficulty and determine ways to overcome their academic challenges. Once UAAP students complete at least one semester with a 2.00 GPA or above, they may generally transfer to their academic college of choice, depending on their colleges and departments individual GPA requirements.

—Transfer Student Resource Center. In addition to working with undecided and probationary transfer students, UAS sponsors two campus-wide organizations specifically for transfer students. The Transfer Student Organization (TSO) is open to all transfer students to provide a social network as well as information and resources about the University. The Tau Sigma National Honor Society, which recognizes academic excellence, is also available to those transfer students with 12 hours of 3.5 GPA or above in their first semester at OSU. A formal initiation is held each spring for students who qualify. E-mail transfer.uas@okstate.edu or visit <http://uas.okstate.edu/tso.html> for TSO information or <http://uas.okstate.edu/tausigma.html> for Tau Sigma information. Advisers also inform transfer students of the UAS free tutoring program available to all OSU students.

—Bachelor of University Studies. Occasionally a student experiences great difficulty in finding a degree plan appropriate for his/her interests and career goals. In this case, an individual degree plan can be developed which meets State Regents' and OSU requirements, along with general education requirements. In addition, some departmental requirements and concentrations or minors must be met. Academic advisers in UAS can be instrumental in helping draft the initial stages of such plans, which are then forwarded to the colleges for their approval.

—Concurrent High School Admission. OSU provides the opportunity for high school students with the stated requirements (24 ACT or 3.0 GPA and upper 33% of class for seniors; 25 ACT or 3.5 GPA for juniors) to enroll concurrently in college-level courses through UAS. High school students who participate in concurrent enrollment will have their tuition waived for up to six hours per semester during their senior year, including the summer prior to their senior year, as well as a one-time-only fee waiver for their first course. Concurrently enrolled high school students must also have a minimum ACT score of 19 in the areas in which they enroll. UAS academic advisers strive to actively communicate with these students to facilitate their transition to college while still in high school.

—Student Academic Mentor Program. The Student Academic Mentor (SAM) Program is a free service that connects new UAS freshmen with experienced OSU students in an effort to ease their transition to college. "SAMs" are carefully selected from continuing students at OSU to help freshmen feel welcome and to assimilate them into campus life, socially as well as academically. E-mail samprogram@okstate.edu for more information or visit <http://uas.okstate.edu/sam.html>.

—UAS Linked Courses. New freshmen advised through UAS will have the option of taking certain classes with the same group of students by sharing two common courses, including their freshman orientation class (UNIV 1111). Students enrolled in linked courses may also receive additional instruction, support, study group assistance, guidance, and academic accountability. UAS freshmen should speak to their adviser during enrollment to register for linked courses.

—UAS Tutoring Program. The UAS Tutoring Program is a free service offered for students campus-wide. Qualified tutors, who have been approved by both UAS and their academic department at OSU, are available to students for individualized, one-on-one tutoring. This program was funded initially as a gift from an OSU alum, Mr. Paul Milburn, who is dedicated to helping students succeed. It is now supported by University advising fees. Tutoring is available Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm. Students may contact the UAS office at (405) 744-5333 in 214 Student Union to sign up and schedule appointments. Visit the free tutoring Web site at <http://uas.okstate.edu/tutoring.html> for more information.

Academic Advising

Academic advising is a major function within the University and serves the student first and foremost. Advising assists students in developing their intellectual potential through effective use of all resources available at the University—academic, cultural and social. The role of the student's academic adviser is to (1) assist in educational planning, including clarification of career and educational goals, curriculum planning, and short-term course selection, (2) become aware of and make appropriate referrals to campus support services, (3) provide information to prospective majors, and (4) prepare degree plans for graduating seniors and submit these to the respective college graduation certification office.

Advising is performed within each of the undergraduate colleges and in the Office of University Academic Services. Each college structures its advising system based upon the college's philosophy and perceived student needs. In most colleges, freshmen and undeclared students are advised through the college's office of student academic services, while declared majors are advised in their major department. In the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, all students are advised by faculty members.

Each college has an office of student academic services to represent the dean in matters concerning undergraduate students. Students should contact their office of student academic services when questions arise regarding advising, academic programs and requirements, and academic support services.

The locations of the offices of student academic services are:

- Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, 136 Agricultural Hall
- Arts and Sciences, 213 Life Sciences East
- Education, 106 Willard
- Engineering, Architecture and Technology, 101 Engineering North
- Human Environmental Sciences, 101 Human Environmental Sciences
- Spears School of Business, 201L Business Building
- University Academic Services, 214 Student Union
- OSU-Tulsa Advising Services, 130 NCB

Students should keep in mind that while the University provides advising as a service and resource, the ultimate responsibility for identifying and completing degree requirements rests with the student.

University Assessment and Testing

Chris Ray, PhD - *Interim Director*

The assessment program at OSU provides public assurance of program quality and accountability by documenting progress toward meeting the institution's educational goals. Assessment involves collecting, reviewing and using information about students' achievement of learning goals for the purpose of program improvement and, ultimately, improvement of student learning and development. The assessment process provides feedback to campus leaders about the effectiveness of academic and student programs, thereby allowing informed decisions about the need for changes. Assessment is an integral part of the institution's commitment to sustain and enhance academic quality and the student educational experience.

The OSU Assessment Council guides the institution's assessment plan. The Council membership consists of faculty from each college and representatives from the offices of student affairs, institutional research, the library, and student government. The Council supports academic units by providing funding and information to (1) measure the effectiveness of academic and student programs, (2) use the information provided by assessments to improve student learning and (3) determine the overall educational impact of the university experience on students.

Assessment activity at OSU, coordinated by the Office of University Assessment and Testing, includes four primary initiatives:

1. Entry-Level Assessment assists advisers and faculty in making placement decisions that will give first-time OSU students the best chance of academic success.
2. General Education Assessment evaluates student achievement of institutionally recognized general education competencies, including communication, problem solving, and critical thinking skills.
3. Program Outcome Assessment evaluates student achievement of learning goals in the major.
4. Student and Alumni Satisfaction Assessment evaluates student perceptions of academic and campus programs and services.

Results of these assessments provide information for improvement of programs and services, to increase students' level of achievement of learning goals, and to increase students' satisfaction with their educational experience.

Many assessments within academic programs are conducted by evaluating samples of student work selected from course assignments. These assessments are conducted for institutional or program level measurements and are not connected to grading in the course. Appropriate steps are taken to assure that confidentiality of students' work is protected, including the removal of identifying information from samples before they are evaluated by faculty members.

The Office of University Assessment and Testing submits annual reports to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education that summarizes the assessments in the above areas. The learning goals, assessment methods used, student population involved, results, and uses of assessment data are reported for assessment in each initiative area, including separate outcome assessment reports prepared by each academic program.

The OSU Testing Center provides testing and evaluation support services for OSU students and faculty. The Testing Center administers exams for prospective students, including the ACT, the Residual ACT, SAT On-Campus, and the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams are administered to current and prospective students who wish to earn college credit by 'testing out' of specific courses. The COMPASS test package is available to undergraduate students for course placement in reading, writing, and math courses. Exams offered at the Center include the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), Miller Analogies Test (MAT), Graduate Management

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Admission Test (GMAT), Law School Admission Test (LSAT), and the Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT).

OSU faculty-made course exams are sometimes administered by Testing Center staff as 'make-up' exams or to provide accommodations for students with disabilities. As determined by the Office of Student Disability Services, testing accommodations may include distraction-free testing room, extended testing time, adaptive technology, and/or trained staff to assist students requiring a reader or an amanuensis.

For further information view the Web site at <http://UAT.okstate.edu>.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

English Language Institute

Established in 1970, the English Language Institute (ELI) is an intensive program designed to help non-native speakers of English achieve the level of proficiency necessary to enter and succeed in an American institution of higher education. It is also suitable for those wishing to learn English for business or personal reasons. Regularly enrolled OSU international students who feel a need for additional language study may enroll part-time in ELI as well.

Institute students, who may represent as many as 25 or 30 different countries in any given semester, range from recent high school graduates to career professionals returning to school for master's or doctoral degrees. Assigned to one of six levels by means of a placement exam, all students spend 22 hours per week in class. Classes offered include listening/speaking, reading, composition, grammar, and an interactive module.

For more information, contact the English Language Institute, 307 Wes Watkins Center, (405) 744-7519, or visit <http://eli.okstate.edu>.

Independent Study

Independent Study (IS) provides individual study opportunities to learners whose work, family responsibilities, physical isolation, or medical condition may preclude participation in regularly scheduled class meetings. IS offers over 100 courses for college credit and continuing education units.

Students may enroll in independent study courses at any time without being admitted to OSU and take up to a year to complete course work. Some courses are web-assisted and some are video-assisted telecourses. IS also offers some semester-based courses in which students must be admitted to OSU, enroll through regular campus registration, and complete during one campus semester.

For more information or enrollment, contact OSU Independent Study, 309 Wes Watkins Center, (405) 744-6390, or e-mail to ICS-INF@okstate.edu or visit <http://is.okstate.edu>.

Pre-Law, Pre-Medicine and Other Pre-Professional Programs

Students planning to enter a professional school should visit with their advisors and consult professional school admission and course work requirements listed in the specific school catalog. Many professional schools select students with a variety of bachelor's degrees, although others may require a minimum core curriculum of varying length and grade-point average. Information about pre-professional programs is available in such areas as chiropractic medicine, clinical laboratory science, dental hygiene, dentistry, forensics, law, library science, medicine, nursing, occupational therapy, optometry, osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, physical therapy, physicians associate, medical imaging and radiation sciences, social work and veterinary medicine. For more information, students should consult their advisors or the Office of Life Sciences and Pre-Health Advising, 213 Life Sciences East, or the pre-law advisor, also in 213 Life Sciences East.

National Student Exchange

The National Student Exchange enables OSU students to spend a semester or year at one of over 190 colleges in the United States and its territories, as well as in Canada. Students pay tuition and fees to OSU or resident tuition and fees to the host institution, depending on the plan through which they participate.

Through the NSE, students have access to honors college programs, resident assistant exchanges, and designated study abroad programs offered by participating institutions. The NSE also 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. For additional information and application materials, visit the study abroad office Web site at <http://studyabroad.okstate.edu>, contact the Study Abroad/NSE Office, 060-G Student Union, or e-mail to: abroad@okstate.edu.

Study Abroad

OSU students can add an international dimension to their education through study abroad.

—Reciprocal exchanges. Students may earn OSU credit through reciprocal exchanges in many European, Asian, and Latin American countries. While participating in reciprocal exchange, students pay tuition and fees to OSU.

—College-based short term programs. Students may also earn OSU credit by enrolling in summer and short-term international courses offered by OSU college outreach units and departments in countries such as Australia, England, France, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Peru, China and Thailand.

—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 providers such as AIFS, CEA, and ISA. Students may also enroll directly in universities abroad. They may also participate in non-credit work, internship and volunteer opportunities.

Most exchanges and study abroad programs require successful completion of at least 48 credit hours and good academic standing. Application deadlines for priority consideration for both fall and spring semester reciprocal exchanges, many fall semester study abroad programs, and short-term international courses are at the end of January or the beginning of February. Deadlines for spring study abroad programs are usually in mid-October or early November.

Financial assistance is available through scholarships as well as federal grants and loans. Students may apply for the Provost's Study Abroad Office Scholarship through the Study Abroad Office to support their credit bearing activities abroad. There are two application cycles and PSAO scholarship amounts vary depending on the length of the program. Information is available on the Study Abroad office Web site at <http://studyabroad.okstate.edu> or through the Study Abroad/NSE office, 060 Student Union. Outstanding OSU undergraduates and graduates may apply for the Bailey Family Memorial Trust Scholarship for study abroad in the liberal arts. The scholarship is budget based. Information and applications are available at the College of Arts and Sciences student academic services office, 213 Life Sciences East. The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, 309 Gunderson Hall offers several scholarships for language study abroad. Individual colleges offer scholarships for their short-term programs. Information on national and regional scholarships for study abroad is available in the Study Abroad office. In many cases students may use federal financial aid to offset the cost of an academic program abroad.

Information on studying, working or volunteering abroad is available from the Study Abroad/NSE office, 060-G Student Union, by e-mail to: abroad@okstate.edu or on the Study Abroad/NSE Web site at <http://studyabroad.okstate.edu>.

Semester at Sea

Semester at Sea is an opportunity for OSU undergraduates in good academic standing to earn a semester of credit in a wide range of academic areas while traveling around the world on the S.S. Universe. Approximately 50 percent of the semester is spent at sea and 50 percent in various ports allowing students to travel and relate experiences directly to the academic program aboard ship. Specific information may be obtained by contacting the Campus Life director, 060 Student Union, or the Study Abroad/NSE office, 060-G Student Union. Semester at Sea is considered an affiliated/approved program.

The Biology Learning Resources Center

The LRC, which serves as a study area for life science students, especially those taking the introductory biology course. Here students may use computer tutorials, review sample tests and papers, examine experiments, or meet with a teaching assistant or study group. The LRC is located on the third floor of Life Sciences West and is maintained by the Department of Zoology.

The Center for Early Childhood Teaching and Learning

Linda Sheeran, EdD - *Clinical Assistant Professor and ECE Program Coordinator*

Dianna Ross, MS - *ECE Specialist and Child Development Laboratory Director*

The Department of Human Development and Family Science has a rich tradition of excellence in early childhood education. The Center for Early Childhood Teaching and Learning (CECTL) is located on the first floor of the College of Human Environmental Sciences West building.

The CECTL has three components that support the professional education of early childhood educators-- The Model Teaching Classroom, the Child Development Laboratory, and the Early Childhood Resource Room. The Ramona and Homer Paul Model Teaching Classroom is an innovative learning environment for adult students where education courses are taught within the physical setting of an early childhood classroom. This provides students with opportunities to make meaningful connections between course content and practical application. The Model Teaching Classroom is used for instruction of undergraduate early childhood education majors, continuing education of early childhood professionals, and research about the preparation of teachers.

The Cleo L. Craig Foundation Child Development Laboratory (CDL) serves as a field placement for early childhood education majors. Equipped with observation booths, the CDL is also used as a site for observation and interpretation of human growth and development by students in courses across campus. Research on developmentally appropriate practice, children's learning and development, and the preparation of teachers is conducted in the facility. The CDL program offers planned learning activities that are developmentally appropriate and designed to model best developmental practices.

The Early Childhood Resource Room is available to early childhood education students as well as other professionals as a place to prepare and checkout materials for classroom teaching. The Resource Room is designed to help foster developmentally appropriate practices and expose early childhood educators to a wealth of knowledge.

The Center for Family Services

Matt Brosi, PhD - *Assistant Professor and Marriage & Family Therapy*
Glade Topham, PhD - *Program Coordinator*

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

The Center's dual mission is to provide high-quality, low cost marital and family therapy services to the public and to provide a 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 who are licensed marriage and family therapists. The Center's facility allows for observation of sessions by clinical supervisors and video recording of sessions.

The Center for Family Services is open to individuals, couples or families seeking help with personal or relationship issues. Issues may include marital concerns, family violence, adjustment to divorce or other life changing events, child behavior and school problems, parenting concerns, anxiety and depression, and family reunification. Fees are determined on a sliding fee scale based on income and family size, ranging from \$5 to \$50.

Appointments are available on request. While appointments are available during daytime and evening hours, most appointments are scheduled on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. When an individual contacts the Center to seek marital and family therapy services a staff member will ask a few questions about the family and the reasons for seeking the services in order to assign the most appropriate therapist. Usually within 24 hours, an initial appointment will be scheduled.

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.

The Center for Hospitality and Tourism Research

Hailin Qu, PhD - *Regents Professor, William E. Davis Distinguished Chair and Director, The Center for Hospitality and Tourism Research*

The OSU Center for Hospitality and Tourism Research (CHTR) in the School of Hotel and Restaurant Administration 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 Department of Tourism and 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 Hotel and Restaurant Administration as the premier provider of hospitality and tourism research excellence. For more information visit <http://ches.okstate.edu/chtr/>.

Ethics Center

Scott Gelfand, PhD - *Associate Professor and Director*

The Ethics Center at Oklahoma State University, which is the only college or university ethics institute or center in the state, 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.

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Gerontology Institute

Whitney Brosi, PhD - *Assistant Professor and Director*

Alex Bishop, PhD - *Assistant Professor and Gerontology Program Coordinator*

The Gerontology Institute is housed in the Department of Human Development and Family Science. The Gerontology Institute sponsors a multidisciplinary gerontology program committed to promoting academic excellence in the study of aging throughout the life course through scientific research, education and service. The Institute provides a university-wide focus in coordinating a curriculum in gerontology.

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 an option in gerontology. 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 Distant Education Alliance online gerontology program (Great Plains IDEA) at OSU. For more information on the online gerontology program see www.ches.okstate.edu/gpidea.

The Gerontology Institute serves as a link between the University and the community in the field of aging, and sponsors student internships in community agencies. For more information, visit <http://ches.okstate.edu/hdfs> or e-mail hes-hdfs@okstate.edu.

Mathematics Learning Resource Center

The Mathematics Learning Resource Center (MLRC) is a support facility for undergraduate mathematics instruction at OSU. Undergraduate math classes tutored range from intermediate algebra to differential equations. The MLRC is located on the 4th floor of the Classroom Building and is open to students on a walk-in basis.

Psychological Services Center

Larry L. Mullins, PhD - *Professor and Director, Psychological Services Center*

John M. Chaney, PhD - *Professor and Director, Marriage & Family Clinic*

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 North Murray 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: individual, group, family, and marital therapy; parent counseling and training; treatment of 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 graduated fee structure based on one's financial situation.

The Center is open from 8:00a.m. until 9:00p.m. Monday through Thursday. On Friday it is open from 8:00a.m. until 5:00p.m. Appointments can be made by contacting the Center at (405) 744-5975. More information can be found at <http://psychology.okstate.edu/>.

Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic

Martin A. Fischer, PhD - *Professor and Director*

The OSU Speech-Language-Hearing clinic provides comprehensive clinical services to the OSU/Stillwater community. 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, early intervention, and therapy services. Treatment is provided for a variety of communication disorders, delays and/or differences across the lifespan including:

- articulation disorders
- language disorders
- stuttering
- autism
- voice disorders
- swallowing disorders
- speech-language disorders resulting from stroke, head injury, and other neurological impairments
- dialect variations
- hearing impairment
- reading and writing disorders

The OSU Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic is located in the newly renovated Murray Hall on the OSU campus. Fees are charged for services with special rates provided for all OSU students, faculty, and staff. A sliding fee scale insures that all individuals are served, regardless of their ability to pay. To schedule an appointment please call (405) 744-6021.

Telecommunications Center

Blayne Mayfield, PhD - *Associate Professor and Director*

The Telecommunications Center is a visible commitment to the University's desire to keep pace with the communications revolution in the classroom and beyond. The facility is home to *The Institute for Teaching and Learning Excellence* (ITLE), which is responsible for both equipping our campus classrooms with educational technologies (as the budget allows) and providing assistance to our faculty in integrating those technologies into their teaching styles. The ITLE Faculty Development Center provides workshops and certification programs for both early-career and established faculty on innovative pedagogies and technology integration, and cooperates with various departments on research projects and learning communities. The ITLE Emerging Technology Group offers training in the use of various software products such as Turnitin, Respondus, and Camtasia. The IT Support Group provides web design training and support for faculty and departments, while ITLE Creative Services provides faculty with graphic designs, illustrations, 2-D & 3-D animations, and presentation material development as a free service to enhance any curriculum. A configurable classroom and a computer lab are available for both scheduled classes and faculty research/training. The ITLE Classroom Technology Support Center provides a wide array of equipment for portable and/or classroom use where that technology does not yet exist.

ITLE provides equipment and staffing in support of a wide range of OSU Distance Education offerings, including support for the Desire2Learn "Online Classroom" Courseware Management System. ITLE also produces video-based educational content from recording and editing classroom presentations for delivery via videotape, CD-ROM, DVD, and streaming media, to distributing live, interactive classes worldwide from high tech classrooms all over the campus. The Telecommunications Center also houses a broadcast-quality television production, editing, and transmission facility, which is used for everything from taping classroom presentations and producing high-quality animation/simulation segments to production of teleconferences, documentaries, video training tapes, and public service announcements for the University

and for both government and commercial agencies. OSU is connected to the world from the Telecommunications Center via a wide variety of media, including Internet and satellite capabilities. ITLE also operates the campus cable TV system, which includes the OSU Campus Calendar (channel 74) and the Residential Life Cowboy Cinema Movie Channel (channel 22).

The ITLE facility provides an outlet for student internships in art, production, and engineering fields, and ITLE 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 <http://itle.okstate.edu>.

Writing Center

Rebecca Damron, PhD - *Assistant Professor and Director*

Since 1976, thousands of members of the Oklahoma State University community - students, faculty and staff - have found support for their writing from the trained staff at the Oklahoma State University Writing Center. The one-to-one individualized conferences conducted at the writing center offer the opportunity for writers across campus to receive feedback on their writing based in best practices: supporting the writing process from beginning to end, focusing on the development of the individual writer at any level, assisting individuals to become their own best proofreaders and editors.

In keeping with the mission of the OSU Writing Center to foster writing culture across campus, opportunities are available for Writing Center staff to make in-class visits, conduct workshops related to writing issues at various locations across campus, or custom-design workshops for faculty interested in discipline-specific writing projects. Please contact the writing center for further information.

The OSU Writing Center is located in 104 Morrill Hall. Appointments can be made by calling the Writing Center at (405) 744-6671, online at www.rich15.com/osu/schedule, or e-mail: writingcenter@okstate.edu. Writing Center staff also conducts drop-in consultations at the Edmon Low Library. Please check with the Writing Center for appointment times.

SPECIAL FACILITIES

Bartlett Center for the Visual Arts and the Gardiner Art Gallery

The Bartlett Center, formerly known as Gardiner Hall, was built in 1910 as a women's residence hall and has since served as a classroom building for women's physical education, speech, agriculture extension and the College of Business Administration. The building was originally named to recognize Maude Gardiner, founder of the University's home economics program. Gardiner Hall was renamed the Bartlett Center in 1984 when Mr. and Mrs. F.M. "Pete" Bartlett made a generous gift to Oklahoma State University that was designated for renovation of the building then occupied by the Department of Art.

The Bartlett Center renovation has enhanced the capabilities for instruction in the visual arts at OSU. It has also provided an environment for activities that have brought regional and national recognition to the visual arts at OSU. The Department of Art has ten instruction studios in the Bartlett Center, including three computer laboratories, and a 100-seat auditorium for instruction in art history. This auditorium is equipped with state-of-the-art multimedia equipment. Additional studios for sculpture, ceramics, printmaking and 3D design are in the Visual Arts Annex located on the northwest corner of campus. These new facilities provide students with well-equipped studio environments designed with health and safety as paramount.

Maude Gardiner continues to be recognized through the Gardiner Art Gallery, a significant part of the Bartlett Center serving both instructional and outreach needs of the Department of Art. The Gallery provides exhibitions of regional and national importance to OSU and the community. Exhibitions have included the work of Manuel Neri, Deborah Butterfield, Lucas Samaras, and traveling exhibitions such as "American Works on Paper: 100 years of American Art" and "Watercolor USA." Faculty and student work is also exhibited on a regular basis.

Child Development Laboratory

The Oklahoma State University Child Development Laboratory (CDL) has a rich tradition of excellence in early childhood education. The CDL is sponsored by the Department of Human Development and Family Science. Originally established in 1924, the laboratory presently resides in a two million dollar facility opened in 1983 and renovated in 2006. A state-of-the-art outdoor learning laboratory was completed in 1999.

The Child Development Laboratory program offers a site for quality educational programming for young children; training of pre-service teachers in early childhood education; observation and interpretation of human growth and development; research designed and implemented by OSU faculty and students to further the knowledge base in such areas as early childhood curriculum, social interaction, language development and cognitive development; and community service in the form of child care, parenting programs and in-service professional education.

The CDL is licensed by the Department of Human Services and is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The program offers planned learning activities that are developmentally appropriate; frequent and positive interactions between children and students; nutritious meals and snacks; regular communication with parents; positive guidance techniques; high adult-to-child ratio; (well trained and experienced) ECE degreed staff and ongoing, systematic program evaluation.

Subject to availability, families have an opportunity to enroll in a model early childhood program. Children enrolled in the program range in age from two through five years.

Collection of Vertebrates

The OSU Collection of Vertebrates (COV) is housed in Life Sciences West and maintained by the Department of Zoology. It includes specimens over 120 years old and consists of collections of fishes, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals, and frozen tissues. The collection of fishes maintains more than 30,000 lots of specimens, mostly from Oklahoma and other plains states, but also includes one of the world's largest collections of rare Nepalese fish. The collection of amphibians and reptiles includes approximately 12,000 specimens and houses among the largest collections of the rare Oklahoma salamander and the grotto salamander. The collection of birds houses 2,500 skins, is from Oklahoma and includes the oldest specimens that date from the 1880's. The first mammal catalogued into the Collection dates from 1924 and now includes more than 13,000 specimens from every county in Oklahoma, all 50 states, and 50 other countries; every continent except Antarctica. The Collection is one of the most taxonomically diverse collections at any university in the U.S. Among the most significant components of the collection of mammals are the more than 1,000 specimens from Ethiopia. All specimens are valuable for their use in teaching classrooms and for research.

Colvin Recreation Center

The newly expanded and renovated Colvin Recreation Center is open to the University community. This facility truly provides OSU students with an incredible experience socially, as well as physically. The new Colvin, with over 240,000 square feet of activity space, includes: 10 basketball/volleyball courts, a large multi-purpose court, over 30,000 square feet

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of weight and fitness equipment, cardio-theater, indoor climbing wall, golf practice area, including two golf simulators, four-lane jogging track, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, 12 racquetball/handball courts, and five large multi-purpose activity rooms. The Center is generally open for student use from 6:00 am to midnight and is home to the Campus Recreation Department and all of its programs and activities.

Facilities are also available at Lake Carl Blackwell and Camp Redlands for a challenge course, sailing, water skiing, canoeing and crew. Reservations for socials, workshops and other retreats can be made for nominal rental rates in the lodge and cabins.

—Campus Recreation. Campus Recreation programs are designed to provide equipment, space and professional assistance in helping University students, faculty, staff members and their families pursue individual recreation interests. Located in the Colvin Recreation Center are facilities for activities including racquetball, basketball, volleyball, badminton, table tennis and strength and cardiovascular conditioning. In addition, areas for soccer, football, rugby, softball, archery, tennis, sailing, canoeing and hiking are made available for student and staff use.

—FIT First Program. The staff of the Colvin Recreation Center offers a variety of noncredit classes each semester to students, faculty and staff. Other instructional programs for adults include CPR, first aid, scuba, tennis, ballroom and swing, martial arts, tai chi, and yoga.

—Intramural Sports. The vision of the intramural sports program is to improve the quality of life at OSU and the mission is to develop students mentally and physically, provide quality programs and services, and to encourage all participants to value recreation. These programs are important for all students attending OSU because they provide an opportunity to meet new people, cultivate present relationships by participating with friends, and stimulate personal physical fitness through sports. Programs are available at differing skill levels, as well as opportunities to compete in specific divisions for men, women and co-recreational leagues. With over 50 activities to choose from, intramural sports offer something for every student.

—Sport Clubs. The Campus Recreation program advises and helps organize the active sport clubs on campus, which are governed by the Sport Club Council. The Council is chartered by the University and its officers are elected students. This Council develops sports club policies, sets priorities, and functions as the official representative for all sports clubs. The Campus Recreation program provides the adviser for this Council. Membership in all sports clubs is open to all students. If a group of students is interested in starting a sport club, the coordinator will assist them.

Active sports clubs are crew, cricket, cycling, karate, lacrosse, polo, rugby, sailing, scuba, soccer, snow skiing, volleyball, waterskiing, weightlifting, adaptive sports and wilderness pursuits.

—Outdoor Adventure. The goal of outdoor adventure is to provide opportunities for adventure, education and excitement. With a variety of local, national and international trips as well as adventure and leadership workshops at all skill levels, opportunities are provided for enrichment for the whole community.

In addition to trips and workshops, an extensive low- and high-elements challenge course is offered at Camp Redlands. A state-of-the-art indoor climbing facility is also available in the Colvin Recreation Center. To facilitate the trips program, as well as the University and local communities' pursuits, the outdoor adventure rental shop in the Colvin Recreation Center provides access to everything from snow shoes to sleeping bags.

Whether it is sea kayaking in the Baja Peninsula, a day at the challenge course, or the annual climbing competition, the common elements in all programs are quality leadership and lots of fun.

—The Adaptive Sports Program. The adaptive sports program is designed for students with disabilities to their upper or lower extremities or confined to a power or manual wheelchair. The program offers various

wheelchair sporting events, such as wheelchair basketball, weightlifting, tennis, and track and field.

The campus recreation center offers diverse activities and programs for students and students with disabilities. The campus recreation center facility can mainstream students with disabilities into various activities, including intramural sports programs, outdoor adventure programs, sports clubs and anaerobic and aerobic workout programs. A student with any disability can have fun with other students while exercising body and mind.

Ecotoxicology and Water Quality Research Laboratory

The Ecotoxicology and Water Quality Research Laboratory (EWQRL) is located in Life Sciences West and is part of the Department of Zoology at OSU. Established in the 1960s as the Reservoir Research Center, in 2001 the lab changed names to reflect not only our expertise in standardized aquatic toxicity testing, but also additional research foci in aquatic ecosystem assessments. The EWQRL provides services to a number of companies and wastewater treatment facilities throughout Oklahoma in the form of EPA standardized bioassays. In addition, the staff and students (both graduate and undergraduate) funded by the EWQRL undertake aquatic monitoring projects in riverine, wetland and reservoir systems for both state and federal agencies. These projects include invertebrate and fish surveys and identification, zebra mussel monitoring, wetland delineation and toxicity assessments. The labs facilities include a fathead minnow rearing room, temperature and light controlled environmental chambers for in-house cultures of aquatic test organisms (cladocerans, amphipods and midges) and standardized toxicity testing of client produced water, a wet chemistry laboratory, computer laboratory, and numerous compound and dissecting microscopes all with digital imaging capabilities. Sampling equipment for field surveys includes a boat, electroshockers, nets, drift fences and several field meters.

OSU Libraries

The OSU library is a premier electronic library, with three branch libraries and a combined collection of over 2.5 million volumes, 96,500 serials, more than 4.5 million microforms and 420,000 maps and aerial photographs. Its primary mission is to serve as the "intellectual commons" of the University, providing high-quality resources, services, and gateways to information to meet the needs of OSU's diverse instructional, research and outreach programs. To fulfill this continuing role effectively, the library strives to be flexible and responsive to the needs of its constituents, to emphasize cooperative arrangements with other libraries, and to maximize the application of state-of-the-art technology to facilitate speedier and ever wider access to needed information.

The OSU library subscribes to more than 200 specialized databases to assist students, faculty and staff in their research. A growing number of these databases provide access to the full text of documents. Members of the OSU community can access dozens of these resources (including online, full-text journals with more than 30,000 titles), regardless of their location, from any computer with Internet access and a web browser. Library users can submit interlibrary loan requests and book renewal requests electronically using forms on the library's web pages. Many users are taking advantage of the library's electronic reserves to provide access to supplemental course materials. OSU students may check out laptop computers for two-hour periods. There are 100 laptops available. They are paid for by the library and have the same software used in campus computer labs. The library building is also equipped for wireless Internet connections. Library laptops or personal laptops can access the network. The library offers a variety of free training sessions throughout the year, including sessions on using the library's online catalog and other databases, searching the web, creating web pages, and using the student electronic mail system.

—Government Documents. Many people consider the OSU library's documents department to be the best regional depository for U.S. government publications in the southwest. Non-depository materials, as well as publications of the state of Oklahoma, foreign governments, and international organizations are obtained to support fields of interest to OSU. The documents department has a growing collection of indices and data files issued by the United States and commercial companies. These files include the 1990 Census, the 1992 Economic Census and indices to congressional publications and international trade information. Whenever possible, the department provides Internet access to U.S. government information via the OSU library's Internet site at www.library.okstate.edu.

M. B. Seretean Center for the Performing Arts

The M.B. Seretean Center for the Performing Arts provides a modern and well-equipped home for the departments of music and theatre. Constructed in 1970 at a cost of three million dollars and named in honor of its principal benefactor, M.B. "Bud" Seretean, a 1947 OSU graduate, the Center is the focal point of all major dramatic and musical events on the OSU campus. The center's 75,000 square feet include the 800-seat concert hall and the 600-seat Vivia Locke Theatre which attract a myriad of fine arts activities such as ballet, concerts, mime, opera, plays, faculty and student recitals, and a host of summer conventions.

In addition to the auditorium and theatre, the Seretean Center houses teaching studios for music, a variety of classrooms, a specially-designed choral room, a rehearsal hall for band and orchestra, the theatre scene shop, computer labs, and a well-equipped audio center, all designed to provide an excellent atmosphere in Oklahoma for the teaching of the fine arts.

—Theatre. Live theatre productions are an important part of the cultural life of the campus. OSU theatre produces six to eight plays each academic year from a wide variety of dramatic and musical theatre literature. Two separate production series are offered. Each year, four fully-mounted large-scale productions are presented in the 600-seat Vivia Locke Theatre. Two to four experimental productions, often student-directed and designed, are presented in the 100 seat Jerry L. Davis Studio Theatre. Each production's cast and crew is comprised of theatre majors and minors as well as non-majors from across the campus. Auditions are open to all students on campus regardless of major.

Seretean Wellness Center

The Seretean Wellness Center offers a variety of health and wellness programs for all OSU students. These programs include free wellness screenings (cholesterol, blood pressure, body composition, and web-based health risk appraisal), nutrition counseling, wellness education classes, Share the WEALTH peer education program, Wellness State (freshman orientation program), and campus-wide health promotion activities and events.

The Seretean Wellness Center offers a limited number of internships and graduate assistantships in the disciplines of exercise science, health education, marketing, nutrition, and wellness.

The SWC has partnered with University Dining Services to launch a campus-wide nutrition program, Choose Orange. On-campus dining facilities have designated healthy food items with a Choose Orange logo. Items with this logo follow U.S. dietary guidelines and contain no more than 30% of total calories from fat, although a few exceptions such as nuts and avocados will apply. Also available is a free "Ask the Dietitian" service. Log on to <http://chooseorange.okstate.edu> and click "Ask the Dietitian" - you will receive a FREE personalized and confidential response to your health, diet, or nutrition question.

The Seretean Wellness Center houses a registered dietitian, demonstration kitchen and dining room, fitness center, a full-service wellness laboratory, and a licensed massage therapist. Meeting rooms,

including a 130 seat lecture hall are also available to recognized OSU student groups. Methods of accepted payment include cash, check, credit card, and bursar charge. For additional information, please call the Seretean Wellness Center at (405) 744-WELL (9355) or log on to <http://wellness.okstate.edu>.

Student Union

Dating back to 1815, college unions have always been thought of as "places where all may meet on common ground." The OSU Student Union certainly is no exception to this tradition as it has been serving the University community since 1950 and has become the place to be on the OSU campus. With a facility consisting of 611,652 square feet, it stands as the largest and most comprehensive union in the world. It provides the University with such services as the bookstore, retail shops, banking services, a travel agency, a campus post office, restaurants, lounges, meeting rooms and an 81-room hotel.

The primary purpose of the OSU Student Union is to serve the members of the University community through an organization that provides necessary and convenient goods and services; offers educational, social, cultural and leadership programs; and fosters an atmosphere of open interaction and exchange among all students, faculty, staff, alumni and guests.

In the Student Union is a full campus life facility housing a computer lab and the University's more than 400 campus organizations. Many activities such as movies, late night events and speakers are provided for students by the Union's student programming organization, the Student Union Activities Board, also located in the Union.

Through its meeting and conference center, the Student Union hosts many conferences throughout the year. The variety of meeting rooms located throughout the building are also available to OSU student organizations and faculty meetings, typically at no charge.

Although the OSU Student Union's annual budget exceeds \$18 million, less than 10 percent of the total cost of operating the Union is funded from student fees. More than 85 percent of the Student Union budget is derived from self-generated sales of goods and services offered within the Union such as the bookstore and the student store.

During the next few years, the Union plans to continue to build on its tradition with an \$86 million renovation project. The project's goal is to revitalize an iconic campus building so it can better meet contemporary student needs while maintaining the significance of its history, legacy and commitment to student success.

More information about the Student Union and its offerings can be found on the Internet at <http://union.okstate.edu>.