

Core Education - Beyond OSU I and II Criteria Amendments

Strike-through text indicates proposed deletions and blue text indicates proposed new verbiage.

Source: [Core Education Learning Outcome, Criteria, and Rationale](#) document ratified by the Faculty Senate of Oregon State University on April 13, 2023.

Current Beyond OSU I Criteria:

- ~~• Criterion 3: Require First year students to follow the sequence—Transitions, Beyond OSU I, Beyond OSU II (therefore Transitions must be completed before taking this course). It is strongly recommended that transfer students also follow the sequence, however, they may take Beyond OSU and Transitions at the same time.~~
- ~~• Criterion 4: Allow for credit courses that satisfy the Learning Outcomes and Criteria for both Beyond OSU I and Beyond OSU II to be combined within the same course.~~

Current Beyond OSU II Criteria:

- ~~• Criterion 3: Require first year students to follow the sequence—Transitions, Beyond OSU I, Beyond OSU II (therefore Transitions must be completed before fulfilling the Beyond OSU requirement). It is strongly recommended that transfer students also follow the sequence, however, they may take Beyond OSU and Transitions at the same time.~~
- ~~• Criterion 4: Allow for credit courses that satisfy the Learning Outcomes and Criteria for both Beyond OSU I and Beyond OSU II to be combined within the same course.~~

Core Education Committee Proposed Amendment Beyond OSU I and II:

- Criterion 3:** *Beyond courses are meant to be taken in the order of Transitions, Beyond OSU I, and Beyond OSU II, to create multiple career touchpoints for students. Beyond OSU courses are not to be taken out of order. In some cases, it may be pedagogically appropriate to take adjacent course, such as Transitions and Beyond I, or Beyond I and Beyond II, at the same time as co-requisites, but never all three at the same time.*
- Criterion 4:** *The learning outcomes for Beyond OSU I and Beyond OSU II may be combined in a single for-credit course. A combined Beyond OSU I and II course must be taken after Transitions has been completed (Transitions must be a pre-requisite).*

The rationale for the Amendment to Beyond OSU Criteria 3:

The current Beyond OSU I Criteria 3 states that Transitions must be a pre-requisite to Beyond OSU I for first-year students; however, Transfer students may take Transitions as a co-requisite to Beyond OSU I. Strong pedagogical reasons in some academic areas for students to be able to take Beyond OSU I while enrolled in Transitions. In several colleges, Beyond OSU I learning outcomes complement introductory courses students take in their first term enrolled at OSU when they are also required to enroll in Transitions. The proposed amendment to Beyond OSU I allows first-time first-term and transfer students who enter OSU to enroll in Transitions and Beyond OSU I simultaneously.

The rationale for the Amendment to Beyond OSU Criteria 4:

The amended language to Criterion 4 sustains the current criterion that Beyond OSU I and II can be combined into a single for-credit course as previously approved by the Faculty Senate and reinforces that if Beyond OSU I and II are combined into a for-credit course, Transitions must be a pre-requisite.