

1. How do I tell OSU that I have/have not been convicted of a felony?

The Disclosure of Felony Conviction or RSO questionnaire is on every student's MYOSU page. Simply click on the questionnaire and answer the single question.

2. What is the question I am required to answer?

The single-answer questionnaire asks "Have you ever been convicted of a felony or been identified as a Registered Sex Offender under the law?"

3. Does every student have to answer this question?

This policy applies to all OSU students who have been admitted and are seeking to enroll in classes.

4. What are the consequences for not completing this task?

Students who do not answer the question will have a hold placed on their registration for the following term until they are able to complete the questionnaire.

5. Why is the university interested in this?

The university understands that education is a key path toward rehabilitating those with criminal histories. Every individual should have the opportunity to seek an education and participation opportunities should be modified or restricted only when that individual's pursuit of an education jeopardizes the safety of others. Having this information also provides OSU the opportunity to support students with these histories so that they can be successful in completing their degrees.

6. If I self-report, will I still be allowed to be a student at OSU?

Yes. This is a policy that impacts participation and engagement, not admission, at OSU.

7. What if I say yes? What happens next?

You will receive an email from the Office of Student Life, requesting further information, in a confidential way. This email will come to your OSU email address within a few weeks of completing the survey.

8. Will this restrict me from any university activities?

Some students may see restrictions for participation in certain activities. Any modifications to a student's university experience will be individualized and based upon the factors in question nine.

9. What factors will be considered in the decision to restrict my engagement at OSU?

These factors include:

- Currently effective court-mandated restrictions or recommendations
- Documented patterns of behavior for this student
- How recently the crime(s) and conviction occurred
- Severity of the crime(s) related to the conviction
- Nature of the crime
- Age of the student at the time of the crime(s) or conviction
- Other mitigating factors regarding the crime and the student's situation
- Other manners of risk mitigation measures for participation
- Student's educational interests and access to a full university experience

10. Will anything change if I self-disclose my conviction?

Each student's situation will be evaluated individually, based on the factors listed in question #8. Some examples of areas that may be modified, depending on the past crime and other factors above, are:

- Activities that involve contact with vulnerable populations, such as minors who are not students, and those with impaired decisional capability or mental disabilities. Animals are also included as a vulnerable group.
- Activities that necessitate contact with sensitive or controlled equipment or substances.
- Certain educational programs that require background checks by law (e.g. pharmacy, teaching certification).
- University-sponsored study abroad programs.
- Residing in a university residence hall or housing, or any housing that is part of the University Affiliated Housing Program.

11. What if I have a felony conviction but it has been expunged?

In most cases, felonies that have been expunged do not need to be reported, as the expungement is typically meant to “erase” the crime from court records. Each state may have different standards to determine expungement and what expungement means, so please consult the relevant county or state official where your conviction occurred to determine whether your crime has been expunged and need not be self-disclosed.

12. What if I am formerly a registered sex offender, but am not currently required to register?

This policy applies to students who currently have registered sex offender status.

13. Does this policy apply to convictions or offender registrations from a different state?

Yes. This policy applies to felony convictions in any United States Court of law, in any of the 50 states, federal court, or any court in US territory.

14. What about international convictions?

If your conviction was defined as a felony crime in the country it was adjudicated in, then it should be reported through this process.

15. What if I am a DPP student and all of my classes this term (or next) are at alternate locations than OSU?

If you are receiving OSU credit or dually registered at OSU, this policy applies and you should answer the question.

16. Does this apply to e-campus students, students enrolled at OSU Cascades, graduate students, and non-degree students?

This policy applies to all OSU students who have been admitted and are seeking to enroll in classes.

17. What happens if I am convicted of a felony while attending OSU (or over the summer whist out of state)?

Students currently enrolled at the university have an ongoing duty to disclose all felony convictions to the Office of Student Life immediately upon conviction. Email deanofstudents@oregonstate.edu or go to the link on your MyOSU to complete the questionnaire.

18. How often do I need to fill out this survey?

Once the survey is answered, you need not complete it again, unless the answer has changed. All students with ongoing enrollment will receive a reminder email yearly regarding their duty to disclose new felony convictions.

19. What happens if I accidentally click the wrong answer?

Email deanofstudents@oregonstate.edu to ask for technical assistance.

20. What happens if I delete the survey from MYOSU before answering it?

Email deanofstudents@oregonstate.edu to ask for technical assistance.

21. What happens if my question is not answered here?

Email deanofstudents@oregonstate.edu and we will endeavor to assist you.