OZONE FAQ

What is oZONE?
The oZONE student portal, the largest technological undertaking in OU history, is a robust comprehensive gateway to the OU's student information resources, as well as a personalized store of information and announcements. When fully implemented in fall 2009, oZONE will provide single sign-on, 24/7, Web-based access to Financial Aid, Pay, Enroll, Student Services, D2L, email, news feeds, campus calendar, and other interactive resources students use daily.

What is an oZONE Alert?
oZONE Alerts are periodic progress and impact reports to help the OU community prepare for the transition from the mainframe to oZONE.

Is training available?
We are firm believers in the motto, “If you don’t use it, you lose it.” To that end, we will offer training in late summer and early fall for Registration. Bursar screen training will begin in late fall, with grading training to follow in spring.

What are we losing for now and what are we gaining?
oZONE will replace most of the current CICS functionality, while also offering some new (and desirable) functionality like Web grading. We are following the successful plan modeled by other universities: roll out critical functionality now and add additional functionality later. Our current CICS screens were developed over 30 years. Just like CICS grew over time, oZONE will grow and improve.

OZONE ALERT

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oZONE Project Update

Hello from the oZONE Student System Implementation Team. It is no easy task to convert 30 years of mainframe data and functionality to a new system in 30 months. But after months of groundwork and careful study of our current system, we are right on schedule with oZONE implementation.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to gather requirements from your offices. Your input is a valuable tool in keeping the project on schedule. Please review the project update below for more details about oZONE accomplishments, go-lives, and milestones.

LOOKING BACK: ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Aug. 2008: Recruitment and Admissions Go-Live for Fall 2009 applicants and recruits. oZONE sends as much information as possible back to CICS automatically. Admissions loads the rest to oZONE and CICS manually.
- Feb. 2009: Financial Aid Go-Live for Fall 2009 Aid Year (oZONE also sends information back to CICS automatically).

LOOKING AHEAD: GO-LIVES


BEYOND GO-LIVE: MAJOR MILESTONES

- FALL 2009 REGISTRATION, GRADES AND DEGREES WILL BE COMPLETED IN CICS.
- Students will register for Spring 2010 in oZONE beginning late October.
- Students will enroll for December Intersession in oZONE. However, the Bursar Go-Live date requires Registration staff to enter intersession enrollment in CICS to avoid a costly one-semester interface with the Bursar system.
- Faculty will begin Web grading in January 2010 for December Intersession courses.
  - We will provide special resources for Intersession instructors and utilize their experiences to train other faculty. Trainers will place instructions on the Web and offer question and answer sessions during the term.
  - Course grading on the Web will be available throughout the Spring semester for courses that do not run the full term. Full term courses will have a final cutoff date for Web grading, similar to our current system. After that cutoff date, faculty must submit grade change forms.
- Students can apply for Spring 2010 graduation on the Web. The Graduation Office will retain its new Web site.
- The University’s degree audit system, Degree Navigator, which interfaces with oZONE, will be upgraded this year.
- oZONE will allow students to change directory information on the Web.

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