

MORE THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE

Campus Involvement



Ever feel bored on campus? Ever feel like there should be more to do? If you're bored, you have no one to blame but yourself. There are all types of avenues to get involved, no matter what your interests are. Involvement in co-curricular activities develops leadership and organizational skills, produces friendships, and assists in the transition to college life. Involvement through various programs, services, support and promotion of student government, leadership training, and various workshops can all help you feel like a part of the campus community while fostering some great friendships. In order for you to better understand the function of some of these great campus institutions, we've included details about each in this section.

ORGANIZATIONS

Organizations are groups formed by students with similar interests to help them develop friendships and advance common goals. From social to honor societies, more than 100 organizations are often recognized at the university. If you have a special interest in something that is not already available and would like to start your own organization, talk with campus officials in student activities to get more information.

Some examples of student organizations include:

- International groups
- Religious groups
- Academic groups
- Graduate student groups
- Special interest groups



GREEK LIFE

Greek letter organizations encourage members to achieve high academic standards and provide many opportunities for leadership, community service, and personal development. Joining one of the nationally affiliated fraternities or sororities can be a great way to meet people and make lasting friendships.

PROGRAMMING

Typically student-run organizations, activity boards promote campus unity through events that are entertaining, interactive, and educational.

Committees may consist of, but are not limited to:

- Homecoming
- Film clubs
- Special events
- Concerts
- Recreational activities

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student governance represents and advocates on behalf of the student body. Undergraduate and graduate students in each academic unit elect a certain number of representatives based on the number of students enrolled in that unit. If you are interested in getting involved in Student Government, you should contact your Student Government officers or stop by the Student Government office to get more details.

STUDENT MEDIA

Interested in writing for the student newspaper, hosting an on air music show, or broadcasting? Then student media is the place for you.

As a member of a student media group you have the opportunity to:

- Gain valuable media knowledge and skills through experiential learning
- Take part in an internship or special project by working with various media organizations



- Write for the student newspaper
- Work at the campus run radio station
- Program and produce for the student run campus cable channel
- Work on student literary journals

ATHLETICS AND RECREATION

Ever wish you could get involved in intercollegiate athletics? Perhaps you'd be interested in recreational or intramural sports. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved.

Athletic options include:

- Basketball
- Football
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Softball
- Wrestling

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED IN CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Your college years can be some of the best of your life, providing opportunities to learn, explore, and have fun. The faculty and staff recognize the value of a well-rounded program for student development and encourage you to participate in campus activities.

To get started, you can:

- Ask your friends what they are involved in
- Stop by the student affairs department or visit the university website for a list of organizations
- Ask your professors about academic clubs
- Check the athletics website



- Talk to your resident assistant
- Read the student newspaper
- Listen to the student radio station
- Watch the campus run television station

Now that you have the basic knowledge to get you started on your journey to campus involvement, it's up to you to take the next step to find an activity you enjoy. How you spend your time outside the classroom is just as important as the time you spend in it. Get out there and try something new – you might find an activity you never knew you would enjoy!

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