STUDENT DEVELOPMENT AND CAMPUS LIFE

While academic life is basic to education, University of Lynchburg students also grow as individuals and as citizens through participation in out-of-classroom co-curricular activities. The offices of Student Development, in collaboration with students, faculty and staff, enhance the educational mission of the University and provide learning opportunities by creating an inclusive campus community that provides social awareness and fosters community development, educating students to become effective leaders, involved citizens, and critical thinkers, as well as nurturing the personal, physical, academic, and spiritual development of students. Student Development includes the offices of the Campus Safety and Security; Community Involvement and Bonner Program; Dean of Students; Health and Counseling Services; Housing and Residence Life; Multicultural Services; and Student Engagement and Leadership Development. In addition, special collaborative relationships are maintained with the Spiritual Life Center and the Office of Equity and Inclusion.

Whatever a student’s background and goals, the offices of Student Development offer students ways to get involved in campus life and to experience self-discovery and personal development. Through residence hall programs, cultural and social activities, membership in clubs and organizations, workshops and retreats, counseling, spiritual life activities, and intramural sports, students enhance their intellectual ability, social maturity, emotional and physical well-being, aesthetic sensibilities, spiritual fulfillment, personal values, career goals, commitment to community involvement and service, leadership and membership skills, and appreciation of cultural diversity.

Students are invited to participate in the governance of the University of Lynchburg community through the Student Government Association or through independent participation. Typically, students are appointed to various committees and task forces established by the faculty, staff, and other constituents of the University. Students appointed to these committees represent the interests and views of their organizations, residence halls, graduation class, or specific populations within the general student body. In almost all cases, students serving on these committees enjoy full voting privileges as they participate in decision-making processes that affect policies, planning, programming, budgeting, academic offerings, dining, and other student services. Specifics related to a student’s role and participation in institutional decision-making are noted in The Hornet student handbook in the “Student Rights” section. For more information about Student Development and campus life, see The Hornet student handbook.

Health and Counseling Services Requirements

Health Information Form

All full-time traditional undergraduate students are required to have a completed Health Information Form on file in the Student Health Center. Certain academic majors and athletes may require additional information. For students enrolling for the fall semester this form must be submitted by July 15; for students enrolling for the spring semester, by January 15. Students who do
not submit a completed Health Information Form are subject to a $200 fine per semester until the form is complete. The form is available on the University website at www.lynchburg.edu/required-health-information.

Health and Counseling Services
Health and counseling services are offered to promote the emotional, mental, and physical well-being of students.

Health Services
The Health Center, located on the terrace level of Hundley Hall, is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday during fall and spring semesters; and from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday for students participating in J-term or summer classes. Services are available to all actively enrolled students. All students who wish to use health services must have a completed Health Information Form on file in the Health Center.

Students may be seen as walk-ins or may schedule appointments by calling the Health Center at 434.544.8357. A family practice physician is on campus one hour per week. Primary health care is provided by nurse practitioners and registered nurses. Referrals to physicians or other community health care providers are arranged when necessary or at the request of the student.

All consultations and medical records are kept completely confidential. No information is discussed with, or released to, anyone without the student’s written consent. Routine visits to the Health Center are provided without charge. Charges for medication, lab tests, and special examinations can be billed to the student’s university account or paid for by the student.

When the Health Center is closed, the University of Lynchburg Emergency Medical Service is usually available to provide first-aid and emergency care for students on campus. Students can access this service by contacting Campus Safety and Security (emergency extension 5555). Health services are not available during academic breaks.

Health Insurance
All students are expected to have medical insurance coverage. The University’s Business Office has a list of local insurance agents if you do not have medical insurance. Students are urged to review their policy carefully to determine which physicians and medical services are covered in the local Lynchburg area and to ensure that coverage is provided for both routine and emergency medical care, as well as prescriptions.

Counseling Services
The Counseling Services, located on the terrace level of Hundley Hall, is open from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday during fall and spring semesters. Counseling is also available by appointment for students participating in J-term or summer classes. Counseling services are available to all actively enrolled students. Students may schedule appointments by visiting the Counseling Center or by calling 434.544.8616.

Licensed mental health professionals provide individual and group counseling to full-time students for a variety of student issues such as roommate and relationship issues, grief, anxiety, adjustment difficulties, substance
abuse, eating issues, depression, and other needs. Strict confidentiality is observed in accordance with professional standards.

Multicultural Services

The Multicultural Center offers a variety of educational programs and support services intended to meet the needs of multicultural, first-generation college students, and other underrepresented populations within the student body, including students of various races, religions, ethnicities, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status.

A supplemental orientation program, the Summer Transition Program (STP), is offered to help students get settled in their new environment, become acclimated to the University and community, introduce them to resources available to assist them, and meet student leaders. This early-arrival program compliments their SOAR experience.

The Center staff serves as advisors to special interest groups such as the Black Student Association, Gay-Straight Alliance, Man2Man, the Native American Student Association, the Latino Student Association, and the Student Diversity Council.

The Center seeks to create an environment that embraces individual differences, sustains inclusion, and cultivates a campus atmosphere free of bias.

For more information, contact the office at 434.544.8330 or via e-mail to FMC@lynchburg.edu.

Residential Requirements

University of Lynchburg values on-campus living, which exposes students to a variety of meaningful out-of-class learning opportunities. Accordingly, on-campus living is required of most undergraduate students, and off-campus living is a privilege earned through progression toward degree completion.

Single, full-time freshman, sophomore, and junior students, other than those living at home with parents and students age 23 and older, are required to live in University of Lynchburg housing. Students who have completed eighty-five or more credit hours (either at University of Lynchburg or another accredited institution) prior to the fall semester are eligible to live off campus during the next academic year, as are undergraduates continuing as second-degree students, non-degree seeking graduate students continuing their studies immediately after baccalaureate degree completion, and students age 23 or older. For complete details about residential requirements, see *The Hornet* student handbook.

Residence Life

The Office of Residence Life is responsible for all aspects of residential living, including developing a safe and secure residential community that is conducive to learning and growth. The residence life student staff consists of fifty-one graduate and undergraduate students serving as resident assistants (RAs) and hall directors (HDs) that live within each residential community. There are also two full-time, professional area coordinators (AC’s) who live on campus and assist staff and students with maintaining a positive community and achieving their goals. They are responsible for activities, program-
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ming, providing peer counseling, and maintaining community standards.

Each residence hall offers card-operated washers and dryers, coin operated soda and snack machines, and full kitchens that include an oven, refrigerator, stove, and microwave. All buildings have lounges with televisions and cable hook-up.

Residence life policies exist to enhance the safety and comfort of all students in the residence halls. Failure to adhere to policies may result in disciplinary action. For a complete list of policies and procedures related to residence hall living, see The Hornet student handbook.

For a complete list of residential living policies and information, please see The Hornet or contact the Office of Residence Life.

Spiritual Life

While University of Lynchburg is affiliated with The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a mainline Protestant denomination, diversity and religious freedom are highly valued. Ecumenical and interfaith dialogue are both important tenets of the Disciples of Christ tradition and central to the institution’s educational goals. The Spiritual Life staff is dedicated to helping students celebrate and grow in their own faith tradition while they attend University of Lynchburg. The staff is also dedicated to helping students explore and identify their vocational calling in life. The University has historically been served by a Disciples of Christ Chaplain, and the denomination remains an important partner in mission, funding, and recruiting.

The spiritual life community is made up of faculty, staff, and students from varied faith traditions. Each year a number of campus ministry groups are active on campus, depending on student interest. Current groups include Catholic Community, Lynchburg Christian Fellowship, BYOB (Bring Your Own Bible), Hillel (Jewish), Quaker Meeting, Methodist Student Fellowship, Canterbury Club (Episcopal), Lutheran, GLBTQIA+ Spirituality, SBNR (Spiritual But Not Religious) and LC Sangha (Buddhist). The Chaplain and Associate Chaplain function as pastors to the entire community and as coordinators of religious activities. Additional Spiritual Life staff provide leadership to different faith communities. There are weekly worship opportunities available on campus and rides are available to several local Christian congregations. The local synagogue makes provisions for Jewish students to attend High Holy Day celebrations. The Greater Lynchburg Islamic Association (GLIA) provides for Muslim students services. Special services are held for events such as Parents’ Weekend, Alumni Weekend, Holy Week, and Baccalaureate.

The Chaplains provide pastoral care to the entire community. Emergency pastoral care is available on a 24-hour basis through the Minister on Call system. In the event of an emergency, a sudden illness or death, notification of a students’ absence can be made to a student’s faculty.

Student Activities

The Office of Student Activities is committed to enhancing the Office of Student Development’s mission statement through leadership and co-curricular opportunities. Learning and development are achieved through intentional
programs that promote involvement in adventure-based learning, the fraternity and sorority community, intramural and recreational activities, social and multicultural experiences, and campus governance.

Through a wide variety of programs and services, the Office of Student Activities helps students become involved in campus organizations and events. Full-time students pay an activity fee that is divided among the major programming areas and allocated to student organizations for programming. The funds are distributed among the Student Activities Board, the Student Government Association, the Intramural and Club Sport Program, Outdoor Leadership Program, and Lynchburg Late Nights and weekend programming. Recognized student organizations may request funding from the SGA Senate to support organizational programs.

Leadership training is also offered through participation in regional and national conferences, LC LEADS (a freshman and sophomore emerging leader program) and the annual Anderson Leadership Conference held on campus. In addition to more than eighty clubs and organizations, the Office of Student Activities works with students in five major areas:

**Student Government Association** - The Student Government Association serves as the official voice of the student body to the University of Lynchburg administration. In an effort to promote school spirit and student involvement, SGA sponsors a variety of events for the University community. These events include campus public forums, late night breakfasts, Crabfest, and Senior Week.

**Student Activities Board** - The Student Activities Board is a volunteer, student-run organization responsible for creating, planning, and presenting a variety of activities such as magicians, hypnotists, novelty acts, coffeehouse performers, off-campus trips, and concerts for the University of Lynchburg community. SAB members are students who are dedicated to bringing quality, uniqueness, and fun to the campus.

**Intramural and Campus Recreation** - Intramural programs encourage students, faculty, and staff who are currently enrolled or employed at University of Lynchburg to participate in a variety of organized recreational programs.

**Fraternity/Sorority Life** - Fraternity/Sorority Life was established at University of Lynchburg in 1992 and since that time has provided leadership and social opportunities for all students. There are eleven nationally-recognized Greek-letter organizations at University of Lynchburg, including four fraternities, four sororities, and three historically black Greek organizations. Approximately 16 percent of the student population are members of fraternities and sororities. Under the governance of the Interfraternity (IFC), Panhellenic (PC), and National Pan-Hellenic (NPHC) councils, Greeks continue to expand their involvement in the University of Lynchburg community through annual activities such as St. Baldricks, Special Olympics, Rivalry Week, and Relay for Life.
Pan-Hellenic Council Sororities
Alpha Chi Omega - ΑΧΩ, Alpha Sigma Alpha - ΑΣΑ,
Kappa Delta - ΚΔ, and Sigma Sigma Sigma - ΣΣΣ

Interfraternity Council Fraternities
Phi Kappa Tau - ΦΚΤ, Sigma Nu - ΣΝ, Sigma Phi Epsilon - ΣΦΕ,
and Phi Mu Delta - ΦΜΔ

National Pan-Hellenic Council Greek Organizations
Alpha Kappa Alpha - ΑΚΑ, Alpha Phi Alpha - ΑΦΑ,
and Delta Sigma Theta - ΔΣΘ

Outdoor Leadership Program - The Outdoor Leadership Program exists to develop leadership skills and support community and personal growth through experiential learning. Development is achieved through the utilization of ropes courses, indoor/outdoor workshops, and adventure programming. Programs include rock climbing, caving, backpacking, hiking, tree climbing, paddling, and whitewater rafting, ranging from one to six days in length.

General Responsibilities of Campus Organizations
Campus organizations are expected to comply with the policy and procedural guidelines adopted by the Student Government Association, Student Life Policies Committee, and the University administration. Obstruction of, or interference with, any regularly sponsored or official function of the University may be considered an act of disorderly conduct and may lead to appropriate disciplinary action.

Membership
Membership in registered student organizations must be open to all persons without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national or ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, marital status, citizenship, or handicap (SA-302). Title IX of the Educational Amendment of 1972 provides an exemption of fraternities and sororities from the requirement that membership in their groups be open to all persons regardless of gender.

Membership should comprise only of students, faculty, or staff of University of Lynchburg. Non-students may not be members, hold office, or be responsible for any activity.

Supervisory Role of Institution in Student Activities
Through involvement in student activities, including campus organizations and events, students gain personal, professional, social, recreational, and cultural development. The Office of Student Activities is charged with helping students become involved in campus organizations and events and with advising and supervising the Student Government Association, the Student Activities Board, and three fraternity and sorority governing boards. Additionally, the Office of Student Activities provides assistance and support to all recognized student organizations.
The Student Life Policies Committee, composed of faculty, staff, and students, is a standing governing committee that reviews matters of policy pertaining to student activities. Policies and procedural guidelines adopted by the Student Life Policies Committee and the University are detailed in The Hornet student handbook or publicized by the offices of Student Development. These policies and procedural guidelines address matters such as responsibilities and privileges of recognized student organizations, reservation of campus facilities, admitting guests to events, posting, alcohol on campus, and freedom and order on the campus.

Campus organizations and individuals involved in student activities are expected to comply with all University policies; violation of University policy may result in judicial action, as outlined in the “Honor and Student Conduct Codes and Regulations”. Additionally, the University reserves the right to intervene, and if necessary, to cancel a program, activity, and/or process if it is found to be in violation of stated policies or procedures or is in conflict with the mission of University of Lynchburg.

Athletics: Intercollegiate
University of Lynchburg offers twenty-one intercollegiate sports of which nineteen compete at the NCAA Division III level. Varsity athletics integrates academic rigor with enthusiastic competition in ten women’s sports: basketball, cross country, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, tennis, indoor track, outdoor track, and volleyball; nine men’s sports: baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, indoor track, and outdoor track; and two coed sports: cheerleading and equestrian.

University of Lynchburg is a charter member of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC), one of the most prestigious athletic and academic conferences in the country. The 15-member conference, including two associate members, stands as the second-largest multi-sport NCAA Division III conference in the country.

The director of intercollegiate athletics reports to the president of the university.

Campus Media
Two publications comprise University of Lynchburg’s student media, providing opportunities for both news reporting and creative expression.

The Critograph – A student-run multimedia organization working to provide objective, accurate, relevant, and timely news to the University of Lynchburg community. The Critograph and Critograph.com are produced weekly by University of Lynchburg students. Freelance reporters and photographers are invited to submit stories for print or online media. Faculty and staff contributions are also considered for publication. The Critograph offers student opportunities in marketing, advertising, and sales.

The Prism – The student literary magazine since 1903 is edited by undergraduate students. It includes students’ stories, poems, creative non-fiction, and sometimes artwork.
Written Complaints

University of Lynchburg faculty and staff strive to provide each student with positive educational experiences and helpful services. Even so, it is understandable that complaints will arise from time to time. To address and resolve concerns as quickly as possible, please address complaints to the office responsible for overseeing the area of concern.

If you are uncertain about the appropriate contact for a complaint, you may submit a written complaint to the Office of the Dean of Students (114 Hundley Hall, University of Lynchburg, 1501 Lakeside Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24501-3113; 434.544.8226).

Emergency concerns regarding health or safety should be reported immediately to Campus Safety and Security (434.544.5555).

The vice president and dean for student development or his designee will review the written complaint and contact you regarding address of the complaint. If another University office is better able to address the complaint, then the vice president or his designee will forward the complaint to that office and notify you where the complaint was directed. A representative of the office receiving the forwarded complaint will then contact you regarding address of the complaint.

In addition, the University of Lynchburg offers the Campus Conduct Hotline, a confidential, independent, all-in service for reporting observed activity or behavior that is harmful, unethical, questionable, or causes personal injury (e.g., fraud, sexual harassment, discrimination, safety risk, internet abuse, workplace hostility). To use the Campus Conduct Hotline, call 866.943.5787. More information about the hotline is available at www.campusconduct.com.

Most concerns and complaints can be resolved at the campus level. However, after following the University of Lynchburg procedures, you may file a complaint with the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) through the student complaint process described on the SCHEV website (http://www.schev.edu/index/students-and-parents/resources/student-complaints).

Online students who live out of state may also alert the agency in their home state that deals with student complaints if an issue cannot be resolved through University of Lynchburg’s internal processes and you decide to file a complaint with the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV). See www.lynchburg.edu/academics/online-programs/ for a contact list.