

# Student Life

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The following is a brief description of campus life at Union University and the various organizations that contribute to its unique community. A description of academic clubs and professional organizations is given within each academic department listing in the *Catalogue*. A more complete list of campus organizations and fuller explanation of their purpose and function is presented in the *Campus Life Handbook*.

## Student Government Association (SGA)

The SGA, composed of all students enrolled in Union University, functions through its executive, legislative and judicial branches. Its elected officers and representatives serve as the official voice of the students in institutional affairs. The SGA seeks to foster University unity, promote student welfare and provide student programs, activities and services designed to meet the needs and interest of students.

## University Clubs

is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies. Membership is open to approximately the top ranking ten percent of the junior and senior classes.

honor society, was established to honor scholarship and leadership in adult students. The top 10% of all adult students enrolled and who have completed at least 24 hours at Union are eligible for membership.

Academic departments sponsor campus organizations and honor societies relating to and for the promotion of their disciplines of study. These are described within the respective academic departments.

In addition, the University sponsors more than 30 special interest organizations relating to varied activities, service, political and social activism, and growth. These are detailed in full in the *Campus Life Handbook*.

## Social Fraternities And Sororities

Union has six national social fraternities and sororities — Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Lambda Chi Alpha, Chi Omega, Zeta Tau Alpha, and Kappa Delta. Under the supervision of the University administration, these organizations have their own special activities and functions.

## University Awards

, established by the late Mr. I. B. Tigrett in memory of his mother, is presented to the outstanding senior in the graduating class. The award is based on citizenship, character, leadership, scholarship, and school service. To be eligible, a student must have attended Union his/her entire college career.

is presented to the student with the highest academic achievement in the graduation class with not less than a 3.75 provided a minimum of 56 semester hours at Union University are completed.

recognizes the senior who has attended Union University for four years with the highest grade point average.

## Fraternities and Sororities Awards

is presented to the outstanding woman in the social sciences.  
is given to the senior of the May class graduating *summa cum laude*, with highest rank.

## Student Publications

The *Cardinal and Cream*, official student newspaper of Union University, is published bimonthly and is distributed to students, faculty, staff, and administration without

charge. The *Cardinal and Cream* is written and edited by students of Union University, under the guidance of a faculty advisor.

The *Torch* is a literary and art annual published under the direction of student editors and an English Department faculty advisor. Its contents are made up of student writ-

All students preparing for church-related vocation within the Southern Baptist Convention and receiving the CCMS scholarship must adhere to program requirements. Details of the program are fully explained at a special orientation session at the beginning of the Fall Semester.

### **Intramural Athletics**

At Union University, intramural athletics constitute an essential part of the total college program. During the fall and spring semesters, a program of competitive intramural sports is sponsored that opens the way for wide participation for both men and women. Awards are given each year based on a point system.

### **Intercollegiate Athletics**

Intercollegiate athletic programs are an integral part of American college life. Union participates in the TranSouth conference and is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Union University offers varsity competition for men in basketball, tennis, baseball, golf and soccer and for women in basketball, tennis, softball, volleyball and cross country. Union's athletic programs adhere strictly to all university, conference, and national regulations involving sports and academics for student athletes.

### **Regulations**

Union University students are expected at all times to represent the University and the Christian community appropriately. Regulations regarding these expectations, student life as a whole and more particularly resident student life are found in detail in the *Campus Life Handbook*.

The President, the Dean of Students and the judicial system of the University are charged with the administration of discipline. They are empowered to rule in any irregularity pertaining to student life and impose consequences for values violations as expressed in the *Campus Life Handbook*. The judicial system and the grievance and appeal system are described in detail in that same publication.

### **Confidentiality of Student Records**

The privacy and confidentiality of all student records shall be preserved in accordance to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974. The objective of the Act is to provide adult students greater access to and control over information contained in educational records. The law stipulates that each institution is responsible for making students aware of the law and its various ramifications. More information about FERPA can be obtained from the Registrar. Official student academic records, supporting documents, and other student files shall be maintained, only by members of the University staff employed for that purpose, in separate files:

- Academic records, supporting documents and general education records—maintained by the Academic Center, academic departments and advisors
- Records of discipline proceeding— maintained by the Student Services Office
- Financial records—maintained by the Business Office
- Medical records—maintained by the Health Services Office
- Admissions records—maintained by the Admissions Office
- Financial aid records—maintained by the Financial Aid Office
- Teacher Education Placement records—maintained by the Career Services Office

Directory information (student's name, address including email address, telephone number, date and place of birth, photograph, academic major, class schedule, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and most recent previous educational insti-

tution attended) may be made public by the University unless a student requests to the Academic Center in writing that it be released only upon his/her consent.

### **Records Not Available for Student Inspection**

- Records of instructional, supervisory and administrative personnel which are in the sole possession of the maker thereof, and which are not accessible to others
- Records created or maintained by a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, or other recognized professional or paraprofessional which are used only in connection with the provisions of treatment of a student and are not available to persons other than those providing such treatment
- Financial records of students' parents
- Evaluations for which a student has waived his/her right of inspection

### **Health Services**

It is the mission of Health Services to help the students maintain the highest possible standards of health. Health Services is staffed by a full time registered nurse, part time nurse practitioners, and a part time physician. All visits to Health Services are covered by student fees. There is a nominal charge for lab tests and immunizations. Any charges incurred for treatment at off-campus facilities are the responsibility of the student.

Whereas International students are required to have insurance, all students are strongly encouraged to do so. Information on student insurance plans can be obtained through Health Services.

### **Career Services**