

STUDENT LIFE

The following is a brief description of campus life at Union University and the various organizations and services that contribute to its unique community. A more complete list of campus organizations and resources is available at

Barefoots Joe and Modero Coffee Roasters

Barefoots Joe, located in the Student Union Building, and Modero, located in The Logos library, are Union's two specialty coffee shops. Each provides single-origin coffees and espresso blends that are roasted in-house, as well as a full range of espresso

and health education including group fitness classes. Currently enrolled students, faculty, staff, and spouses are eligible to use the Center and participate in classes. One-on-one fitness training with a Certified Personal Trainer is available.

Center for Academic Success

The mission of the Center for Academic Success is to facilitate learning, development, and academic achievement by assisting students with appropriate strategies and behaviors to increase each student's learning efficiency. Through carefully-designed support programs, tutoring services, and study strategies, our goal is to foster student intellectual growth that encourages our communities of learners to make the most of their intellectual opportunities at Union.

The Center offers both support services and learning resources to assist the efforts of the University faculty and encourage students to become independent learners by bridging the gap between the classroom and a true understanding of the material.

Academic Support programs include

- **Keystone**: The goal of the Keystone program is to provide a smooth transition from the high school classroom to college through completion of a major or minor and a

successful college experience.

- **SI (Student Involvement)**: This service encompasses individual meetings with students to discuss programs of study, curriculum mapping, and academic concerns, while providing strategies to improve performance.
- **SI (Student Involvement)**: The SI program provides peer-facilitated weekly sessions that integrate content and learning strategies in which students discuss readings and lectures, collaborate in reviewing class notes, develop organizational tools, and predict test items.

Learning Resources:

- **Tutoring**: Subject-specific tutors provide individualized support that facilitates student learning and academic success through various scheduling options.
- **Smarthinking.com**: Undergraduate students have access to Smarthinking.com, an online tutoring service which provides assistance in a variety of subject areas, including 24/7 math tutoring and writing critique.
- **Academic Probation**: This resource provides individual support and accountability to students on academic probation. Support includes immediate contact with students when placed on probation to assist in grade point recovery, curriculum planning, and academic strategies.
- **Test Proctoring**: Test proctoring is provided as requested by faculty to meet student needs.

For more information, visit the website at

Christian Life and Activities

Union University is committed to the spiritual growth and development of each person on campus. Understanding that faith development and academic achievement go hand in hand, Union provides an excellent atmosphere as well as ongoing activities that stimulate a Christ-centered worldview and a life of discipleship.

The Office of University Ministries encourages each student to grow in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and in service to Him, thereby learning to love God and their neighbor. Activities include chapel services; Life Groups (a small group ministry for new students involving Bible study, discussion, and accountability); short-term mission projects through "Global Opportunities" trips; Campus and Community Day service projects; and off-campus ministries working with children, youth, adults, and senior adults. Also, Christian organizations providing

missionaries speak on campus, counsel students interested in missions, and promote the Lottie Moon offering in West Tennessee Southern Baptist churches.

Chapel and Lecture Series

The University holds chapel services twice weekly. Through these times, students, faculty and staff worship collectively and receive spiritual encouragement, moral guidance, and intellectual challenge. The worship of God and the integration of faith and learning and living are encouraged through events such as Faith and Practice Week, Global Opportunities Week, and the Crabtree Lectures on Marriage and Family.

Community Expectations

Union University students are expected at all times to represent the University and the Christian community appropriately. The general policy of conduct at Union University is that students conduct themselves as persons of faith who strive to exemplify the character of Jesus Christ throughout their daily lives. Regulations regarding these expectations, student life as a whole and more particularly residence student life are found in detail in the

available at

The Provost and the Dean of Students of the University are charged with the administration of discipline through the judicial system. They are empowered to rule in any irregularity pertaining to academics and student life and impose redemptive discipline for community values violations as expressed in the

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 Act provides students greater access to and control over information in educational records. 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 Life Office
- Financial records—maintained by the Business Office
- Medical records—maintained by the Health Services Office (governed also by HIPAA)
- Admissions records—maintained by the Admissions Office
- Financial aid records—maintained by the Financial Aid 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 institution attended) may be made public by the University. If the student wishes to have the aforementioned information private, they may make a request, in writing, to the Academic Center.

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



full-color news magazine, _____, is published each semester and distributed to students, faculty, staff, and administration without charge. _____ and _____ are managed, written and edited by students under the guidance of a faculty advisor. In addition to students enrolled in the Journalism Practicum, any student enrolled in classes at Union may apply for staff positions, particularly those interested in journalism or a related communications field. The campus newspaper enhances the experiences of students in writing, layout, editing, photography, advertising, and journalism.