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QUESTIONS
A HANDBOOK FOR PARENTS

U N I O N U N I V E R S I T Y



Dear Union Parent:

We eagerly await the arrival of your son or daughter in September! Our staff continues to pray for your child by name. We pray the transition to college life at Union will not only be smooth, but incredibly positive. We also pray the Lord will continue to prepare the hearts and minds of these students as the first semester of college life at Union approaches!

We have compiled answers to some frequently asked questions; however, we know many of you may have additional questions as you make preparations. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 731-661-5090 or kthornbu@uu.edu. I can answer many questions or put you in touch with another staff member who will gladly address your question or concern. Also, please check out our Parent's Place web site www.uu.edu/parentsplace. This site is designed exclusively for you and includes a way for you to sign up to receive Union's weekly e-announcements (highly recommended), information on Family Weekend, Care Packages, our calendar of events, and more. Finally, a separate information booklet entitled *The Bulldog Guide: Brief, Helpful and Necessary Information for New Students entering Union University*, given directly to incoming students, can also be an additional source of helpful information as you look towards September.

Again, may God bless you this summer. We stand with you and your family as your child begins his or her time with us at Union University.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimberly C. Thornbury". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Kimberly Thornbury, Ph.D.
Vice President for Student Services & Dean of Students

I Corinthians 2:9

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

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Nights/Weekends: 731.661.5036

Emergency Cell Number: 731.394.2922

Academic Center

When are Progress Reports published and who receives them?

These are reported online via WebAdvisor midway through the fall and spring semesters. Your access to those grades is through direct communication with your student.

When are Final Grade Reports published and who receives them?

They are reported to the student on WebAdvisor at the end of the semester or term.

How do I know when grades are posted?

The grading calendar for the school year is available on the Parents' Page on Union's Website at www.uu.edu/parentsplace. This calendar indicates the day all grades are due; grades may be reported prior to the deadline but the semester's report should be completed no later than the end of that working day.

How are addresses changed?

Addresses are updated by the student at Union Station. Separate addresses may be maintained for correspondence, billing, and grades. Non-resident parents may also be noted with a separate address, and they will then receive parents' mail separately.

What is a full-time student?

A full-time student is one who is enrolled in at least twelve (12) semester hours for credit in a fall or spring semester or at least three (3) semester hours for credit in a January, June, or July term. Most students must maintain full-time status to be eligible for participation in their parents' family medical insurance and many financial aid awards.

How do I get verification of enrollment?

Computer-generated enrollment verification reports are available at Union Station. The inquirer, such as an insurance company or scholarship fund, may provide their own form which Union Station will complete in lieu of the report.

How does my son/daughter get a Good Student Discount Form completed for auto insurance?

Until final grades are earned through Union University, the student must have the former school (high school or college) complete the report.

After the student has earned final grades at Union, Union Station will complete the form provided for this purpose.

Can a student earn credit by testing AFTER beginning college?

Yes, the Testing Center at Union, Ms. Cindy Shirley, Director, (available at 731.661.5487), offers the College Level Exam Program (CLEP) and DANTES exams through their next to last semester. Testing schedules and registration are available at www.uu.edu/academics/testing. Course parallel information is available in the catalogue. Registration for a test does not constitute approval for its application to the student's degree program.

How can an official transcript be obtained?

Forms are available at Union Station; requests are also accepted by mail and by fax to the Academic Center at 731.661.5187. Official transcripts carry a processing fee of \$3.00 if mailed, \$5.00 if faxed, or \$5.00 if needed in person on demand. Unofficial advising copies are available to current students through WebAdvisor. Only written requests can be honored because the student's signature is required for the release of transcripts.

How can I chart my student's progress at Union?

On a Semesterly Basis

Unfortunately, no staff or faculty member can discuss a student's grades with a parent or anyone else after the student's 18th birthday without proof of financial dependence or the student's signed release. See "FERPA Release Form" in the Campus Life Handbook for its use and a more detailed explanation. The FERPA form can also be downloaded at www.uu.edu/dept/provost/forms/Registrar/FERPA2.pdf. The exception is a conference with parents or other interested parties that is attended by the student and in which the student agrees to the discussion.

Each student will receive his/her grades through an internet account known as WebAdvisor. This account is set up shortly after your student begins his/her first semester of enrollment at Union. Your student can log on to his/her account at home to show you the academic record. Both Progress Reports (mid semester) and Final Grades can be viewed in this manner as well as the complete academic record. WebAdvisor is accessed at webadvisor.uu.edu.

Toward Graduation

During or before the junior year, each student should file a form declaring major(s) and minor(s) pursued. As a junior, every student should schedule a degree-audit appointment, formal communication of which

degree requirements have been met and those that are outstanding. The student leaves the appointment with a written audit detailing the outstanding requirements. The University leaves the responsibility of communicating audit details to the parent with the student.

Business Services

How do I make payments on my son or daughter's student account?

To help meet your education expenses, Union University is proud to offer FACTS as a convenient budget plan. This is not a loan program, but rather a way to spread out payments of the balance of your tuition and other fees over the course of the semester. There are no interest or finance charges assessed, and there is no credit check. The cost to budget your interest-free monthly payment plan is \$25 per semester or a \$45 annual non-refundable FACTS enrollment fee. You may budget your tuition and fees in the following ways: a) Automatic bank payment from your checking or savings account or b) a credit card option (all major credit cards except VISA). You may register for the FACTS agreement online at www.uu.edu/admissions/financialinfo/ or you may call the FACTS/Student Accounts Office at 731.661.5071.

You may now make payments on your student account online through Web Advisor. Just click on the Make a Payment link under the Students Menu. We will accept MasterCard, American Express, and Discover credit cards and bank debit cards. Due to VISA merchant policies, we do not accept VISA cards for payments. If you choose to pay your student account by debit or credit card, there is a 2.5% processing fee, charged to the cardholder account by the credit card processor, whether the payment is made using the telephone or in person.

Alternatively, you may have funds electronically withdrawn from your bank account by calling Union Station at 731-661-5000 and giving them the appropriate information. There will be no additional charges to you for this service.

Where can my son/daughter cash a check?

Many local banks offer free checking to students. First Bank has an ATM on campus. However, Union Station is also available to cash a personal student check up to \$50 per day.

Campus Ministries

How does my son or daughter find out about local churches?

Campus Ministries has a database of churches that can be used as a guide in finding a home church for your child. However, the best way for your son or daughter to find out about local churches is to either speak to other students on campus or speak with someone in Campus Ministries. Campus Ministries has great relationships with the area churches and can help your child get plugged in to a local church in the Jackson community.

If my student does not have a car, is transportation provided to local churches?

Many churches offer rides by picking up those students weekly who are in need of transportation. Also, many students have cars on this campus and are very willing to take others with them when they go to church.

How do I send my child a care package?

Campus Ministries would like to give you the opportunity to encourage your student with a gift, while at the same time, supporting the mission efforts that take place throughout the semesters. While you cannot always be present, we would love to provide a special care package to your student along with a personal message from you. Ordering a care package takes place through the Union website at www.uu.edu/parentsplace/.

Career Services

Can anyone help my son/daughter determine what major is right for him/her?

The staff in Career Services offers the MBTI/Strong software program to assist students in their exploration of career options by learning more about their lives: their skills, interests, values and life focus and what career field would be most compatible to them. In addition, all freshmen are encouraged to begin developing a four-year career plan that will assist them in discovering opportunities to live out their uniqueness.

Are there part-time jobs available if my son/daughter needs extra money?

Yes, students can access the part-time job listings through the Career Services website: www.uu.edu/student-services/careerservices. This website is

password protected. Please call Career Services at 731.661.5421 for the current password.

Are there jobs available in my son/daughter's major?

Internships are handled through the academic departments and are usually completed after the sophomore year. However, if he/she wants to find employment during the semester or for the summer, a staff member in Career Services can assist in this employment search. For upperclassmen about to enter the job market, multiple career fairs are offered throughout the year to assist them in their search. Finally, Career Services maintains an online résumé database whereby employers have access to search for qualified candidates. So, Career Services brings multiple recruitment opportunities to Union students.

Is there assistance in creating résumés?

Yes! Students can access résumé samples by visiting the Career Services website at www.uu.edu/student-services/careerservices. A Career Services staff member can assist with résumé writing, interviewing skills, occupational research, as well as other subjects dealing with the job search.

How can my son/daughter get his/her résumé out to employers?

The Career Services office houses an online résumé database. After a student's résumé is approved by Career Services, it is uploaded to the online résumé database. Students then associate their résumés with categories of interest. Employers then search the database by major or key word to find qualified candidates to contact for open positions. The online résumé database is an excellent opportunity for students to market themselves to prospective employers.

My son/daughter has never had a formal interview, and he/she knows nothing about what to wear for an interview or what to say during the interview!

He/she may make an appointment for a mock interview. Mock interviews are held individually or with a panel. The Career Services staff offers professional guidelines for proper business attire as part of interview skills training.

Chapel Programs

When are Chapels offered?

Every Wednesday and Friday at 10 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

How many Chapels do the students have to attend each year?

Students must attend at least 14 per semester. Over 20 chapels are offered each semester.

How do they get credit for attendance?

Students scan their Dawg Tag after Chapel to record attendance.

Why does Union have chapel? What are they like?

Union is a Christian university. We come together each week as a university community to worship and glorify God, to build community among the entire university, and to inform and teach concerning the areas of faith and learning. The chapel experience is the central and focal event of the university—a time when we give public expression to who we are as a community. Chapel services focus on expositional preaching, encouragement of students, and corporate worship that is faithful to the Scriptures, rooted in our heritage, and looking to the future.

Computing Services

Visit www.uu.edu/computing/answers.htm for answers to:

1. What does EVERY student need to know about technology at Union, including Union's use of its e-mail system as an official means of communication with students?
2. What does Union require, provide, or suggest?
3. What do I need to know to use my computer in the residence complexes?
4. Where do I get help with problems?
5. Where do I get more information?

Students will also receive a comprehensive computing services overview during orientation and a computing services handout during pre-registration; we ask that each student review the information on this handout or online prior to move-in day.

Can someone help connect my student's dorm room computer to the network/internet in their apartment in the residence complex?

Yes! Student computer technicians will personally come to your son or daughter's dorm room to help connect his or her personal computer to the network. To schedule an appointment, please have your student call the residential networking support line at 731.661.5585. Please understand that this help is for network issues only. Union does not have the support staff to assist students who need help with personal computer problems, viruses, upgrades, etc. Various local companies provide technical support if needed. Check the phone book for "Computers-Service and Repair."

Counseling Services / Disability Services

What does the Counseling Services office do?

Counseling Services supports the University mission of development of the whole person, a person of intellectual, spiritual, social, psychological, and physical dimensions. The primary goal is to assist students in successfully completing their academic programs by maintaining and enhancing their psychological and emotional well-being through normal developmental and maturational processes.

What kinds of services are available through Counseling Services?

Among the services offered are individual, group, and couples counseling, crisis intervention, psychological testing and assessment, personal development seminars, psychoeducational workshops, outreach presentations, referrals to other university departments and community resources, and family consultations. Students having academic problems can find help for test anxiety and can learn better study skills. Counseling Services works with Career Services to provide vocational testing to assist with selection of a career or major. All services are provided in an environment that supports and embraces diversity and recognizes individual and cultural differences. Testing for learning disabilities is available at a reduced cost of \$200.

Who staffs the Counseling office?

The Director of Counseling Services, Dr. Paul Deschenes, Psy.D., is available full-time to assist students with personal counseling, arrange referrals as needed, and consult with faculty and staff.

Who is eligible for counseling services?

Any student enrolled in undergraduate or graduate classes at Union University is eligible for on-campus counseling services at no charge. Limited off-campus services are available by referral only.

How can my son/daughter begin counseling?

Walk-ins are accepted based on availability of the counselor at the time. Typically, students can get an appointment convenient to their schedule within one or two days. Students can call 731.661.5322 to make an appointment.

What are the hours and location of the Counseling Center?

The counselor is available for appointments between 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. on MWF and 8:00 a.m.–noon on T/R on normal school days or otherwise by scheduled appointment only. The office is located in the Student Union Building.

Is there a limit to the services provided?

Services provided through the Counseling Center are generally of a short-term nature. Some psychological needs require more specialized, intensive, or longer-term assistance than the Center is designed to provide. In such situations the Center may assist with assessment, referrals, or consultations as needed.

What are some of the common problems that students bring to counseling?

Most students who take advantage of this service are interested in their own personal growth and adjustment to the world around them. All students face normal developmental concerns and academic pressures, and, at times, they may feel anxious, lonely, confused, depressed, or angry. Counselors help them explore alternative strategies for coping and dealing with their world. Typical problems may include:

- stress/anxiety
- relationship issues—significant other, family, roommate, friends
- academic problems—study skills, test anxiety, time management
- sexual issues—assault, abuse
- personality problems

- disordered eating
- sleep problems
- stress—too much to do—procrastination—time management
- long-term goals—career assessment
- depression—thoughts of suicide
- abuse issues
- concerns about a friend or other person
- feeling isolated or lonely
- coping with loss of a friend or relative
- lack of confidence and self-esteem

Does Counseling Services help students with disabilities or special needs?

Yes. The Director of Counseling Services is also the coordinator of services for students with disabilities and special needs. Any questions concerning disability issues should be directed to the Director (contact by phone 731.661.5322 or e-mail pdeschen@uu.edu).

What assistance is available? What is the process for getting help?

The Director is available to help students with disabilities with appropriate accommodations. Students must first provide documentation of a specific disability and how that disability impacts academic performance and ability. The Director will then meet with the student to formulate accommodations specific to the student's disability. The Director is also available to help the student with time management and study skills and to assist the student in identifying additional resources.

Is there a fee for counseling services?

Sessions with the Director of Counseling Services are free of charge to all current students. If a student is referred to an outside counselor from the Counseling Services office, Union will pay for the first five visits. After that, the external sessions must be paid for by the student. The complete battery of testing for learning disabilities is available for the subsidized cost of \$200.

What about confidentiality?

All information discussed in the counseling session, including the fact of contact itself, is confidential and is released only with written consent of the student. Exceptions to confidentiality (potential harm to client or another person or child abuse issues, reports of which are mandated

by law) will be explained by the counselor. Confidentiality ensures that records of your counseling sessions do not go on your academic record, and information will not be disclosed to other offices, individuals, or organizations without your permission.

Are the services available to family members of students?

If, for example, a married student is having marital problems, the student and a non-student spouse may be seen as a couple by Counseling Services; however, a non-student spouse would not be eligible for services to deal with his or her personal concerns. The same would be true for family members. If a student has issues that could benefit from having parents or other family members participate in the session, this may also be arranged, or the counselor will consult about a referral if that is preferred.

Emergency Notification System

Union University has developed an emergency notification system that is now available to all students, faculty, staff and parents on our Germantown, Jackson, and Olford Center campuses. This system is voluntary, but students, faculty, staff and parents are encouraged to register to receive text messages on their cell phones in the event of a campus wide emergency, security and/or severe weather threat.

Registration for this system may be found at www.uu.edu/uualerts. After arriving at the site, students, faculty, or staff will be asked for their Groupwise/Webadvisor username and password. Then, they will enter their name, Union ID number (ID required for students, ID not required for faculty, staff, and parents), e-mail, cell phone number and carrier information. Once registered, you will remain in the system unless you choose to have your name removed. You may opt to be removed from the system at any time. More information about this program and frequently asked questions may also be obtained at www.uu.edu/uualerts.

Also, when choosing your carrier, please know that AT&T mmode.com option is for Cingular users, and AT&T txt.att.net option is for AT&T users. Understanding that many people pay to receive text messages, the system will be used with discretion and again, used only in the event of a high-level emergency that would require the notification of the entire campus. This text message program is an added layer of security, and e-mail and the campus website will still be the most reliable sources

of information about security-related campus events. In the event that our Union website goes down in the event of an emergency, an alternate website www.uuemergency.com will mirror any emergency information.

We ask that you register for this alert system today as we must remain vigilant in keeping the safety of our students, faculty, and staff as top priority. If you would like further information on the Union University Crisis Management plan an/or the Emergency Notification System, please contact the Office of the Vice President for Student Services at 731.661.5090 or kthornbu@uu.edu or the Office of Safety & Security at 731.661.5033.

External Study Programs

Union University offers many opportunities for students to participate in external study programs that can enhance their academic experience. These include both stateside programs as well as those overseas.

All students participating in external academic programs in the United States or abroad must officially notify the University prior to beginning the registration process for the program. Failure to do so may jeopardize appropriate transfer of credits and/or applicable funding. Complete guidelines for external study are available in the External Study Student Handbook. The Handbook includes information on program selection and application, travel, financial responsibility, and scholarships. Students can request more information or a Handbook in the Institute for International and Intercultural Studies. Contact Dr. Cynthia Jayne, Associate Provost for International and Intercultural Studies (731.661.5358) or Carol Johnson, Program Coordinator for the Institute (731.661.5057).

Family Weekend

Family Weekend is an exciting time on Union's campus. The fall dates are set for October 3 and 4, 2008. For more information and to register, please visit www.uu.edu/parentsplace. We would love to see you on campus this fall!

Health Services

If my son/daughter gets sick, what medical services are available on campus?

The University Health Clinic is open Monday–Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. This clinic is staffed by a registered nurse. Patients are assessed, treated for minor illnesses and injuries, and referred by the university nurse for more specialized care when necessary. Additional health care is provided by nurse practitioners and a University physician on a scheduled basis. The university physicians work two hours a week. The nurse practitioners work approximately six hours a week. Clinic hours are posted at the health clinic, in the lobby of the residence complexes, and on the Health Services home page at the Union University website (www.uu.edu/studentlife/healthservices).

Where should a student seek medical help if he/she is injured or gets sick at night or on the weekend?

The Residence Director should always be notified if a student is seriously ill or injured. The Director can then help the student decide where to seek medical attention. There are several walk-in medical clinics and two hospitals in Jackson. One hospital and one walk-in clinic are within walking distance of the University.

Before your child comes to Union University, it is important that you discuss your insurance benefits with them. This is essential in case of referrals to outside agencies for health care. Please complete the insurance information on the health form and provide a copy of the front and back of your insurance card for the University Health Clinic. If your insurance coverage changes, please fax these changes to the University Director of Health Services (731.661.5499), so that your child's medical record can be updated.

Is a student charged for a visit to Health Services?

There is no charge for an office visit to the University Health Clinic. Medications that are dispensed by the clinic are also free. There is a nominal fee for lab tests. The fees for immunizations are right at the actual cost of vaccine and supplies used. Fees for any services received at off-campus medical facilities are the responsibility of the student.

Do you give allergy shots?

Yes. We will administer allergy shots as prescribed by your allergist. You must contact the clinic first to make an appointment during a time that the university physician is on campus.

Does Union offer health insurance?

Most students come with their own health insurance. However, for those who do not have coverage, the Health Services office can provide information for two different student health plans. These are individual plans and are not funded by Union University.

Minority Student Resources & Opportunities

Tell me more about minority student resources and opportunities available for my son or daughter attending Union this fall.

The Assistant Dean of Students provides support to minority students and offers resources to help each student navigate college life at Union in a positive way.

Below are specific areas of expertise provided by the Assistant Dean of Students:

- * Goal Setting (academic and career) and developing a career plan
- * Job Search (networking, job shadowing, internships, part- and full-time career opportunities)
- * Academic Counseling and Open Communication with Professors regarding academic responsibility and success
- * Life Vision and Responsibility
- * Personality Testing and Interest Inventory Interpretation
- * Career Counseling / Coaching
- * Graduate School Preparation and Advising
- * Financial Aid: Committee Chair of the African American and Minority Scholarship Committees
- * Financial Aid: Administration of Servant Leadership Award through the Career Services Office
- * Staff Advisor to Mosaic

Mosaic is the student organization which provides social, spiritual, and leadership support to minority students at Union. The purpose of Mosaic is to provide a community for all students, especially ethnic minority students, which equips them with resources, support, and meaningful opportunities to strengthen leadership and intercultural competency (Rev 7:9) through Great Commandment (Matthew 22:37-40) thinking and action.

Additional minority student resources include a comprehensive web site which covers everything from academic resources to financial aid. Visit www.uu.edu/minorityresources to find out more. To Join MOSAIC, students should contact Staff Advisor, Jacqueline S. Taylor, Assistant Dean of Students via email: jtaylor@uu.edu or phone: 731.661.5316.

Parent Resources

Do you have a website that provides information to parents?

Yes, we have Parent's Place, a website dedicated solely to parents of Union University Students! On this website you can receive information on important dates for parents of new and returning students, including the annual Family Weekend.

If you are planning a trip to Union, you can view local hotel information and maps for directions to our campus. You can also visit the Feedback Bulletin Board where you can ask a question directly to the Dean of Students and view other questions and answers from other parents. We also provide information on how you can send a care package to your student. When you visit, **please don't forget to sign up for E-announcements, Union's weekly community announcement e-mail,** and Praying for UU, a monthly e-mail with prayer concerns for the Union campus.

Please visit Parent's Place at www.uu.edu/parentsplace.

Post Office

How do I address a letter or package for my son/daughter?

UU _____

Student Name

1050 Union University Dr.

Jackson, TN 38305-3697

Warning: Any mail addressed to Union University with the words “Post Office Box” or “P.O. Box” as the delivery address instead of “**UU Box**” will be delayed and could be returned to sender.

Can my son/daughter receive large packages and overnight deliveries through the Union Post Office?

Yes, we notify the students of packages by placing a slip in their box that they can bring to the office, and, with a picture ID, they may receive their package. We notify by phone those students receiving an overnight delivery. Overnight packages sent on Friday will not be received until Monday morning.

Can I find out my son/daughter’s box number by phone if I misplace it?

No, because of a privacy act, we do not allow students’ addresses to be given out over the phone. This is for their safety and protection. The students receive all information about their box at the beginning of each semester, so be sure to receive it from them at that time.

Residence Life

What may my son/daughter bring to campus?

The apartments are fully equipped with furniture. Students may bring a computer, TV, DVD player, stereo, vacuum, ironing board, all bed accessories for a regular sized twin bed (linens, mattress cover, pillow, blanket/comforter), towels, cleaning supplies/laundry supplies, small first aid kit, flashlight, wastebasket, broom, mop, and other personal items. In the McAfee Residence Complex, students will need to bring a microwave and telephone. Please note that there is no phone service in the new apartments, only McAfee. Therefore students in the New Residence Complexes should bring a cell phone. The living and bedroom windows in the new student buildings in McAfee Residence Complex are approximately 70" wide and 34" high. Mini-blinds are provided, but students may bring curtains if they desire. In the new Residence Complex, the windows are approximately 34.5" wide. If students desire to hang curtains in the New Residence Complexes, they may be hung using a tension rod only (no brackets). Also, only 3M Command Strips are approved to secure items (pictures, posters, etc.) to the walls. More information is located on the web site at <http://www.uu.edu/student-services/residencelife> by clicking on “Common Questions.”

What should my son/daughter NOT bring to campus?

For fire safety reasons, students may NOT BRING candles, incense burners, halogen lamps, deep fryers or hot plates. No pets of any kind are permitted (including fish). Also, students may not bring paintball guns, airsoft guns, sling shots, fireworks, alcohol, tobacco (in any form), or imodest clothing.

Should we purchase Renters Insurance for my son/daughter's personal belongings while they are at college?

Union University's property insurance will NOT cover loss, damage, or theft of student's personal property. Since this generation of students are bringing more expensive items to college (computers, iPods, etc.), Union strongly recommends obtaining Renters Insurance or checking with your family's Homeowners Insurance to see if it will cover students' property while away at college.

In case of an emergency, whom should the student contact?

Residents should contact the Resident Director on-duty (731.298.7768), a Resident Staff Advisor, or a Resident Advisor in case of an emergency. The Residence Life staff is trained to handle all types of emergencies. In addition to the Residence Life staff, security officers are also on duty 24 hours a day to assist students (731.394.2922). If it is a life threatening emergency, the student may first call 911 (9-911 if calling from on-campus phones) and then call the RD on duty and Security.

What are Union's community values, values violation sanctions, and community responsibilities?

Union desires to help students integrate their faith with their daily lives. The five scripturally-based Community Values that ALL Union students, faculty, staff, and administration are expected to uphold are: 1. Worth of the Individual, 2. Self-Discipline, 3. Academic and Personal Integrity, 4. Respect for Property and the Environment, and 5. Respect for Community Authority. If someone violates a Community Value, different levels of redemptive discipline are implemented to bring restoration to themselves and the Union community. Examples of sanctions include one or a combination of the following: reprimand, community service, written reflective paper, fine, restitution, counseling, parental notification, loss of privilege, Residence Life probation or suspension, University probation or suspension, or expulsion. In addition to upholding the Union University community values, all students have the responsibility to confront and/or report to the

appropriate Union staff any behavior from fellow students that violates our community values.

The Campus Life Handbook gives further details on these Values/Sanctions/Responsibilities which are created to ensure a fun and safe living/learning environment in a community of respect.

Do all resident students have a curfew?

Yes. Curfew is 2 a.m.; however, for the first week, Thursday (move-in day) through the following Thursday night, freshmen have a “Freshmen Curfew” at 11:00 p.m. Freshmen curfew is to assist freshmen in establishing time management, productive study habits, getting to know their roommates, getting adequate sleep, and adjusting to College Life and apartment living. The Commons closes at 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights and at 2:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. At 11 p.m. each night the Welcome House is staffed, and the gate “arm” is put down. Each car entering resident parking must show a current resident parking sticker to enter. After curfew every vehicle entering will be stopped, and all occupants will be asked for a current Union ID.

How is the housing arranged?

Residence Life is uniquely arranged in apartment-style housing featuring a private bedroom with filtered computer access for each individual student. The three Residence Directors make housing assignments for incoming students based on the date the student’s \$100 housing deposit was received along with the information submitted by students on their Residence Life Application Card. McAfee residence complex has a Commons (lobby area) complete with laundry facilities, vending areas, a full kitchen, computer lab, meeting/study room, and a large social area for students to watch TV, play games, and visit with other students or guests. During 2008-2009, a commons will be built for the New Residence Complexes. Laundry facilities will not be included in the new commons because there is a washer/dryer in each apartment. The University has scheduled “Open Visitation Hours” when students may visit students of the opposite sex. Open Visitation hours are Friday 2:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m., Saturday 2:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m., and Sunday 12:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

May my son/daughter live off-campus?

Union University recognizes the experience of residential living as a valuable part of students’ education by providing opportunities to integrate their faith with their daily living, develop servant leadership

abilities, and build lifelong friendships. Therefore, Union has chosen to be a residential university requiring all unmarried, full-time, undergraduate students to live on campus. Students desiring to live off-campus must first fill out a “Request for Approval To Live Off-Campus” form in the Residence Life office. They must meet one of the following qualifications:

- They will be at least 21 years of age by September 1 of the academic year for which they are requesting;
- They will be living at home with their parents and commuting to school. (Parents’ signature is required on the Request to Live Off-Campus form);
- They have an existing medical problem requiring off-campus residency. (Doctor’s recommendation for off-campus residency must be submitted on the doctor’s letterhead); or
- They are a part-time student.

Any student who moves off-campus without an approved request for off-campus from the Director of Residence Life or Appeals Committee will be charged a housing fee of \$2,450 each semester he/she does not honor the university housing policy.

Is internet access provided? May my son/daughter bring a computer?

Union provides a network port with free, filtered internet access at the desk in the bedroom of every McAfee residential student. (In McAfee a separate phone line is also provided on the opposite wall.) The New Residence Complexes will have wireless access. Students are encouraged to bring computers which will prove to be quite convenient as they complete class assignments. Computer labs are also available on campus and upstairs in the Commons. (See www.uu.edu/computing for details.)

What are the options for meal plans for the cafeteria and Lexington Inn?

All single students living on-campus are required to purchase a 100-block meal plan. If a student runs out of meals prior to the end of the semester, supplemental 10-block meal plans may be purchased. No Sunday evening meal is served during the regular academic year. Students may choose to eat in either the cafeteria or the Lexington Inn.

Can students stay on campus during school holidays and breaks?

The period of occupancy of the student's housing contract does not include Thanksgiving holidays, Christmas holidays, Spring Break, or the Summer Terms. During Thanksgiving and Spring Break, students who live more than 500 miles away may stay at no charge if they sign up in the Commons office. Students are permitted to rent a room during January and summer terms if they are working full time. If they are not enrolled in class, they will not be required to purchase a meal plan. Students who are not on campus during the January term may leave their belongings in the room that they will be living in during the upcoming spring semester.

Can I come and visit my son or daughter in their apartment?

Definitely. Parents are welcome to visit their son or daughter on campus. If your son or daughter is of the opposite sex, please stop by the commons and sign-in/out if your visit is not during our scheduled open visitation hours.

Safety and Security

What types of parking regulations are in effect in order to have maximum safety?

Students may not back into parking spaces because permits are placed on the rear window of the vehicle, and it is difficult to read each permit when vehicles are parked in both directions. The possibility of a fender-bender is also greater when vehicles are parked in both directions. Fire regulations require that circle areas in front of buildings be kept clear at all times. Students will be allowed to pull into the fire lane as long as they stay in their vehicle. If vehicles are left unattended, they will be ticketed.

Parking has been designed so that emergency vehicles such as fire trucks can get around in the parking lots. The parking lots must be kept so that these (or other) large emergency vehicles can pull in and drive around at all hours—day or night.

Campus speed limits are posted and speed bumps are in place to keep traffic at a safe pace.

Why are window permits used? Why must permits be stuck to the window?

Union wanted a permit that everyone could properly put on his/her vehicle without fear of any damage. The permit must be stuck directly to the vehicle so that it will stay in place for the entire school year. When scotch tape and suction cups are used, some students remove their permit and park in restricted areas. In addition, alternate methods of attachment tend to wash off in car washes.

Identifying these vehicles adds to labor costs and frequently involves help from agencies off campus. If students cannot put the parking permit properly on the vehicle, they will need to find an alternate method of transportation such as riding with a friend, riding the bus, or parking the vehicle off-campus. The permits have been designed to be removable at the end of the designated period of use. Permits must be placed on the outside of the back windshield as some tinted windows are so dark the permit becomes invisible.

What if my student has to temporarily drive a different car?

They need to come to the Security office and ask for a temporary permit. If the vehicle is to be used for an extended period of time, come to the Security office and ask to purchase a second permit for \$5.00.

What types of security measures are taken to protect my son/daughter at night?

The Welcome House is located at the main entrance to the residence complex parking lots. The Welcome House is staffed to monitor vehicles entering the campus. A 2:00 a.m. curfew is in place for all residents of Union University. All entrance gates are locked at 11:00 p.m., and each car entering through the Welcome House must show proof of residence. All non-Union persons must present identification for record keeping. Non-Union students are allowed to deliver students to campus without producing identification.

After Curfew?

Each vehicle will be stopped, and all occupants will be asked for a valid Union ID. If a Union ID is not available, then a driver's license or some form of picture ID will be accepted. Students must sign in as late for curfew. If your son/daughter is expecting a visitor, it should be arranged with their Resident Director prior to the visitor or overnight guest arriving. A list of all visitors will be given to Security and kept at the Welcome House to

expedite check in. In the event of an unexpected visitor, the Residence Director on-duty will be contacted upon their arrival.

How do I contact Safety & Security?

The Office of Safety and Security can be reached at 731.661.5018 during business hours. In non-emergency situations, Security can be contacted at the Welcome House at 731.661.5036. In the event of an emergency, security officers can be reached, 24/7, on their cell phone at 731.394.2922.

Student Financial Planning

How do we apply for financial aid at Union University?

First, complete the Application for undergraduate admissions and scholarship assistance available online at www.uu.edu/financialaid and second, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA form) at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

What is the difference between a Subsidized and an Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan?

For the Subsidized Stafford Loan, the federal government pays the interest for the student while he is in school at least half-time and during the six month grace period before repayment begins. For the Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, the student is responsible for the interest while in school. The interest can be paid on a quarterly basis while the student is in school, or can be capitalized (that is rolled into the principal) and payment deferred.

What is a Master Promissory Note?

The Master Promissory Note (MPN) is a Serial Note for the Federal Stafford Loan or Federal PLUS, valid for up to ten years. Once a student has signed an original Master Promissory Note with a lender, a new MPN will not be required for subsequent years unless there is a change in the lender. There is also a Master Promissory Note for the Federal Perkins Loan, held by Union University.

How do I select a lender for Stafford, PLUS or Alternative Loan?

Union has a Lender's List for each type of loan that is highly recommended for use to select a lender. The advantage of selecting one of these lenders is because federal funds are transmitted to Union by

electronic means. This expedites the processing and receiving of loans. If you choose to apply for an Alternative Educational Loan, Union recommends that you select a lender from our Alternative Lender List.

What are the interest rates on Education Loans?

The interest rate for Stafford loans is fixed at 6.8% and the interest rate for the Parent PLUS loan is fixed at 8.5%. The interest rate on a Federal Perkins loan is fixed at 5%; however, interest does not accrue as long as you are at least a half-time student. Interest rates on Alternative loans vary with each lender.

How will I be notified that I have received a loan?

Students will be notified in an award letter of the proposed loan amount(s) each academic year. If the student wants to reject or make adjustment to the type and/or amount of their loans, he/she should indicate such changes on the acceptance letter, sign it and return it to the Office of Student Financial Planning. Note that first-time borrowers must also complete entrance counseling at <http://www.mapping-your-future.org> before funds can be certified with their lender.

Loan amounts are subject to change if the Financial Aid Package is adjusted. Federal Regulations do not allow a student to be over awarded beyond the cost of attendance.

What is Entrance Counseling?

In order to ensure that every Stafford Loan borrower understands completely the Stafford Loan Program, the federal government requires first time borrowers to complete entrance counseling before funds can be credited to the student's account. After completion of online entrance counseling, the Office of Student Financial Planning will be automatically notified by email. Federal Perkins Loan borrowers must also complete entrance counseling for the Perkins Loan before funds can be credited to their student account.

When will the loan funds be credited to my student account?

The loan period for the traditional undergraduate programs is usually fall through spring. Disbursements of loans generally will be the second weeks after the beginning of each semester provided the loan is awarded prior to the beginning of the term. The lender will send notification of the anticipated disbursements dates and loan amounts to the student's home address.

The Office of Student Financial Planning will notify you by email when your funds are credited to your student account. Federal regulations require that this be done within three days after funds are received by Union. Note that first-time borrowers must also complete entrance counseling at <http://www.mapping-your-future.org/> before funds can be credited to their student account.

Federal Perkins Loan funds will not be credited to the student's account until the student has completed entrance counseling for the Perkins Loan and signed their Federal Perkins Master Promissory Note for the year in the Office of Student Financial Planning.

If I have an overage (credit balance) on my account when the loan funds come in, how and when can I get that money?

Students who have a credit balance on their student account as a result of loan funds will have a check available at Union Station within 14 days after the loan is credited to their account.

Credit balance checks may be picked up at Union Station. Checks not picked up will be mailed after one week to the home address.

If my parent needs to apply for a PLUS loan, how do I know how much he/she should borrow?

You may request up to the cost of attendance minus any other aid already awarded. Online instructions are available at <http://www.uu.edu/financialaid/undergradhowtoapply.cfm>.

What if my parent is denied a PLUS by the lender?

The lender will notify both your parent and Union of the denial. By federal law, a student may be awarded an additional Unsubsidized Loan (\$4000 for a freshman or sophomore and \$5,000 for a junior or senior) if the parent is denied a PLUS. Union will automatically award the additional loan after we receive notice of a PLUS denial.

When do Federal Loans have to be paid back?

Repayment of a Federal Stafford Loan begins six months after the student graduates or ceases to be at least a half-time student. Repayment of a PLUS loan begins 60 days after the second (usually spring) disbursement. Repayment of a Federal Perkins Loan begins nine months after the student graduates or ceases to be at least a half-time student.

Student Leadership

How can my student get involved on campus?

We host over sixty student organizations and clubs on campus. From the Student Activities Council to departmental societies to Greek organizations, there are many ways for your student to plug-in. The easiest ways for students to find out about these groups are to ask current members about their organization and to attend the campus Life Fair on Sunday afternoon during orientation.

What about Student Government—can my student run for office?

While there are officers for the sophomore, junior and senior classes, the freshman class is represented by the Freshman Council. Fifteen freshmen are chosen by an application and interview process each September to serve on the Freshman Council. The Freshman Council functions as class officers would and coordinates opportunities for service and involvement for the entire class. In the meantime, each member of the Freshman Council learns more about student government and the legislative process.

How can my student know about all of the organizations offered?

During new student orientation (Focus), there will be a Campus Life Fair where each student can learn more about most campus organizations. Likewise, all of our student organizations are listed on the university web page, (www.uu.edu/student-services/organizations) and the *Campus Life Handbook*. Your student may also contact a Student Government Officer (SGA office, ext. 5032) or Jason Castles, Director of the Office of Student Leadership Development, at ext. 5094 for more information.

So, when is Focus (New Student Orientation)?

Each fall, prior to the beginning of classes, all new students attend a four-day orientation program called Focus, which begins the Thursday new residential students move on to campus. This time is designed to prepare the new students for life at Union University. Students attend sessions that introduce them to our academic learning community and campus involvement opportunities. In addition, students will have the chance to meet other new students as well as upperclassmen leaders. Parents are invited to stay through the Thursday evening worship service on the first evening of orientation, but after that service, the events that are scheduled are for new students only. You will receive

more information regarding this part of campus life during the summer prior to your student's first year at Union.

What leadership programs are offered for my student?

The Office of Student Leadership Development is flourishing as student demand for programs to enhance their abilities as leaders increases. We are in the process of restructuring our leadership programs in order to effectively meet the needs of today's college student. This fall, your student can expect to have the opportunity to participate in various leadership training opportunities.

There seem to be a lot of choices for my student to get involved. However, what if he or she tries to do too much too quickly?

This is always a valid concern for parents and students alike. We encourage students to survey all of their options and make wise choices. There is no need for a student to try to do everything in his or her first semester. Many students use their first semester and even their first year to learn more about various organizations and choose where they can best serve beginning that next semester or year. On the other hand, it is also not advisable to be a spectator for the first year. Who wants to sit on the sidelines for the entire first year of their college career? Students should maturely select where and how to invest their days at Union.

Does Union have Greek organizations?

Yes. We are proud of the respective heritages of each of our Greek organizations, and, further, we are proud to be one of the handful of universities within the Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities to feature national and international Greek organizations. On campus, we have six fraternities and sororities, three for men (Alpha Tau Omega, Lambda Chi Alpha, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon) and three for women (Zeta Tau Alpha, Kappa Delta, and Chi Omega).

Each fall, Greek formal recruitment is held. This is the time when students can learn more about each group and decide if Greek Life is a good fit. Our Greek students are commonly involved in many organizations across campus, and deciding to join a Greek organization at Union is not synonymous with exclusivity and elitism, as is more common on other campuses.

How is the Greek system at Union different from secular schools?

Our Greeks share a common mission with the university and are committed to upholding Christian values and principles—if this was

not the case, they would not be a part of campus life at Union. Many have regular Bible study and prayer time, and, in addition, all six groups are required to be actively and consistently involved in community service, often more so than students who do not participate in the Greek system.

Does my student need to go through Recruitment his or her first year?

Not necessarily. There are students who decide to join during their sophomore, junior or even senior years. It is also important to know if your student does decide to go through the recruitment process, that does not necessarily mean that he or she must join any group. Since recruitment is at the beginning of the school year, many students simply see it as a way to meet people without having any intentions of joining any of the groups.

If my student is not in a Greek organization, can he or she still be involved on campus?

Definitely! Union has more than sixty organizations and clubs students can join. During new student orientation, there will be a Campus Life Fair for your student to learn more about each organization. Approximately one fourth of our full-time undergraduates are Greek. While Greek organizations do provide an avenue for meeting people and getting involved on campus, there are other opportunities to be involved as well.

Testing Services

Union University serves as a National Test Center for the American College Test (ACT), National Teachers Exam (NTE/Praxis), College Board (SAT), the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Miller Analogies Test (MAT), and DANTES Subject Standardized Tests. For a listing of testing dates and registration information, please visit Union's testing website at: www.uu.edu/academics/testing.

Transportation

Are there any airports located near Union University?

There are three airports that students utilize.

McKellar-Sipes Regional Airport (airport code: MKL) is located in Jackson about 15 minutes from Union. It is a small airport with free parking. Currently, the airport is without a carrier, but hopes to begin operations again soon. Visit www.mklairport.com for updates.

The Memphis Airport (airport code: MEM) is 86 miles from campus and usually about a 90 minute drive. There is not a Jackson shuttle service to the airport, however the Student Services Office (731.661.5090) can arrange for airport transportation for \$75.00 a trip. (If two or more people are going to the airport, they can split that cost. It is \$75.00 per trip, not per person.) However, there are many students who live near Memphis and often drive friends to the airport. If arranging transportation to the airport, a two week notice is strongly encouraged to ensure we are able to secure a driver. See also the Facebook ride board information below.

The Nashville Airport (airport code: BNA) is 138 miles from campus. There is also not a shuttle service to this airport, but InShuttle Service is considering transportation (615.255.3519). Call the Student Life Office for details. This is a popular airport because low cost Southwest Airlines flies out of here. Student Services does not arrange transportation, however offering gas money to someone already headed to the Nashville airport works wonders. Sometimes, a student can place a “part time job” on the career services website to help secure a driver. (e.g. will provide \$50 in gas money to anyone able to drive me to the Nashville airport on X.) Contact Renee Jones at rjones@uu.ed to post such a “job.” See also the Facebook ride board information below.

Is there any transportation available for my student to nearby airports?

Union University encourages students to use the “Union Ride Board” group on Facebook for “one stop shopping” to find transportation during weekends or breaks. Students can also post their travel destinations and see if someone could join them in order to split gas costs.

Jackson does not provide taxi or shuttle service to the Memphis or Nashville airports.

Tutoring/Academic Support

Is there tutoring available to students?

Yes, the Hundley Center provides free on-campus tutoring for all students. Located up the spiral stairs on the second floor of the library, the Center for Academic Enrichment is equipped with computers and study rooms that are ideal for individual and group tutoring and study sessions.

How can students make an appointment with a tutor?

Students are free to drop by during open hours (Monday–Thursday 1-8, except on 1-5 on Wednesdays) or they can make an appointment through the website: www.uu.edu/programs/hundleycenter. Current schedules, study tips, and Hundley announcements are also updated on the website.

What other services does the Hundley Center offer?

Aside from free peer tutoring, the Director provides one-on-one academic coaching in time management, organizational, and study skills. Students with learning disabilities or those on academic probation can also use the Director as a source of accountability on the way to academic success. Whether your child needs encouragement, challenging, or both—the Hundley Center is the place for them to go and receive counsel.

What if my child can't make it to the Hundley Center?

We also offer online tutoring! Students can post questions and upload papers 24 hours a day that our peer tutors can respond to during open hours. All they have to do is log onto: <http://unionu.askonline.net> and register with their Union email to begin using the system. Even if their class schedules or commutes conflict with our tutoring hours your child can still have access to academic support.

What other Services are offered through the Hundley Center?

The Baldrige Reading and Study Strategy Program is a nationally acclaimed seminar designed to help increase reading speed and comprehension, time management skills and organization. This year the program will be held September 9-12. Registration will be June 27th during new student orientation. The cost is \$130. Please contact Jacque Taylor at jtaylor@uu.edu with any questions.

University Communications

How can I make sure that my child's name will be sent to our hometown paper when he/she makes the Dean's List or President's List?

At the end of the fall and spring semesters, personalized press releases are sent out for students (undergraduate only) achieving a 3.5 GPA or higher (Dean's) or a 4.0 GPA (President's) as based on the list given to us by the Academic Center. With our current system, releases are sent to the closest daily and weekly newspapers in conjunction with the student's hometown zip code.

My child made the Dean's List, but it was printed in the wrong newspaper. How can I correct this?

Please call the Office of University Communications at (731) 661-5215, and we'll do our best to help you.

How are graduation announcements handled?

Students preparing to graduate will receive a graduation announcement form in their graduation packet from the Provost's office to fill out and turn in to our office. Only students who return these forms will have announcements sent.

How can I, as a parent, find out what's going on at Union?

The Office of University Communications offers several ways that parents, friends, and other family members can stay in touch with the events and activities happening at Union University.

Visit our university's web site, twenty-four hours a day, to see all of the latest news and happenings on campus.

<http://www.uu.edu/uniontoday>, for campus news

or

<http://www.uu.edu/events>, for a calendar of events.

Also, parents can sign up for e-announcements. E-announcements is an electronic listing of weekly events that are happening on Union's campus. E-announcements are automatically sent to Union students, faculty, and staff every Monday, and parents are welcome to sign up for this special email by registering at *<http://www.uu.edu/parentsplace>*. Removal is also quick and easy. If you have questions, please contact Karen Taylor in the Office of the Dean of Students at 731.661.5090.

Wellness and Student Programs

What types of events will my son/daughter have the opportunity to attend outside of class or on the weekends?

The Office of Wellness Services offers intramural, aquatic, and wellness programming to students every fall and spring. It is the goal of the Wellness Services Department to develop teamwork, leadership, sportsmanship, and relationships within a Christian environment. Every event is designed to help individuals grow socially, physically, mentally, and spiritually in competitive recreational activities. Over half the intramural events begin during the week and continue into the weekend.

The Office of Student Programs, Adventure Programs, and the Student Activities Council are committed to bringing positive events and unique opportunities for your son/daughter. Each week we offer such on-campus events as: 50's themed drive-in movies, variety shows, student-wide game shows, fall fest, family weekend, and concerts with such Christian artists as Nichole Nordeman, Bebo Norman, Jeremy Camp, Ginny Owens, and Caedmon's Call.

Off-campus events include: adventure programming excursions to exciting locations (spelunking at Mammoth Cave National Park, whitewater rafting on the Ocoee River, etc.), midnight "Union only" movies, free tickets to the Diamond Jaxx (Jackson's own AA baseball team), trips to area highlights: Memphis, TN (Graceland, Orpheum Theatre, museums, Beale Street), Sikeston, MO (world famous Lambert's Café), and much more!

The Office of Student Programs strives to offer at least one activity a week for your son/daughter to get involved. Each event is set at little to no cost to Union students. All events are advertised at least two weeks in advance.

Are activities planned during classes offered over the holidays and J-terms (January, June/July)?

YES! The Office of Student Programs works hard to provide quality and affordable opportunities for students who are attending classes over traditional break times. Depending on the season, we will offer activities such as: free tickets to Diamond Jaxx games, cookouts at residence complexes, Union nights at favorite Jackson area restaurants, trips to Memphis, amateur ping-pong tournaments, putt-putt, bowling,

coffeehouse with local artists, etc. There is also a winter league basketball tournament for two weeks.

Are the activities chaperoned?

Yes. All official University activities are staffed by a Union faculty/staff member depending on the size and type of event. All drivers have been approved by the Office of Safety and Security to drive Union’s fleet of large, 15 passenger vans or minivans for off-campus events.

How does my student get involved?

Union students have the ability to be involved in many different organizations at the same time, providing excellent team building, interdependence, and leadership opportunities for your son/daughter. Students may sign up and learn about all campus organizations upon arrival to campus in late August. The Student Activities Council (also referred to as SAC) is comprised of 35 students who plan on and off-campus events for students. Each year, SAC elects new members in late September. Interested students may complete an application, contact the advisor or student president, or stop by the SAC office to speak with a member.

2008-2009 Academic Calendar

September

4, Thursday	Residence Complexes Open for New Students Only
6, Saturday	Residence Complexes Open for Returning Students
8, Monday	Registration-Day Classes and 16-Week Evening Classes Begin
8-12, Monday-Friday	*Late Registration
12, Friday	Convocation
12, Friday	*Last Day to Add a Class

October

3-4, Friday-Saturday	Family Weekend
13, Monday	*Last Day to Drop a 15-Week Class
16-17, Thursday-Friday	Fall Holidays

November

4, Tuesday	*Priority Registration Begins for Winter and Spring 2009
5, Wednesday	Day of Remembrance
25, Tuesday	**Residence Complexes Close
26-28, Wednesday-Friday	Thanksgiving Holidays
30, Sunday	Residence Complexes Open

December

15-18, Monday-Thursday	*Final Examinations
18, Thursday	**Residence Complexes Close
19, Friday	Graduation
Winter Term 2009 (4-week accelerated semester)	

January

4, Sunday	Residence Complexes Open (Winter Term)
5, Monday	Day and Evening Registration-Winter Term Classes Begin
6, Tuesday	Late Registration
6, Tuesday	Last Day to Add a Class
13, Tuesday	Last Day to Drop a Class
30, Friday	Final Examinations
30, Friday	**Residence Complexes Close

February

2, Monday	Residence Complexes Open for Students with Monday February Accelerated Classes
3, Tuesday	Residence Complexes Open for New/Returning Students
4, Wednesday	Registration-Day Classes and 16-Week Evening Classes Begin
4-10, Wednesday-Tuesday	*Late Registration
10, Tuesday	*Last Day to Add a Class

March

10, Tuesday	*Last Day to Drop a Class
20, Friday	**Residence Complexes Close
23-27, Monday-Friday	Spring Holidays

April

10, Friday

Good Friday Holiday

16, Thursday

*Priority Registration Begins for Summer and Fall 2009

May

4, Monday

Union University Scholarship Symposium

18-21, Monday-Thursday

*Final Examinations

21, Thursday

**Residence Complexes Close

23, Saturday

Graduation

*Refers to both evening and day classes which meet the full Fall and Spring Semester.

**Residents will not be housed between terms and during holidays without permission of the Director of Residence Life.

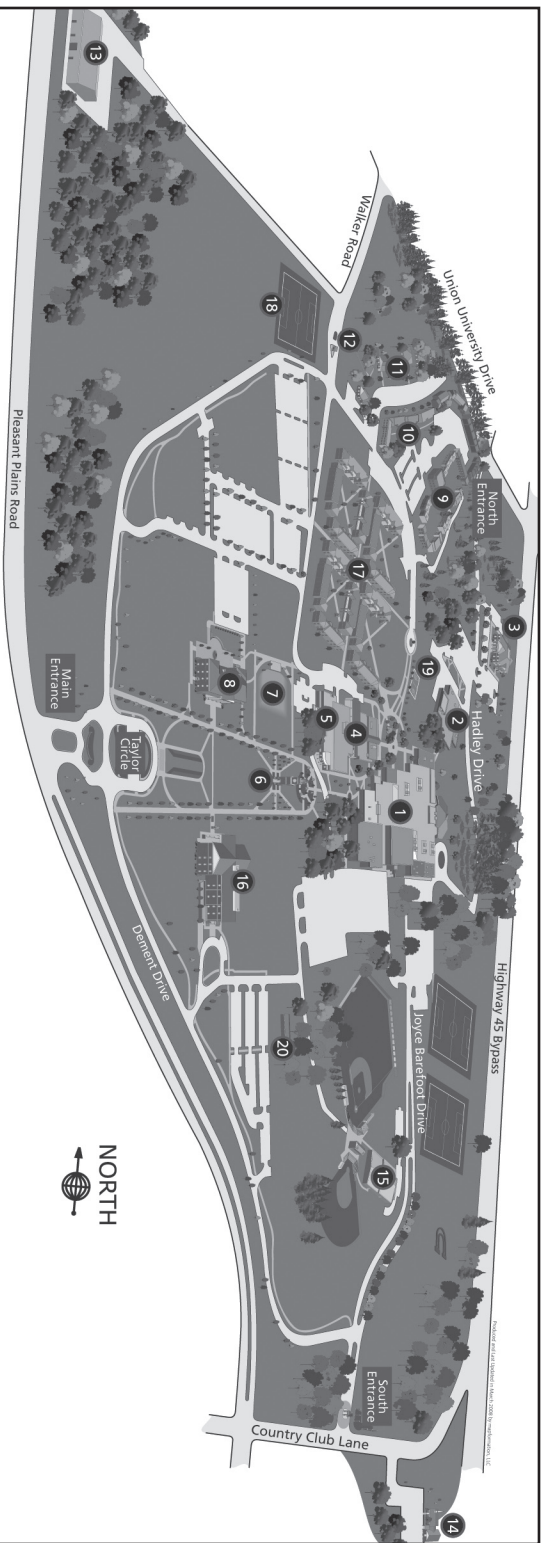


Mark your Calendars!

Family Weekend

October 3-4, 2008

www.uu.edu/parentsplace



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- 1. Penick Academic Complex**
 - a. Savage Chapel
 - b. Powell Theatre
 - c. Summar Library
 - d. Delay Gymnasium
 - e. Palmer Activities Center/ Williams Aquatic Center
 - f. Administrative Offices
 - g. Union Station
 - h. College of Arts and Sciences
- 2. Blasingame Academic Complex**
 - k. School of Pharmacy
 - l. College of Education and Human Studies
 - m. McAfee School of Business Administration
- 3. Hammons Hall**
 - n. LifeWay Christian Store
 - o. Advancement and Alumni Offices
- 4. Barefoot Student Union Building**
 - q. Student Life Offices
 - r. Harvey Hall
 - s. Post Office
 - t. Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid
 - u. Coburn Dining Room
 - v. Lexington Inn
- 5. Carl Grant Events Center**
 - x. Barefoot's Joe
 - y. Heritage Center Banquet Hall
- 6. Miller Tower**
- 7. Amphitheatre**
- 8. Jennings Hall**
 - z. School of Christian Studies
 - aa. Departments of Music and Communication Arts
- 9. McAfee Residence Complex**
- 10. Warmath Family Housing**
- 11. Fraternity Row**
- 12. The Welcome House**
- 13. Facilities Management**
- 14. Luther Hall**
- 15. Fesnite Field House and Press Box**
 - cc. Soccer Fields
 - dd. Baseball/Softball Fields
- 16. White Hall**
 - ee. School of Nursing
 - ff. Departments of Biology and Chemistry
- 17. New Residence Life Facilities**
- 18. Intramural Fields**
- 19. Outdoor Basketball Court**
- 20. Photo House**