Special Programs

College Life at Union

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Members of many departments serve as faculty for College Life at Union (CLU) courses. Union University is committed to the two-fold purpose of academic excellence within a strong Christian environment. The goals of the College Life at Union Program embrace both aspects of this purpose. Using a wide range of cultural, academic, and social activities, the program is coordinated to give each student the tools to develop his/her full academic and spiritual potential.

Freshman Orientation meetings begin prior to the general registration period for the Fall and Spring Semesters. Activities scheduled during the opening days of orientation are designed to help freshmen adjust to living and working in the college community. Freshmen discuss Union’s heritage and affiliation with Southern Baptists as well as the need for ongoing spiritual growth as an integral part of scholastic achievement.

The academic component of the Freshman Orientation Program consists of a one-hour course which fosters student success at Union. Students in CLU 101 discuss how Union’s academic program works and how to plan effectively for successful completion of the requirements for graduation. The CLU experience not only aids in the understanding of the Union community and its traditions but also allows the development of significant relationships with other freshmen. CLU 101 is taught by faculty from all the schools of the University. Each faculty member is assisted by a member of FOCUS, an upperclassman who is a valuable link between the freshman and the college community. The Freshman Orientation Program provides a comprehensive introduction to college life at Union for beginning college students of all ages.

In an effort to provide transfer students with orientation to Union University in a program to meet their unique needs, the Transfer Orientation Program (TOP) was developed. For details, see Transfer Orientation Program below.

Course Offering in College Life at Union (CLU)

( )-Hours Credit; F-Fall; W-Winter; S-Spring; Su-Summer

101. College Life at Union (1) F, S
An introduction to the activities and experiences of college life at Union University which promotes adjustment to academic development, cultural appreciation, social life, and spiritual growth. This course is required of all full-time “first-time” freshmen and all transfer students with fewer than 12 hours.

Transfer Orientation Program (TOP)

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An introduction to activities and experiences at Union for transfer students. This course, focusing on acquainting the student with the campus, is open to all incoming students transferring 12 or more semester hours from another institution. This no-cost, no-credit, voluntary course offers a choice of two options:

1. A half-day program prior to the beginning of the fall semester focuses on becoming familiar with the campus itself, its services, and its regulations. In an informal atmosphere opportunities are provided to meet other transfer students and to ask questions of persons responsible for various services and programs at Union. Weekly seminars during the first weeks of the semester deal with topics of interest: study skills, time management, test anxiety, career counseling, program and degree requirements, and other topics requested by student. Students may choose topics beneficial to them with no minimum attendance requirements. A schedule for seminars is available at the beginning of the fall semester.

2. A self-paced manual is available to students who prefer this alternate method of learning about Union. The manual, which may be picked up at registration or at the beginning of classes, deals with subjects similar to those covered in the half-day program and seminars. The workbook format enables students to choose topics beneficial to them. Information covered includes: campus tour, library tour, Campus Life Handbook, Union University Catalogue, study skills, time management, and campus services.