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 www.uu.edu/studentlife.

Barefoots Joe and Modero Coffee Roasters

Barefoots Joe, a coffeehouse and venue, offers the campus a place for conversation, exchange of ideas, and appreciation of the arts. We are proud to offer superior quality coffee that we roast in house. As a venue, Barefoots Joe seeks to provide co-curricular events that encourage thoughtful interaction with mediums often reserved for entertainment only. Students are invited to enjoy music, film and art from artists whose work is artistically excellent, influential in culture and appropriate to the context of our university.

Modero, our specialty coffee shop and café, offers a wide menu of coffee and non-coffee drinks and a rotating selection of artisan foods. Located in The Logos library, Modero exists to create interludes for guests to enjoy, drink and converse, recoup, and reflect in the midst of their busy lives.

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); Women’s Cooperative discipleship groups; Men’s Cooperative discipleship groups; short-term mission projects through “Global Opportunities” trips; cross-cultural engagement programming through MOSAIC, LASO, and the Center for Reconciliation; Campus and Community Day service projects; and off-campus ministries working with children, youth, adults, and senior adults. Also, Christian organizations providing fellowship and activities for students are available.

The Missionary-In-Residence Program brings a missionary family on stateside assignment from the international field to live on campus. To expose students to world missions, the 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 Campus Life Handbook available at www.uu.edu/studentservices/handbook.

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 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 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 and are not available to persons other than those providing such treatment (governed also by HIPAA)
- Financial records of students’ parents
- Evaluations for which a student has waived his/her right of inspection

Counseling Services

Union University Counseling Services is staffed by counselors, social workers and a psychologist to assist students with personal or emotional concerns. These services are included with the General Student Fee. In addition to on-campus services, limited off-campus services are available through community service providers by referral from the Director of Counseling Services.

Disability Services

The Office for Disability Services offers reasonable accommodations designed to provide equal access to academic and social opportunities at Union University for students with disabilities. Students must provide documentation of a specific disability and how that disability impacts academic performance and/or the student’s ability to participate. The Director then meets with the student to formulate accommodations specific to the student’s disability. The Director is also available to help students with disabilities with time management and study skills and assist students in utilizing additional resources on campus. For more information, please visit www.uu.edu/studentlife/disability-services.

Health Services

The mission of Health Services is to promote healthy lifestyles and to demonstrate care in a Christ-like manner to students, faculty and staff and to provide medical services for minor injuries and illnesses. Health Services is staffed by a full-time nurse practitioner. There is no office visit charge for clinic care, but there may be fees for certain services. All off-campus referrals and care may render a cost and are the responsibility of the patient. Information can be obtained through www.uu.edu/studentservices/healthservices.

Hundley Center for Academic Enrichment

The purpose of the Hundley Center is to support 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 Success Services

- **Academic Accountability** – The Hundley Center staff offers weekly academic accountability appointments to help students stay on track in their classes, work toward improving their GPA, and connect them to resources that will ensure success.
- **Academic Coaches** – Trained individuals are available to meet with students to develop an individualized study plan based on the student’s unique learning style and assist with time management techniques.
- **Peer Tutoring** – The Hundley Center employs 20-30 peer tutors in more than 30 subject areas. Undergraduate students may schedule a peer tutoring appointment on the Hundley Center’s website at: www.uu.edu/programs/hundleycenter/appointments
- **On-Call Tutors** – The Hundley Center offers an On-Call Tutors service that gives undergraduate students the flexibility to receive tutoring assistance at their convenience with 24 hours’ notice provided.
- **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 paper critiquing.
- **Walk-in Writing Lab** – The Walk-in Writing Lab exists for the entire campus community, including students, faculty, and staff. Our goal is to help those seeking advice at any stage of the writing process, whether it is generating ideas, outlining, researching, or drafting.

Academic Enrichment Opportunities

- **The Hundley Center** offers a wide range of graduate school prep opportunities designed to assist students in various aspects of the graduate school application and admissions process, including workshops, practice tests, and test prep courses.
- **Grad School Prep Series** – Held every September, this two-day series of free workshops is designed to educate and prepare students for the graduate school application and admissions process.
- **Kaplan Practice Tests and Testing Strategies Workshops** – Throughout the year, the Hundley Center partners with Kaplan to offer free GRE, GMAT, LSAT, and MCAT practice tests and workshops to help students get a sense of the content included on each exam.
- **Kaplan On-Demand Courses** – Kaplan On-Demand courses are a series of pre-recorded lessons which can be viewed at the student’s own pace and accessible at the student’s convenience. In addition to instructional videos, On-Demand courses include thousands of practice problems, diagnostic tests, and 24/7 access to Kaplan instructors.

For more information, visit the website at www.uu.edu/programs/hundleycenter.
Intramural Athletics
Union students enjoy a vibrant intramural program which is open for anyone to participate. Some of the more popular activities attract several hundred students. They enjoy the fellowship and fun that comes from friendly team competition. Union offers intramural sports such as flag football, sand volleyball, water polo, indoor racquetball, basketball, disc golf, rugby and more. For more information, please visit www.uu.edu/studentlife/intramurals.

Intercollegiate Athletics
Intercollegiate athletics are an integral part of American college life. In 2014 Union completed a three-year process to become a full member of the NCAA DII. In 2015 Union began full membership competition in the Gulf South Conference which includes teams from Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. Union University offers varsity competition for men in basketball, baseball, cross-country, golf and soccer, and for women in basketball, softball, volleyball, soccer, golf and cross-country. Union’s athletic programs adhere strictly to all University, conference, and national regulations involving sports and academics for student athletes.

Library Services
The new Union University Library at The Logos offers both traditional and contemporary information resources. Books, e-books, periodicals, e-journals, media and electronic resources are available for use by the students, faculty, and staff of Union University. The library offers three computer labs, a variety of study spaces, presentation and collaborative work spaces, several reading rooms and a recording studio. Special collections and the university archives are located on the third floor.

Professional librarians provide instructional assistance and offer a research coaching service to assist students throughout their academic journey. The library’s home page is found at www.uu.edu/library. As a member of OCLC’s WorldShare™ system, the library at Union participates in a nationwide network. Interlibrary loan services are available using the OCLC and DOCLINE loan systems.

Ministry Leadership
The Ministry Leadership program provides opportunities for practical guidance and training to students who are pursuing vocational ministry. The program is administered through the Office of University Ministries. The Ministry Leadership program collaborates with church leaders and the School of Theology and Missions to offer opportunities which help prepare ministerial students for practical experience in church ministry.

Residence Life
The mission of Residence Life at Union University is to provide a holistic living and learning environment where academic scholarship is developed, distinctive relationships are formed, servant leadership is practiced, community values are upheld, and biblical restoration is provided. To this end, all students are required to live in Union’s residence halls unless the student meets the requirements outlined in the Campus Life Handbook or an exception is granted by the Off-Campus Appeals Committee. For information on Residence Life community values, philosophy, costs, family housing, and general procedures, please refer to the Campus Life Handbook located on Union University’s website at www.uu.edu/studentlife/handbook.

Social Fraternities And Sororities
Union has six national social fraternities and sororities: Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Lambda Chi Alpha for men; Chi Omega, Zeta Tau Alpha, and Kappa Delta for women. Under the supervision of the University administration, these organizations host their own special activities and functions. For more information, please visit www.uu.edu/studentlife/greek.

Student Government Association
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. For more information, please visit www.uu.edu/studentlife/sga.

Student Activities Council
The Student Activities Council promotes community on campus by providing entertaining activities and various opportunities for campus involvement. Traditional events include Variety Show, Midnight Movies, Carl Perkins Christmas Party, Casey Jones Hullabaloo, Homecoming Concert, Movie on the Lawn, and Be Our Guest.

Student Publications
The Cardinal and Cream
The Cardinal and Cream is the official award-winning campus newspaper of Union University. Budgeted as a part of the Communication Arts Department, the newspaper is online and updated daily during the Fall and Spring semesters. A full-color news magazine, C&C, is published each semester and distributed to students, faculty, staff, and administration without charge. The Cardinal and Cream and C&C are managed, written and edited by students under the guidance of a faculty adviser. 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 administration. Campus news, tweets and blogs can also be accessed off the newspaper’s web site: www.cardinalandcream.info.
The Torch

*The Torch* is a student literary magazine under the editorship of an appointed student staff. Its contents are made up of the student creative writing and artwork selected from among presentations in the normal course of class work and from work submitted directly to the editors. *The Torch* is a member of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association at Columbia University in New York.

Testing Center

Union University serves as a National Test Center for the American College Test (ACT), College Board (SAT), Law School Admissions Test (LSAT), the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Miller Analogies Test (MAT), and DANTES Subject Standardized Test (DSST). For a listing of testing dates and registration information, please visit Union’s testing website at [www.uu.edu/academics/testing](http://www.uu.edu/academics/testing).

Vocatio Center for Life Calling and Career

The Vocatio Center for Life Calling and Career derives the primary essence of its name “vocatio” from the Latin term which means “to call” or “calling.” The Vocatio Center has been established to offer an intentional and holistic approach to the development of students for which the pursuit of God’s calling is primary. Ultimately, the Vocatio Center seeks to empower Romans 12 professionals who will utilize their differing gifts according to the grace given to them by God. Our key goal, therefore, is to teach students holistically through a model that emphasizes vocation as ministry. Our mission is to help students understand more clearly who God has uniquely created them to be and to assist them in discovering opportunities to live out their life calling in service to others.

Students are encouraged to start early utilizing the Vocatio Center for Life Calling and Career. Many are blessed to know exactly what God has called them to do; we can help better prepare you for that calling. However, if you are uncertain about your calling, we can offer you strategic direction through gifts assessment, career counseling, and life coaching which will help you understand who God truly has made you to be. The following services are offered by appointment:

- Life Calling and Career Counseling/Coaching; Goal Setting
- Professional Résumé, Cover Letter, Portfolio Development
- Individual and Group Personality and Interests Assessment and Interpretation (Myers-Briggs Type Indicator or MBTI and the Strong Interest Inventory)
- Interview Preparation and Salary Negotiation
- Coordination of Job Shadowing
- One-on-one Graduate School Preparation
- Recruitment & Referral Services through CareerU: NACElink for Part-time, Full-time, and Internship Opportunities (Student & Employer); over 3 million jobs available globally
- On-campus Recruitment
- On-campus Employment through the Servant Leadership Program
- Enrollment in Personalized Academic & Career Exploration (UNI-201). This is a general elective course, 2-credit hours, that gives you 8 weeks of personalized attention towards determining your giftedness and major/minor course(s) of study in the context of God’s calling.

Students should visit the Vocatio Center so we can get to know you individually. Your visit will allow us to offer personalized attention in sharing our services designed to give a strategy towards solidifying your life calling and career plan. We can help prepare you for your chosen vocation while offering the professional preparation you’ll need to be competitive in an ever-changing job market. In addition to our individualized services, discipline-specific workshops are offered in partnership with academic departments throughout the year to increase professional development opportunities by major area of study. Visit us at [www.uu.edu/studentlife/vocatio-center](http://www.uu.edu/studentlife/vocatio-center) to find out more or to schedule an appointment.

Wellness Services

The Department of Wellness Services offers a 3,600 square foot Wellness Center, a 27,000 square foot Activities Center, and an indoor Aquatic Center. The department offers programs to promote healthy life-styles such as health assessments, motivational incentives, exercise prescription 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.

University Awards

The Academic Excellence Medal is awarded to the outstanding graduating senior in each major as selected by the faculty of the major. Inclusion in the selection process requires the student to have completed a minimum of 15 residence hours, excluding pass/fail courses, in the discipline and have a discipline GPA of 3.5 or higher.

The Elizabeth Tigrett Medal, 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.

University Clubs and Organizations

Union University hosts over sixty active student organizations for students who are interested in almost any field of study or activity. From biologists to actors to those who want to work with elementary school students, there is a place for every student who wants to be involved in a club or organization. In fact, the typical undergrad chooses to be involved in several of these groups during his or her time at Union.

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. The University sponsors special interest organizations relating to varied activities, service, political and social activism, and personal growth. These are detailed in full at [www.uu.edu/studentservices/organizations](http://www.uu.edu/studentservices/organizations).