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**

Barefoots Joe, located in the Student Union Building, and Modero, located in The Logos library, are Union’s two specialty coffee shops. Each provides single-origin, specialty (top 10% in the world) coffees and espresso blends, as well as a full range of espresso drinks, teas, smoothies, coffee sodas, and other drinks. We serve fresh pastries in both shops, and a rotating menu of lunch foods in Modero.

Barefoots Joe and Modero are the community with places to converse with others and to read, think, and reflect about the matters of the classroom and beyond. While both shops aim to promote the arts, Barefoots is uniquely situated as a venue to invite more substantial engagement through hosting concerts and art exhibits, as well as a number of student events focused on the arts. Barefoots hosts events once or twice a month.

**Campus Recreation**

The Department of Campus Recreation offers a 3,600 square foot Wellness Center and a 27,000 square foot Activities Center. The department offers programs to promote healthy lifestyles such as health assessments, motivational incentives, exercise prescription and health education including nutrition and exercise programming advising for students. Currently enrolled students, faculty, staff, and spouses are eligible to use the Center and participate in related activities. One-on-one fitness training with Certified Personal Trainers is available.

**Center for Academic Success (CAS)**

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

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

**CAS Programs:**
- **Keystone:** The goal of the Keystone program is to provide a smooth transition from the high school classroom to college environment by giving our students support and accountability in navigating through the freshman year.
- **Undecided Advising:** Through active involvement, students explore, discover, and define their interests, while seeking and connecting with their God-given abilities and strengths that will lead to the selection of a major or minor and a successful college experience.
- **Academic Counseling:** This service encompasses individual meetings with students to discuss programs of study, curriculum mapping, and academic concerns while providing strategies to improve performance.
- **Resiliency:** This resource provides individual support and accountability to students on academic probation. Support includes immediate contact with students when placed on probation to assist in grade point recovery, curriculum planning, and academic strategies.

**CAS Services:**
- **Hundley Peer Tutors:** Subject-specific tutors provide individualized support that facilitates student learning and academic success through online scheduling.
- **Discipline-Specific Study Labs:** Study Labs provide a place for students to study independently or in small groups overseen by a Study Lab coach who is available to assist with questions. Study Labs provide an opportunity for students to explore course content and develop good study habits.
- **Supplemental Instruction:** The SI program provides peer-facilitated weekly sessions that integrate content and learning strategies in which students discuss readings and lectures, collaborate in reviewing class notes, develop organizational tools, and predict test items.
- **Test Proctoring:** Test proctoring is provided as requested by faculty to meet student needs.

For more information, visit the website at www.uu.edu/studentlife/academic-success.

**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 and student life as a whole are found in detail in the Campus Life Handbook available at www.uu.edu/studentlife/handbook.

The Provost and the Vice-President for Student Life 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 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 and social workers 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 and referrals are available through community service providers by referral from the Director of Counseling Services.

Disability Services

The Office of 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 will work 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/ods.

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/studentlife/health-services.

Intramural Athletics

Union students enjoy a vibrant intramural program which is open for anyone in the University community 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, disc golf, ultimate Frisbee, basketball, softball, soccer, 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.

International Student Life

Union University’s Center for Intercultural Engagement provides international undergraduate and graduate students with academic, social, and cultural support; the Center also provides guidance on obtaining and maintaining compliance in governmental regulations associated with student visas. International students have access to an international student center, an International Student Union social organization, and comprehensive expertise and guidance from the university’s designated international student officer.
Library Services

The Union University Library, housed in 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 workspaces, 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.

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 full-time undergraduate 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, graduate 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, Lambda Chi Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon for men, Chi Omega, Kappa Delta, and Zeta Tau Alpha for women. Under the supervision of the University administration, these organizations plan and host philanthropic, social, and service activities and functions. For more information, please visit www.uu.edu/studentlife/greek.

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, Homecoming Hullabaloo, Movie on the Lawn, and Be Our Guest.

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

Testing Center

Union University serves as a National Test Center for the American College Test (ACT), College Board (SAT), Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) and 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.

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 90 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/studentlife/organizations.

University Ministries

The mission of University Ministries is to meet students where they are in their relationship with God and help them take the next steps toward lives that connect fully with God’s global purpose. University Ministries seeks to foster biblical formation, servant leadership, and global engagement, while providing opportunities for service locally, nationally, and globally. Partnering with others on campus for a holistic experience, University Ministries desires to see students well-prepared to serve Church and society as they labor to make a difference through their chosen areas of vocation.

Worship. The University holds chapel services twice weekly. Understanding that nothing takes the place of local church in a student’s life, the purpose of chapel at Union is to worship God while fostering biblical formation, servant leadership, and global engagement as well as encouraging the integration of faith, learning, and living. Along with exposure to a variety of worship styles and traditions in chapel, the University community experiences a variety of influential Christian ministers and leaders who are laboring to advance God’s Kingdom throughout the world. Chapel programming includes special emphases such as Faith in Practice, Global Focus, and the Crabtree Family Life series.

Discipleship. For those entering Union as new students, Life Groups is a student-led, small group ministry through which new students receive encouragement and support as they begin life on a college campus. Life Groups leaders come alongside new students by helping them build relationships with other students, connect to a local church, and take the next steps in their walk with Christ. Additional small group discipleship opportunities are available each semester for continued accountability and biblical formation.

Mobilization. Global Focus at Union is a time of intentional focus on God’s Word, God’s world, and God’s work. During the fall semester, there are opportunities to learn about “GO Trips” (see http://www.uu.edu/oum/mobilization/go-trips.cfm), connect with cross-cultural workers, and participate in special events – all designed to help students take the next steps toward a life that connects fully with God’s global purpose. GO Trips provide Union students, faculty, and staff with opportunities to serve alongside field partners domestically and internationally in ministry contexts such as church planting, campus outreach, orphan care, and community development. GO Trips provide an avenue to teach, equip, and train students, helping them take the next steps toward a gospel-saturated life of making disciples, regardless of vocation or geographical location.

Service. Serve is a service-leadership program that helps students learn to live a lifestyle of service in the context of the Jackson community. On Campus and Community Day, the University community takes time to remember God’s providence and protection over Union in years past and gives back to our community through a day of service.

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.

Vocatio Center for Life Calling and Career

The Vocatio Center exists 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 God and others. We do this through three objectives:

Discover Your Calling: Who Are You?

God has created each of us with distinct gifts and passions, and our desire is to see every student steward their gifts and passions well! Toward that end, the Vocatio Center offers gifts and personality assessments (MBTI/Strong Interest Inventory) and career counseling. Additionally, the Vocatio Center staff offers the “What Can I Do with a Major In...?” discipline-specific workshop series to help students understand the many career options available in their chosen major.

Respond to Your Calling: Career Development

Once you have discovered your calling, we want to help you respond to your calling through career development. We offer résumé and cover letter critiques, graduate school research and assistance, job search strategies, and résumé referral services via UUCnect. Additionally, we offer co-curricular workshops for pre-professional development (résumés, job search, interviewing/salary negotiation, etc.) including Backpack to Briefcase, and fall recruitment events designed to expose you to internship, shadowing, and camp opportunities. Lastly, the Vocatio Center houses the Servant Leadership Program, which is Union’s work study and workshop program to help students gain work experience and transferrable skills on campus.

Live Out Your Calling: Landing the Job

Finally, our ultimate goal is to help you live out your calling by landing the job! Each spring we host our College to Career: Education and Professionals Expo along with other networking events throughout the year, and we host on-campus recruitment with formal and informal interviews offered throughout each semester. In addition, we offer interview preparation, job search/networking strategies, and salary negotiation helps.

Visit us at www.uu.edu/studentlife/vocatio-center to find out more.

The Writing Center

The Writing Center serves to make better writers on the campus of Union University. We pursue this goal by training graduate and undergraduate Writing Consultants to coach students to improve any writing assignment by employing a better writing process. The Writing Center offers free peer tutoring as well as writing-related workshops to all Union students. For more information, or to make an appointment, visit our website at www.uu.edu/writingcenter.