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Student Affairs

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Office of the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs at Liberty University is to work with the administration, faculty, and staff, fostering an experience that promotes personal development and learning.

The Division contributes to the University's mission of preparing students for leadership and involvement in an increasingly diverse, technologically sophisticated and complex global society.

Student Affairs carries out this mission by:

- Responding to the needs of students as they grow, spiritually, academically, and socially
- Presenting leadership opportunities and offering leadership training
- Maintaining an atmosphere which provides fertile ground for spiritual growth
- Offering co-curricular programming which encourages students' academic growth
- Promoting and celebrating the rich cultural differences found at the University
- Assisting students in responsible decision-making

CODE OF CONDUCT

The administration and faculty have committed Liberty to the highest standards of moral and ethical conduct. No one will become spiritual merely by observing rules; nonetheless, the spiritual student will desire to abide by the rules, regulations, and policies. Liberty holds as one of its foremost goals the development of men and women of strong Christian character. Firm moral conviction and dependable self-discipline are as important as academic competence.

The specific rules, regulations, and policies that govern student behavior are found in *The Liberty Way*, which is available online at <http://www.liberty.edu/libertyway> (login required).

The Academic Code of Honor is published in the Academic Information and Policies section of this Catalog.

Office of the Dean of Students

The Office of the Dean of Students is designed to provide holistic student development opportunities for the resident and commuter population. For additional information, visit the Office of the Dean of Students webpage at <http://www.liberty.edu/studentaffairs/deanofstudents>.

Online Communities

Liberty Online Ministries provide distance students with spiritual resources to encourage and strengthen them.

Various online resources are offered including Bible studies, articles on a variety of life issues of interest to students, and prayer ministry resources. All of this is available through a community web page designed to connect online students with other Liberty students within their geographic area. More information on the resources and services provided is available at <http://www.liberty.edu/communities>.

Office of Student Housing

Liberty University requires all unmarried students under the age of 21 to live on campus. On-campus residents must be currently enrolled in a residential program and attending classes on campus.

All students must complete Financial Check-in prior to occupancy, and agree to the terms and policies as outlined in the On-Campus "Housing Agreement". Students who are age 30 or over (at any time during the semester) or are married are not allowed to live on campus. Rooms are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Detailed information is available online at <http://www.liberty.edu/studentaffairs/studenthousing>.

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

The off campus living policy states that single students must be 21 years of age or older or be living with an immediate family member who is 21 years of age or older. No student who is 30 years or older may live in the residence hall. For

specific information regarding the off-campus living policy, contact the Office of Commuter Affairs.

While the University has no housing facilities for married students, the Office of Commuter Affairs provides an online “Apartment Finder” that lists apartments, houses, rooms, etc., which are available for rent or sale in the Lynchburg area. This information can be found on the Office of Commuter Affairs website at <http://www.liberty.edu/apartmentfinder>. Rental fees generally range from \$500 to \$800 per month.

Center for Multicultural Enrichment

The Center for Multicultural Enrichment (Center4ME) provides information and advocacy for students from various ethnic backgrounds through programs and services that promote unity and celebrate cultural diversity at Liberty University and in Central Virginia. For additional information, visit the Center4ME webpage at <http://www.liberty.edu/center4me>.

Office of Student Leadership

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Office of Student Leadership is to train student leaders to minister, mentor and mobilize students in the residence halls. It collaborates with Student Affairs in the development of a holistic student life experience.

Resident Director

Resident Directors (RD) oversee a group of residence halls including oversight of the student leadership teams on each floor as well as the resident hall facilities. Additionally, they are responsible to enforce the standards of *The Liberty Way* while promoting the overall well-being of the students residing in the halls.

Resident Assistant

A Resident Assistant (RA) provides pastoral leadership to students in the resident hall in the form of discipline, discipleship and overall oversight.

Spiritual Life Director

Spiritual Life Directors (SLD) facilitate spiritual development on their residence hall through love, encouragement and counseling. SLDs work with Prayer Leaders to minister, mentor and equip Prayer Leaders for ministry.

Prayer Leaders

Every Liberty student on campus is part of a five-person prayer group led by the Prayer Leader (PL). The PL prays for the students in their group daily by name and encourages the development of those students’ personal and spiritual lives.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

More information on the resources and services provided by the Office of Student Leadership is available at <http://www.liberty.edu/studentlife/index.cfm?PID=13203>.

Student Government Association

The purpose of the Student Government Association (SGA) is to involve the students in the administrative process, to promote well-being and a sense of responsibility among students, to hear student concerns, and to convey an understanding of the students' needs to the administration.

Membership in the Student Government Association shall be open to all resident and commuter students attending Liberty University who are not on any form of probation or suspension and who have professed their faith in Jesus Christ.

For additional information, visit the SGA webpage at <http://www.liberty.edu/sga>.

Student Clubs and Organizations

Student clubs or organizations must request and receive permission from the Liberty University administration before they may meet on campus, advertise, distribute or post materials, or use any University facilities for their activities or events. All such clubs or organizations and their activities or events must be consistent with the University's mission, and must be and remain in compliance with the Liberty Way, the Honor Code, and any policies or procedures promulgated by the University. The University reserves the right to refuse the use of its facilities for any reason to any student club, organization, activity or event.

Information and policies regarding student clubs as well as a list of approved clubs and organizations is available online at <http://www.liberty.edu/studentaffairs/sga/index.cfm?PID=19868>.

OFFICE LOCATIONS

Departments in the Student Affairs Division are located in Green Hall:

Senior Vice President for Student Affairs	GH 1661
Dean of Students	GH 1830
Campus Pastors Office	
Student Care Office	
Office of Student Conduct	
Office of Commuter Students	
Office of Student Leadership	GH 1875
Center for Multicultural Enrichment	GH 1878
Office of Student Housing	GH 1886
Office of Executive Projects	GH 2510
Office of Online Communities	GH 1881a
Student Government Association	GH 1884