

Off-Campus Living Guide



Division of Student Affairs
Liberty University

INTRODUCTION

Commuter students are under the same rules, regulations and policies as resident students, except for those strictly pertaining to residence hall living. The University defines a commuter student as one who resides within driving distance of the campus and attends classes weekly during the Fall, Spring and/or Summer sessions. Liberty University expects commuters to live above reproach in their private residences, as well as in the local community. In matters such as prompt payment of debt and relations with the community as a whole, the University exhorts that commuters, single and married, maintain exemplary conduct. To do less, greatly harms the testimony of the University in the community and compromises the principles on which it stands.

University personnel may periodically visit the private residence of off campus students to assist in resolving off campus problems and to ensure compliance to University regulations. Married students are required to live off campus since there is no housing for them on campus. It is Liberty University's policy that students 30 years of age or older must reside off campus.

***NOTE:** Any unmarried student, under the age of 30, who receives 18+ points while living off campus, may be required to move back on campus immediately or the following semester of attendance.*

CAMPUS CHURCH SERVICE, CHRISTIAN/COMMUNITY SERVICE, CONVOCATION

As a dynamic institution vitally interested in the whole person, Liberty University provides for the physical, social, intellectual and spiritual needs of the University community. To meet these needs, Liberty provides opportunities for students to gather and serve as a community through, campus church services, and Christian/community service and convocations.

- **Campus Church Service**

Wednesday campus church services are designed to meet the spiritual needs of students. These services not only provide individual spiritual enrichment, but also enhance the sense of community among the University family. Students are encouraged to attend Sunday morning, and Wednesday evening campus services. All commuter students are encouraged to attend church services (Sunday morning/evening and Wednesday evening) on the Liberty campus.

- **Christian/Community Service**

The goal of the Christian/Community Service Department is twofold. The first is to provide a student with an actual experience of Christian Community Service as a normal expression of the Christian life and a practical expression of God's love for mankind. A student will participate in Christian/Community Service throughout his/her education experience at Liberty University.

A second goal is to give added dimension of practical application to the education programs of Liberty University. Each Christian/Community Service program is designed to help teach the student to develop a sense of responsibility in and through Christian community service. Students also learn skills and values, which enable them to better serve their community.

- Every student is considered a direct ambassador of Liberty University. Students desiring to accept an engagement to preach, sing or perform a Christian or community service function on behalf of the University must receive prior approval from the Director of Christian/Community Service. Christian/Community Service is required for all full-time Undergraduate, Seminary, Graduate, School of Religion and Liberty Bible Institute (LBI) students. Graduation requirements can be found in the Christian/Community Service Handbook.

- Students who fail a Christian/Community Service assignment must reconcile that failure by completing an extra unit of service the following semester. Students who are two semesters behind are placed on administrative probation. These students are given a plan and must catch up. Students who are three (3) semesters behind are administratively withdrawn for one (1) semester.
- **Convocation**
Convocation is an assembly of the University community and its purpose is to develop campus unity, disseminate information, and challenge students spiritually, socially, morally and intellectually. Convocation provides forums for the social and political issues of the day, as well as educational topics of diverse interest for the benefit of students, faculty, and staff. Guest speakers from the world of business, politics, education, religion, and the sciences also help to make Convocation a refreshing and challenging time.

All students are required to attend Convocation on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. This includes all resident students, commuters, undergraduates, graduate and seminary students. Failure to attend Convocation without proper approval will result in the issuance of four points. Resident must check in with their Resident Assistants upon arrival and sit in their assigned section in order to be counted as present. Failure to attend will result in the issuance of four points.

COMMUNITY LIVING

Bulletin Boards on Campus

There are bulletin boards throughout the campus for general student use, as well as several assigned boards for specific club and organization use only. The Office of Commuter Affairs maintains several boards for general use, however approval is required before materials can be placed on these boards. Any materials placed on bulletin boards without approval will be removed. Materials placed on windows, walls, or doors will also be removed. For more information, contact the Office of Commuter Affairs at 592-3067.

Call Slips

Official call slips are sent to students via email when Student Affairs staff needs to contact them. It is the student's responsibility to answer a call slip within the time designated on the call slip or call the appropriate office about any difficulties, which might interfere with a prompt response. Failure to respond within the time allotted will result in four (4) points for the first offense. Continued failure to respond to an official call slip will result in increased disciplinary action.

Campus Curfew

Commuter students must be off campus by midnight unless on campus for work, computer lab use or approved special events.

Check Cashing

Cashiers in the Student Service Center will cash personal checks for students for up to \$50 per week per student. A \$1.00 fee associated with this service.

Demonstrations, Petitions and Picketing

Student participation in on-campus demonstrations, petitions or picketing is prohibited unless approved by Liberty University administration. The administration may also prohibit or restrict student participation in demonstrations, petitions or picketing at places other than on campus, where such participation would contradict or otherwise compromise the principles and policies of Liberty University.

Dress Code

All commuter students must adhere to the University's standard of dress while on campus or attending any University event, including athletic events and church services. See the LU Code of Conduct ("The Liberty Way") to review the dress code for men and women.

Email

Liberty student email accounts are the official means of communication for the Liberty University community. Students must check this email account on a regular basis (no less than one time per week).

Employment

In maintaining a reputation in the marketplace consistent with the philosophy of Liberty University, employment will not be permitted where a student (as a major, active part of his/her job) is required to violate the policies and principles of the University. Questions regarding employment at Liberty University, or within the community, may be directed to the Office of Student Conduct.

Liberty University employs hundreds of students on campus each year through the "work study" program. Most jobs are clerical (office work) and custodial in nature. Applications for campus employment are available through Human Resources/Student Employment Office (Green Hall, near LUPD).

Sodexo Food Service also employs hundreds of students. Applications are available at the Liberty University Food Service Office in the dining hall. Many jobs are available in Lynchburg and surrounding counties. Leads for off-campus employment may be obtained through lists made available by the Career Center (DeMoss Hall). The Career Center also maintains an online list of jobs available in the Lynchburg area. The Human Resources/Student Employment Office (Green Hall, near LUPD) should be contacted for on-campus jobs.

Food Service and Meal Plans

Commuter students may purchase meal plans from the University Food Service Office (Dining Hall). Complete information regarding meal plans is available from the Food Service Office or through the website. Attempting to obtain a meal other than by proper payment is considered deception. Furthermore, commuter students are not permitted to be in the dining hall during meal hours except for the purpose of eating. Hours of food service and changes in the meal schedule will be posted near the entrance to the dining hall. Closing times are strictly adhered to.

***NOTE:** The University's board plan does not include meals during breaks (Fall, Thanksgiving, Spring, Christmas) and food service will not be available during these times.*

- **Dining Hall Admittance**

A student's ID card is his/her admission to the dining hall and **MUST** be presented when entering the serving line. **NO ID, NO meal, NO exceptions!**

***NOTE:** In establishing meal rates, consideration has been given for expected absenteeism. Therefore, meals are not transferable to others whether the individual is a resident or non-resident student. Loaning an ID card to another student for the purpose of gaining access to the dining hall will make all parties subject to appropriate points. Furthermore, resident students are not to loan their ID cards or share meals with commuting or non-students. This will be treated as deception. If a student loses his/her ID card, he/she must contact Student Accounts during business hours to obtain a temporary pass or a new ID card.*

- **Dining Hall Conduct**

Students are expected to be considerate of the dining hall staff and should remove trays from the table when leaving. Any student who fails to do so will receive appropriate discipline. Throwing napkins, food or anything else in the dining hall is considered malicious horseplay and will be dealt with as such.

- **Dining Hall Entrances and Exits**

Access to the dining hall is to be gained only through the front doors of the building and then through the service lines. All other doors are "exits only" at all times. There is a "once in" policy for each meal period. A person may consume all he/she wants at each meal but once he/she leaves, he/she is not allowed to come back through the line during that meal period.

- **Dining Hall Meal Allowances**

Seconds are allowed on all food with the exception of special gourmet nights. A student may go back for more as often as he/she desires. While a student may take all he/she wants, he/she should eat all that is taken. No food, including drinks, sandwiches, crackers, etc., as well as eating utensils are to be removed from the dining hall at any time. This is considered stealing. Fees are budgeted on the premise that the food will be consumed in the dining hall. The dining hall is not responsible for feeding a student's friend who may not have a meal ticket, or for supplying a student's afternoon or evening snack. All china, glassware, and eating utensils belong in the dining hall, not in a student's room.

Fund Raising by Clubs and Organizations

For more information on funding raising by Clubs and Organizations, contact the Student Government Association at 582-2323 or email sga@liberty.edu. The Student Government Association is also responsible for processing a group's request to establish a new club or organization (refer to the Clubs and Organizations webpage for details).

Health Services

Light Medical and Counseling Associates, Inc. is a family and occupational medical service available to all students, staff and faculty. The office is located at Liberty University's Green Hall (582-2514) and 2811 Linkhorne Drive (384-1581). Light Medical serves the campus community with a distinctively Christian medical practice. The office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. After office hours, the doctor on call can be reached for emergencies by calling 384-1581. Gregg R. Albers, MD and Richard A. Lane, MD, MPH & TM have rotating office hours at each office. Services are available on a fee basis and payment may be made by cash, check or Master Card/Visa. To minimize your wait, services are by appointment only.

Identification Cards

When new students, faculty, and staff arrive at Liberty University, they are photographed and then sent a Liberty OneCard. Distance Learning students are sent a card with an official Liberty University logo upon registration for classes. The card serves as a combination identification, activity, and optional MasterCard Debit card bearing their photograph or official University Logo and identification number. The card must be activated as soon as it is received and the student/ faculty/staff must choose how they want to receive financial aid refunds. A preference must be chosen in order to receive any refunds from the university.

The card identifies the student, faculty, and/or staff member when checking out books from the library, making purchases in the bookstore, entering the cafeteria, and picking up packages at the post office. The Liberty OneCard is also required for admission to many events around campus. It serves as a MasterCard Debit card should the students, faculty and/or staff decide to open the optional FDIC insured checking account associated with the card. Refunds can be direct deposited into the account using the Easy Refund option. This card is not transferable.

The Liberty OneCard must be carried at all times and produced when requested by University personnel. This should be done in a timely and courteous manner. Liberty OneCard holders are subject to disciplinary action for the misuse of any identification card. This includes altering it in any way, loaning it to another person or failing to have the card on their person when a member of the University personnel requests it.

Once a Liberty OneCard is produced for a student, faculty, and/or staff member, any replacement of that card will incur a \$30.00 fee charged to that person. The replacement cost also includes name changes, replacement cards, lost/stolen, or damaged cards. Liberty OneCards are to be reported lost by either logging onto to the Higher One website at www.libertyuone.com or by calling Higher One at 866-545-8663.

Judicial System

Commuter students accumulate points and fines in the same manner as resident students. See the LU Code of Conduct ("The Liberty Way") for all judicial-related information.

Literature Distribution

Distribution of literature in the residence halls requires written approval from the Office of Student Leadership.

Lost and Found

LU maintains a lost and found office, which is located on the first floor of DeMoss Hall (582-4200).

Marriage

Students under the age of 21 are encouraged to obtain permission from parents before getting married. Premarital counseling is available through the Campus Pastor's Office. Married students are not permitted to live in the residence halls.

Motor Vehicles

Operating a motor vehicle on the campus of Liberty University is a privilege. Students should familiarize themselves with and adhere to all traffic and parking regulations. Any serious or repeated traffic safety violations will result in the loss of driving privileges as determined by the Conduct Office Review Committee in conjunction with LUPD. A copy of all traffic and parking regulations is available from LUPD. Automobiles parked on campus must display a campus permit.

Off Campus Housing

Commuter students are responsible for their own off-campus housing arrangements. Single coed living arrangements are not acceptable in keeping with Liberty's philosophy and purpose. Exceptions to this policy are for immediate family members only. It is each student's responsibility to have their local address and telephone number on file with the Office of Student Housing within seven days from the beginning of classes. Any changes in information must be reported to that office within seven calendar weeks. Failure to file or report changes in information may result in a \$100.00 fine. Telephone information will be included in the student directory unless otherwise indicated. Visit the Commuter Office's Apartment Finder website for off campus housing assistance.

On-Campus Parking

Commuter students are allowed to park in the student parking lots only; however, P-2 parking lot has been set aside as a "commuter student only" parking area. Every student is required to read and comply with the University's parking regulations. All students must register their vehicle with LUPD and must display the registration/parking permit as instructed.

Outstanding Debt Policy / Bad Checks

When Student Affairs is notified that a student has written a check backed by insufficient funds or has an outstanding debt (as determined by a court of law), the University will assist the business/individual in clearing up the matter with the student.

Pedestrian Tunnel (Wards Road)

The Wards Road Pedestrian Tunnel will only be accessible by those with a Liberty-issued Flames Pass. While it will be open at all times, commuter students, faculty and staff will only be able to enter the tunnel from the campus side; they will be allowed to return from the Wards Road side the same day they enter and up until 3 the day after. Students who live on campus will be able to enter both sides at all times. Each person must swipe his or her Pass (no piggybacking will be allowed).

***NOTE:** Anyone who violates the tunnel access and parking policies will have their access privileges revoked for the semester.*

Persons with Disabilities

Liberty University has a policy of equal opportunity that does not discriminate against persons with disabilities. The University is committed to meeting the needs of persons with disabilities by adhering to the requirements and codes of The Americans with Disabilities Act. Comments and concerns should be directed to the Office of Academic Disability Support (Bruckner Learning Center) or to Human Resources.

Postal Services

Students are assigned a numbered mailbox and combination. Due to limited space, it is necessary that students share a mailbox with at least one other student. Each student should check his/her mailbox once a day for personal mail or official correspondence from the University. Students are not permitted to use their Liberty University address for business or ministry purposes.

Restricted mail, such as registered, certified, insured, or express mail, as well as packages are held at the post office and notification is placed in the student's box. COD's may not be sent from the LU Post Office. Intra- campus and inter-ministry mail sent to on-campus students does not require postage but must include name and box number. Students wishing to send ten or more items through intra-campus mail must place the mail in numerical order by box number. The correct mailing address for on-campus students is:

Student's Name
Box Number (this is not a PO box number) Liberty
University
Lynchburg, VA 24502-2269

Railroad Tracks

At no time should pedestrians or vehicles go around gates that block access to railroad tracks. Vehicles should never attempt to cross tracks until it is obvious there is room to clear the tracks. As a safety precaution, individuals should never walk on or along any railroad tracks or attempt to cross over/under a stopped train. No student should ever attempt to cross a railroad trestle/bridge. Violation of these safety policies may result in disciplinary action by the University and/or arrest by railroad officials.

Respect

Respect is an attitude and behavior that should be afforded to all members of the University community through proper acknowledgment of their personal and professional position. Students are asked to observe academic courtesy with regard to all titles (Dr., Dean, Mr., Mrs. or Miss). Students should not use first names when speaking to or about faculty or staff members. Students are expected to exercise proper decorum in the classroom. Men must remove headwear in classrooms and academic buildings.

Students are required to respect Liberty's Statement of Doctrine and Purpose and are not permitted to engage in any activity on or off campus that would compromise the testimony or reputation of the University or cause disruption to Liberty's Christian learning environment. Proper respect should be shown from one student to another at all times. No hazing or student initiations will be permitted. Derogatory comments of a sexual, religious or racial nature will not be tolerated. Students are expected to treat Liberty University faculty and students in a spirit of Christian love, mutual respect, and individual dignity.

- **Respect at Athletic Events**

Liberty University offers excellent athletic events for both participants and spectators. We request that fans and athletes alike exhibit exemplary sportsman-like behavior. It is important to treat visiting teams as we would want our players treated when they travel to other schools to participate in athletic events. We respect our opponents and do not condone derogatory comments/chants or actions, which intend to humiliate the opponent.

Throwing paper or other objects onto the court or playing field or between spectators is not permissible. We want our spectators to enjoy the athletic events at Liberty and ask that they do so while demonstrating positive Christian character in the stands.

- **Respect at Church Services and Convocations**

Students are asked to show proper respect to speakers and fellow students during church services and Convocations. This would include refraining from the following: talking, studying, reading newspapers, sleeping, wearing headphones, arriving late, leaving early or participating in any activity that would keep others from listening. All students must stand when directed from the platform. To demonstrate proper respect, men are required to remove headwear during all Convocations and campus church services.

- **Respect While Dating/Social Behavior**

All students are asked to display mature Christian behavior in social interaction. Proper respect must be shown to all individuals at all times. Harassment of any type will not be tolerated. Handholding is the only appropriate form of personal contact. Improper personal contact or other forms of public display are considered in poor taste. After dusk, students should not be alone with an individual of the opposite sex in any unlighted area such as the ball fields, parking lots, parked cars, ravine or other wooded areas, etc. This is considered improper social behavior.

Safety Off Campus

Students are expected to use caution when participating in off campus activities. Safety laws should be observed and followed at all times.

***NOTE:** The James River, near the Scott's Mill Dam, is a very dangerous area and therefore off limits for swimming. The Amherst County Police Department has been notified to enforce this safety precaution and a \$100 safety violation fine will be imposed to anyone violating this restriction.*

Safety On Campus

A safe campus is an important aspect of the learning/living environment at Liberty University. Liberty seeks, through student involvement with staff, to promote a safe campus for the entire University community. Some of the safety issues promoted is:

- When walking or jogging, do so in pairs or groups and stay in well-lit areas
- Always keep residence room locked when occupants are away or sleeping
- Never leave large amounts of cash in residence room
- Keep the exterior doors to residence hall secured at all times-never prop them
- Never leave personal belongings or valuables unattended (i.e., cafeteria, gym or bookstore)
- Report immediately any crime or suspicious activity to Liberty University Police Department (ext. 3911 from any campus telephone)

For those interested in becoming involved with campus safety, more information is available from any Student Affairs Office.

Shuttle / Transit Service

The Greater Lynchburg Transit Company (GLTC) provides bus service throughout the city of Lynchburg, as well as a campus shuttle service. A bus schedule may be obtained from the website.

Smoking

Liberty University is a smoke-free campus. Smoke-free means smoking or the use of smokeless tobacco or nicotine products (including e-cigarettes and vaping devices) is prohibited on campus.

Snow

Students are encouraged to enjoy the snow season, however for the safety and welfare of both people and property; the following courtesies are expected:

- Snowball fights should not be conducted within the residence hall or academic building areas.
- Snowballs should not be thrown at vehicles.
- Students should not sled on University property.

Cancellation of classes or school due to inclement weather will be posted by the Resident Assistants and announced periodically throughout the morning on 90.9 FM-"The Light", WRVL and 90.3-"Spirit FM".

Solicitation

Solicitation by salespersons, students, staff members or members of the community is prohibited in the residence halls. The Office of Student Leadership will answer any questions regarding this matter.

Special Speakers

The Office of the Executive Vice President or Spiritual Life must approve any speaker who is not a member of Liberty University's faculty or staff before any invitation to speak or perform is issued. This regulation will be closely adhered to in an effort to avoid embarrassment to all concerned.

Visitor Policy (On or Off Campus)

Single students are not allowed to visit in apartments of the opposite sex or to entertain visitors of the opposite sex in their own apartment unless there are three or more persons present. Under no circumstances, should any person enter the bedroom of the opposite sex. A visitation curfew of 12 midnight will be in effect. Resident students are not permitted to stay overnight in the apartment or house of an off-campus single person.

Video Copyright Law

Legal representatives for the film industry have warned colleges and universities that copyright law prohibits campus groups from renting videos and showing them publicly. Failure to comply may result in legal action. For information on how to provide your residence hall or campus group with video entertainment in compliance with copyright laws, contact the Office of Campus Programming (582-3148).

LU ONLINE PROGRAM (LUO)

Liberty University offers a unique distance learning program for individuals fifteen (15) years of age or older. This program is completed primarily in the private residence. In fulfilling the residency requirements, all students are expected to abide by the rules, regulations, and policies of Liberty University.

GRADUATE STUDENT PROGRAM

Graduate Commuter Students

Liberty University, the Graduate School and the School of Divinity expect all students to conduct themselves in a manner consistent in accordance with the University rules and regulations. Married Graduate students are expected to maintain exemplary conduct within the community in a manner consistent with the Honor Code. They are encouraged to become actively involved in the activities of the Liberty University Graduate School and the School of Divinity.

Graduate Resident Students

All Graduate students who reside on campus are expected to adhere to the same rules and regulations as outlined for Undergraduate students. It is the responsibility of each student to read and be familiar with these policies. Graduate students are responsible for all information disseminated in residence hall meetings, which are held weekly.

Judicial System for Graduate Students

Liberty University's judicial system also applies to Graduate and Seminary students. Penalties for infractions and the appeal process are the same as outlined for Undergraduate students. Each Graduate student should read and be familiar with the regulations and policies of the University. A Graduate student is expected to be more mature and responsible in his/her actions.

Church, Convocation and Special Events for Graduate Students

Graduate students are encouraged to be active in their local home church (if they are commuting locally) or in the campus church. All full-time students are required to register for a Christian/Community Service assignment. All Graduate students are required to attend Convocation on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Failure to attend Convocation without proper approval will result in the issuance of four points. Liberty University hosts various special events on campus each year and these special events may be required as a part of the student's Christian/Community Service.

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY'S DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

We affirm our belief in one God, infinite Spirit, Creator, and Sustainer of all things, who exists eternally in three persons, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. These three are one in essence but distinct in person and function.

We affirm that the Father is the first person of the Trinity and the source of all that God is and does. From Him the Son is eternally generated and from Them the Spirit eternally proceeds. He is the designer of creation, the speaker of revelation, the author of redemption, and the sovereign of history.

We affirm that the Lord Jesus Christ is the second person of the Trinity, eternally begotten from the Father. He is God. He was conceived by the Virgin Mary through a miracle of the Holy Spirit. He lives forever as perfect God and perfect man: two distinct natures inseparably united in one person.

We affirm that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, proceeding from the Father and the Son and equal in deity. He is the giver of all life, active in the creating and ordering of the universe; He is the agent of inspiration and the new birth; He restrains sin and Satan; and He indwells and sanctifies all believers.

We affirm that God created all things. Angels were created as ministering agents, though some, under the leadership of Satan, fell from their sinless state to become agents of evil. The universe was created in six historical days and is continuously sustained by God; thus it both reflects His glory and reveals His truth. Human beings were directly created, not evolved, in the very image of God. As reasoning moral agents, they are responsible under God for understanding and governing themselves and the world.

We affirm that the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, though written by men, was supernaturally inspired by God so that all its words are the written true revelation of God; it is therefore inerrant in the original and authoritative in all matters. It is to be understood by all through the illumination of the Holy Spirit, its meaning determined by the historical, grammatical, and literary use of the author's language, comparing Scripture with Scripture.

We affirm that Adam, the first man, willfully disobeyed God, bringing sin and death into the world. As a result, all persons are sinners from conception, which is evidenced, in their willful acts of sin; and they are therefore subject to eternal punishment, under the just condemnation of a holy God.

We affirm that Jesus Christ offered Himself as a sacrifice by the appointment of the Father. He fulfilled the demands of God by His obedient life, died on the cross in full substitution and payment for the sins of all, was buried, and on the third day He arose physically and bodily from the dead. He ascended into heaven where He now intercedes for all believers.

We affirm that each person can be saved only through the work of Jesus Christ, through repentance of sin and by faith alone in Him as Savior. The believer is declared righteous, born again by the Holy Spirit, turned from sin, and assured of heaven.

We affirm that the Holy Spirit indwells all who are born again, conforming them to the likeness of Jesus Christ. This is a process completed only in Heaven. Every believer is responsible to live in obedience to the Word of God in separation from sin.

We affirm that a church is a local assembly of baptized believers, under the discipline of the Word of God and the lordship of Christ, organized to carry out the commission to evangelize, to teach, and to administer the ordinances of believer's baptism and the Lord's table. Its offices are pastors and deacons, and it is self-governing. It functions through the ministry of gifts given by the Holy Spirit to each believer.

We affirm that the return of Christ for all believers is imminent. It will be followed by seven years of great tribulation and then the coming of Christ to establish His earthly kingdom for a thousand years. The unsaved will then be raised and judged according to their works and separated forever from God in hell. The saved, having been raised, will live forever in heaven in fellowship with God.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Philosophy of Education

Liberty University is a Christian academic community in the tradition of evangelical institutions of higher education. As such, Liberty continues the philosophy of education, which first gave rise to the university, summarized in the following propositions:

- God, the infinite source of all things, has shown us truth through Scripture, nature, history, and above all, in Christ.
- Persons are spiritually, rationally, morally, socially and physically created in the image of God. They are, therefore, able to know and to value themselves, other persons, the universe, and God.

Education, as the process of teaching and learning, involves the whole person, developing the knowledge, values and skills that enable the individual to change freely. Thus, it occurs most effectively when both instructor and student are properly related to God and each other through Christ.

Mission

To produce Christ-centered men and women with the values, knowledge, and skills essential to impact tomorrow's world. The mission is carried out for resident students through a rigorous academic program and structured social environment. It is carried out for external students in a comparable academic program but without the structure of the resident community.

Aims

In support of its philosophy and mission, Liberty University seeks to provide its students with intellectual and cultural pursuits that:

- Contribute to a knowledge and understanding of other cultures and international events.
- Promote an understanding of the Western tradition and the diverse elements of American cultural history, especially the importance of the individual in maintaining democratic and free market processes.
- Foster university-level competencies in writing, speaking, reading, appreciation of the arts, analytical reasoning, computer literacy, and library research.
- Convey the different ways of acquiring knowledge in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences.
- Enable them to engage in a major field of study built on a social foundation in the liberal arts.
- Explore the moral dimensions and ethical implications in the disciplines offered by the University.
- Assist in developing competence and determination in their approach to their vocation, including encouragement in choosing and following their vocation, as a calling to do the will of God through all of life.
- Promote the synthesis of academic knowledge and Christian values in order that there might be a maturing of spiritual, intellectual, social and physical behavior.
- Cultivate sensitivity to the needs of others and a commitment to the betterment of humanity.
- Encourage a commitment to the Christian life-one of actively communicating the Christian faith, personal integrity, and social responsibility, which as it is lived out, points people to Jesus Christ as the Lord of the universe and their own personal Savior.

Objectives of Student Affairs

Consistent with Liberty University's philosophy of education, Student Affairs seeks to encourage and develop a community environment that promotes the integration of all learning concepts from the various disciplines in order that each student may fully develop their potential.

Student Affairs further endeavors to foster a spirit of unity. Since Liberty University has a culturally-diverse student population, both national and international, a rich learning environment is provided that enables students, administration, faculty and staff to experience and acquire skills necessary for life while pursuing academic goals and objectives.

Aims

In support of its philosophy, Student Affairs seeks to provide services, programs, and activities for students that achieve the educational goals of the institution. Specifically:

- Student Affairs continues to be the primary agency for consistent and fair policy enforcement.
- Student Affairs advocates the development of the whole person intellectually, physically, socially, and spiritually, which is of primary importance.
- Student Affairs seeks to promote and sponsor programs and activities, which instill a sense of personal responsibility toward other students, the institution, and the community in which they live.
- Student Affairs promotes communication and establishes a rapport with students to increase the student's awareness of issues, services, student rights, and responsibilities.

Within the student community, Student Affairs is committed to maximizing the learning value of a culturally diverse population. From that context, programming focuses upon the intellectual, physical, social and spiritual growth of students:

- **Intellectual**

The work of Student Affairs does not compete with and cannot be a substitute for the academic experience. As a partner in the educational enterprise, Student Affairs enhances and supports the academic mission.

- **Physical**

The Office of Campus Recreation provides a variety of recreational and social activities with the goal of providing physical exercise and social interaction.

- **Social**

Student Affairs endeavors to proactively introduce programs to students that develop competence, manage emotions, increase acceptance of cultural diversity, and nurture responsible autonomy.

- **Spiritual**

Student Affairs seeks to develop a community conducive to spiritual maturation. Each individual is challenged, through people and programs, to develop a Christian world-view. This includes encouraging spiritual growth, personal integrity and social responsibility. Student Affairs works closely with Spiritual Life to achieve these goals.

Survey Requirement

Liberty University is committed to the ongoing evaluation of programs and services. Student surveys are one method by which Liberty assesses its effectiveness. Therefore, it is of utmost importance that students participate. These surveys assist Liberty in the evaluation and planning process and give students an opportunity for input. Students are also expected to participate in all assessments that pertain to their specific course of study.