

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

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WHY GET INVOLVED?

While your main focus at VCU is your academic success, there is learning that can take place outside the classroom to complement your in-class studies. Becoming involved on campus is one way to balance your education and get the most from your college years. VCU has more than 300 student organizations! Whether your interest is student government, campus programming, fraternity and sorority life, professional development, political involvement, recreation or religious activity, community service or student media, there are other students with similar goals who are anxious for you to join their pursuits.

By being a member of a student organization, you will have the opportunity to enrich your education at VCU. What may seem like a large and overwhelming institution can be transformed into "home" by the good friends and good times involvement will help create. As a member of an organization, you will have the opportunity to develop new skills, new interests, interact with the university community and enhance your academic program.

WHAT KINDS OF GROUPS ARE REGISTERED AT VCU?

VCU's diversity is evident in its numerous student organizations:

GOVERNING: Comprised of members from other student organizations which provide a collective voice in the development of their governance system.

PROGRAMMING: Provide consistent activities and events to benefit the entire campus community.

CULTURAL: Provide students with a direct connection to a cultural community with the opportunity to either explore their own heritage or learn about other cultural traditions.

FRATERNITY/SORORITY: Offer VCU students an opportunity to share a common purpose and a college experience. Activities promote the development of the community with a focus on brotherhood and sisterhood.

HONORARY: Nationally-Affiliated organizations that require exhibited academic excellence for membership.

POLITICAL: Provide a forum for political parties and diverse opinions and philosophies.

PROFESSIONAL/ACADEMIC: Organizations associated directly with academic or professional pursuits.

SERVICE: Offer students the opportunity to become involved and serve the community or specific groups.

SPIRITUAL/RELIGIOUS: Offer students the opportunity to continue their spiritual and religious growth in an academic environment.

SPORTS: Offer students an opportunity to engage in athletic activities, often involving organized competitions with similar clubs at other institutions. Membership is limited to VCU students only.

SPECIAL INTEREST: Focused on specific interests, offering students a wide variety of exploration possibilities.

STUDENT MEDIA: Receive support through the Student Media Commission and publish information for the university community.

A FEW OF VCU'S ORGANIZATIONS

- Activities Programming Board (APB)
- Ad Club
- African Student Union
- Alternative Spring Break
- American Marketing Association
- Asian Student Caucus
- Bowling Rams
- BuzNet
- Cancer Awareness Team
- Caribbean Student Organization
- Chinese Students and Scholars Association at VCU (CSSA)
- Club Baseball at VCU
- Club Francais
- College Republicans of VCU
- Collegiate Aviation Club
- Contemporary Craft Society
- Crew Club
- Cricket at VCU
- Dental Club at VCU
- Episcopal Campus Ministry
- Ethiopian Student Union
- Feminists United
- Field Hockey Club at VCU
- Filipino Americans Coming Together FIRST at VCU
- Forensic Science Student Club
- Fraternity and Sorority Caucus
- German Club
- Golden Key International Honor Society
- Golf Club at VCU
- Graduate Student Association
- Habitat for Humanity at VCU
- Hillel at VCU
- Homecoming Planning Committee
- Ice Hockey Club at VCU
- Indian Student Association
- Intercultural Festival Planning Board
- Interfraternity Council (IFC)
- Intervarsity Christian Fellowship
- Iranian Student Foundation
- Korean Students at VCU
- Kuwaiti Students Organization (KSO)
- Ladder Day Saint Student Association
- Latino Student Association
- Libertarians at VCU
- Liberty in North Korea
- Mens Basketball Club at VCU
- Mens Lacrosse
- Messianic Jewish Student Alliance
- Multicultural Greek Council
- NAACP at VCU
- Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF)
- Queer Action
- Ram Rugby Club
- Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (SETA)
- Society of Professional Journalists VCU Chapter
- Student Art Space
- Student Chess Organization
- Student Government Association (SGA)
- Student Hip-Hop Organization
- Student Veterans Association
- Swing Dance at VCU
- Table Tennis Club at VCU
- The Edge
- The Vine
- United Secular Alliance
- Vietnamese Student Association
- Womens Rugby Club of VCU
- WVCW Radio
- Young Life

UNIVERSITY STUDENT COMMONS & ACTIVITIES

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WHAT DOES "REGISTERED" MEAN?

Many organizations exist on campus that are not officially registered with the University Student Commons & Activities; however, by registering, organizations can receive many services and benefits, most importantly, funding.

Each semester, you will pay a Student Activities Fee. This money is then pooled and allocated to registered student organizations on the Monroe Park Campus by the Monroe Park Campus Student Government Association. Essentially, you have already paid for many of the organization events and activities through your Student Activities Fee, which is why many of the events on campus are free to students.

When an organization is registered and in good standing they can also receive the services and benefits from the Office of Student Organization Development including mailboxes, computer use, free photocopies for organizational business, workshops and much more. Some larger student organizations also maintain office space in the Office of Student Organization Development.

WANT TO START A NEW ORGANIZATION?

If you are interested in starting a new student organization at VCU, please visit the Office of Student Organization Development or go online and print the Student Organization Handbook. This resource will provide you all the information you need to start a new organization. All registered VCU student organizations are required to have at least five members (consisting of current VCU students) and complete the proper registration paperwork.

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STUDENT ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT

VCU offers a number of workshops, leadership programs and services to our student organizations. Student organization development programs include:

**Student Organization and
Volunteer Opportunities (SOVO) Fair
VCU Student Leadership Program
VCU Emerging Leaders Program
Officer Transition Workshops
New Student Organization Workshops
Student Organization Leaders In Development
Challenge Discovery**

GET IN TOUCH WITH US

For more information on Student Organizations:

Call us: (804) 828-3648
Visit us: Student Commons Room 018
Online: www.usca.vcu.edu/studentorgs

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