

# STUDENT SERVICES

Student Services at Concordia University creates programs designed to help students build or attain life skills and developmental competencies. Academic pursuits should be foremost in a student's thinking, yet two-thirds of a student's time is spent outside the classroom. The successful student will develop tools outside of the classroom to work on personal issues such as spiritual development, intellectual and social competence, development of a sense of purpose, self-worth, and career direction.

Student Service programs include new student orientation, academic advising, residence life, career guidance, personal counseling, student activities, student government, health services, campus safety, and dining services. Program specifics can be found in the Student Handbook. (<http://intranet.cu-portland.edu/students/documents/StudentHandbook.pdf>)

The faculty's Community Life Committee provides philosophical and policy-related guidance to the Student Services staff.

## Residence Life

For residential students, life in the community is rich. Professional and resident advisor staff members work hard to offer programming relevant to the current world. The physical environment is structured to foster personal as well as recreational interaction between residents.

Concordia University has defined a set of values for the residential community. These values are implemented through a set of interpersonal and behavioral expectations for on-campus residents as well as visitors to the campus that emphasizes visitation and quiet hours, appropriate choices, and the prohibition of drugs and alcohol. Students are asked to respect the rights and freedoms of others while holding up the ideal of the Christian community as the center of residential life.

## Housing Requirements

### *Traditional Students*

The University has a two-year residency requirement for new, traditional-age students. Students under 21 years of age transferring to Concordia must live on campus for at least one year. Please see the Student Handbook (<http://intranet.cu-portland.edu/students/documents/StudentHandbook.pdf>) for specifics.

### *International Students*

International Students are provided the following housing options:

1. University housing (campus residence halls) for undergraduate students
2. Undergraduate students who are 21 years of age and older and graduate students should make their own arrangements to live off-campus. The Department of International Studies will assist with housing options.

It is recommended that undergraduate International Students first live in University housing. This helps students learn the most about American culture and American higher education and provides the best setting in which to learn English.

## Academic Advising

Freshmen and transfer undergraduate students entering Concordia participate in a comprehensive academic advising program. This program provides new students with their first links to the Concordia University community. Students are matched with an advisor who knows Concordia and understands the student's major course of study and career path, or who can assist in helping students to identify skills, aptitudes, and interests while considering major options.

A comprehensive and exciting orientation program will help students make the transition from previous educational experiences to those at Concordia University. In addition, special seminars, counseling, activities, and programs are available for all students to enjoy a successful and rewarding higher education experience.

Advisors will help each student plan a program of study, select courses, and assist them in a variety of academic matters. It is the responsibility of the student to maintain normal progress and to select the proper courses leading to their chosen degree.

## Disability Support Services

Concordia University welcomes students with disabilities. Any student with a documented learning, physical or mental disability who feels their disability may impact academic success may qualify to receive accommodations. On-campus students needing academic adjustments are required to contact Disability Support Services (DSS), no later than the second Friday of the semester for which you are seeking accommodation. Online students needing academic adjustments are required

to contact a DSS, no later than the end of the first week of the term for which you are seeking accommodation. All discussions will remain confidential. Should an issue arise mid-semester, students should contact the DSS as soon as possible. However, not all mid-term requests can be guaranteed. Once your learning needs have been established and upon your consent, DSS will work with you, your professors, and your academic advisor to obtain appropriate learning accommodations.

## Health and Counseling Services

### *Health Services*

Due to the many stresses, roadblocks, and detours related to university life, students may at some point need some direct medical assistance. This can be found through the Health Center. The Health Center is located in the Faubion building and is open during the regular academic year.

### *Insurance/Athletic Insurance*

Students are required to provide insurance coverage for their personal property, medical, and athletic needs. Most family insurance policies provide coverage for these concerns. Student group accident and emergency insurance information is available in Student Services, Administrative Services, or Health Services. This insurance is not sufficient for student athletes. Student athletes are required to show proof of adequate medical insurance before participating in any athletic activity. By Concordia University policy, all international students on an F-1 or J-1 visa are required to have health and repatriation insurance.

### *Counseling*

In many ways, college students stand at the crossroads of transformation. Through education, building relationships, and personal development, students are making decisions today that will impact the rest of their lives. Concordia University seeks to assist in this endeavor by providing opportunities for growth within a Christian context. The Counseling Center offers confidential, individual counseling sessions with a trained and experienced counselor to any student, free of charge.

The Counseling Center wants to help students have a positive and beneficial Concordia experience. Whether it's academics, personal healing, or just a listening ear, students are encouraged to come in and talk.

## Career Development

Through a variety of resources, including individual career counseling, access to the Internet, computer-assisted career guidance programs, a career resource library, career assessments, and a job listing service, students are encouraged to take responsibility for investing their lives in purposeful activity. Workshops and seminars are offered throughout the year that focuses on career planning and job search skills.

In cooperation with the four academic colleges, Concordia's Career Development Program is designed to provide services and opportunities to meet the needs of the diverse student population. Contact the Student Services Office for more information and appointments.

## Public Safety

Concordia's Public Safety Office provides 24-hour security and is responsible for the safety of the campus community and for the protection of property. The Public Safety Office works with the residence staff and maintains close contact with local law enforcement agencies. After dark, students may request personal escorts.

## Vehicle Registration

All vehicles are required to be registered with Concordia's Public Safety Office. It is the student's responsibility to observe all State of Oregon ordinances with respect to registration and operation of motor vehicles. Students are also required to adhere to all City of Portland and Concordia University parking regulations (see the Campus Safety web site (<http://www.cu-portland.edu/student-affairs/campus-safety/parking-policy-information>) for more detailed parking information). Concordia does not assume liability for loss or damage of automobiles, motorcycles, or bicycles by theft or accident. Valuables should not be stored in parked vehicles. Owners are advised to provide adequate insurance protection to cover any loss or damage.

## Co-Curricular Activities

Concordia University sponsors numerous activities aimed at developing character, individual talents, and maturity. These co-curricular recreational opportunities allow a large percentage of students to participate. Listed below are some of the main activities offered on campus:

### **Intercollegiate Athletics**

Concordia University is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association

Division II. The NCAA Division II is comprised of nearly 300 colleges and universities across the United States and Canada. The Cavaliers compete in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) and offer the following sports: baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's golf, men's and women's soccer, softball, men's and women's indoor track and field, men's and women's outdoor track and field and volleyball.

### **Intramural Athletics (IM)**

The goals of intramurals are to provide an opportunity to stay physically active, have fun and fellowship with other CU students. There are regularly scheduled times for team and individual sports and activities as well as time allocated for outdoor and indoor activities (i.e. volleyball, basketball, floor hockey, dodge ball, soccer, etc.). Special tournaments, leagues and competitions are organized and directed by the IM Director as part of student government. In addition, students can utilize the CU fitness center for individual cardiovascular or resistance training.

### **Music at Concordia University**

Concordia University offers a variety of opportunities to get involved in music. Whether your talents lie in instrumental or vocal performance, we have an ensemble for you. Ensemble groups include Brass Ensemble, Christi Crux Vocal Ensemble, Concert Choir, Handbell Ensemble, String Ensemble, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, and Concordia Praise Ensemble.

### **Social and Cultural Activities**

Major social events on campus include dances, banquets, and fall and spring graduation festivities. Other formal and informal events are planned throughout the year. International students are welcome to participate in all social and cultural activities. Their participation in campus life provides unique opportunities for cultural awareness and understanding.

### **Media and Publications**

#### ***The Promethean***

*The Promethean* is Concordia University's literary and arts journal. It provides a forum for student, faculty, and visiting contributor opinion, scholarship, poetry, art, photography, and other creative endeavors. Students can contribute short stories, plays, and essays, as well as learn how to compose, edit, and publish a journal of the literary and visual arts. All students involved in the publication of the journal receive academic credit by enrolling in ENG 217 LITERARY JOURNAL I and ENG 218

LITERARY JOURNAL II. For more information, contact the faculty advisor to *The Promethean*.

### **Honor Societies**

#### ***Delta Mu Delta***

Delta Mu Delta is a business honor society that recognizes and encourages academic excellence of students at qualifying colleges and universities to create a DMD community that fosters the well-being of its individual members and the business community through life-time membership. Students working towards a major in the School of Management who meet the GPA and academic standing requirements will be invited to apply for Delta Mu Delta membership.

#### ***Kappa Delta Pi***

Your academic excellence and dedication to the teaching profession can earn you the opportunity to belong to Kappa Delta Pi, the world's largest association of outstanding education professionals. Kappa Delta Pi is the only organization that represents all educators regardless of subject area specialty, degree obtained, grade-level focus, or years of teaching experience. Though diverse, all KDP members share a common purpose. We are a dynamic community of exceptional educators committed to promoting excellence in the education profession by recognizing and advancing scholarship, leadership, and service. The Concordia University Chapter began in the spring of 2009 and is open to those majoring in education or in the DCE program. For more information about the membership requirements, please send an e-mail to [kdp.cupdx@gmail.com](mailto:kdp.cupdx@gmail.com). ([concordia.kdp@gmail.com](mailto:concordia.kdp@gmail.com))

#### ***Psi Chi***

Psi Chi is the International Honor Society in Psychology and has two primary purposes: (1) to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship, and (2) to advance the science of psychology. Membership is open to undergraduate and graduate students who are majoring or minoring in psychology, and who meet the minimum qualifications. The mission of Psi Chi is to produce well-educated, ethical, and socially responsible members committed to contributing to the science and profession of psychology and to society in general. Students with a major or minor in Psychology and who meet the minimum GPA requirements are eligible to apply. See the Psychology Department (<http://www.cu-portland.edu/academics/colleges/college-theology-arts-and-sciences/undergraduate-programs/psychology/program-chair-info>) for more information.

**Sigma Tau Delta**

Membership in Concordia University's local chapter of the internationally-constituted English honor society, Sigma Tau Delta, is open to prospective majors or minors in English who have completed at least two literature courses beyond the freshman composition requirements, academically rank in the upper third of the Concordia University community, have achieved at least a B average in all courses in English, and who have completed at least five semesters of collegiate work. Sigma Tau Delta confers recognition of superior academic achievement in English, and the Concordia chapter – Alpha Beta Rho – supports the publication of the college's literary journal, *The Promethean*. The society invites members to compete for scholarships of up to \$5,000 in the fields of poetry, creative writing, and critical writing. Initiation of new members is conducted each spring term. Interested students should contact Sigma Tau Delta's faculty advisor for more information.

**Clubs and Organizations****Associated Students of Concordia (ASCU)**

ASCU (Associated Students of Concordia University) (<http://www.cu-portland.edu/node/260>) is the student body of CU in Portland. Just by being a student, you are a member. We represent the student voice at Concordia, and provide many opportunities for students including: leadership positions in student senate and program boards, events, intramural sports, and much more.

For more information on ASCU and/or clubs on campus please email us at [ascu@cu-portland.edu](mailto:ascu@cu-portland.edu).

**Fellowship of Christian Athletes**

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes provides athletes and coaches with Christian support.

**Ultimate Frisbee Club**

Ultimate Frisbee club offers a weekly opportunity for students, staff, faculty, and the community to have fun, get exercise and enjoy some Ultimate Frisbee.

**Hawai'i Club**

Hui'O Hawai'i Club exists to invite friends and family of Concordia University to experience the Aloha Spirit. During spring term Hawai'i Club hosts their annual Lua'u which has become a marquee event on campus. For more information please check them out on Facebook at Concordia University Hui #O Hawai'i (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/222727351216071>).

**Investments Club**

The club's purpose is to grow finance experience and knowledge through practical and consensus participation. This would include weekly stock pitches by members as well as market updates for portfolio management.

**The Student Nurses Association**

Open to all nursing students, Concordia's Nursing club unifies those in nursing and pre-nursing. The club participates in at least one service event a semester and helps with the annual pinning ceremony for graduating nursing students.

**Social Work Club**

The Social Work Club helps students and faculty to become better acquainted, exchange ideas, share common experiences, and serve the community in various ways. The club also brings in guest speakers from the social work profession to address issues, trends, and situations unique to the profession.

**Soccer Club**

The purpose of the soccer club is to unite and involve students once a week, using the game of soccer. The goal of the club is to involve the students and/or faculty in a year-round physical activity while having fun and to create long-lasting friendships.

**The Student Veterans of Concordia University (SVCU) Club**

SVCU is committed to providing comprehensive resources to military-affiliated students to support personal, academic, and professional development. The SVCU is an inclusive club that serves as a campus liaison between the student veteran and the University to foster the successful transition from military to college life.

**Student Service Corps**

Concordia University Student Service Corps (<http://www.cu-portland.edu/campus-life/student-service-corps>) are a mentorship series designed to promote meaningful relationships between University students and underprivileged urban youth. The Student Service Corps are designed specifically to help provide solutions to low graduation rate, low testing results, high gang prevalence, and lack of positive role models. The Service Corps include Concordia Teacher Corps, Health Corps, Green Corps, Performing Arts Corps, and Athlete Corps.

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