
DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

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The Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students works on behalf of all students, undergraduate and graduate students, through collaboration with faculty, staff, and student leaders. The Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students joins other university officers in long-range planning and advises the president and Board of Trustees on student issues and concerns. Assistance is available for a wide variety of issues, including personal or academic problems, family or personal emergencies, or general guidance with issues of life as a student. The Dean of Students office is in Wheelock Student Center, Room 208, 253.879.3360, Campus Mailbox 1069.

The dean also has overall responsibility for the following Division of Student Affairs (DSA) departments:

Office of the Chaplaincy

The University Chaplaincy is responsible for supporting and developing programs and resources for students, faculty, and staff of any, all, or no particular spiritual or religious backgrounds. The Chaplaincy provides personal and spiritual support, co-curricular and community education related to religion and spirituality in society, collaborates with student-run clubs that connect to spirituality, and advocates for a more inclusive, just, and compassionate campus. The Chaplaincy also manages Kilworth Memorial Chapel, hosting a broad range of performances, lectures, and other events for the University, and providing wedding and memorial services for the Puget Sound community. The department is heavily student-led, with opportunities for both student employment and mentorship programs for students hoping to develop skills and leadership related to religion and spirituality in higher education and our broader society. The Kilworth Chapel is located on N. 18th Street between Union Avenue and Lawrence Avenue. The Chaplain can be reached at 253.879.3818 or at dwright@puget-sound.edu.

Residential Experience

Offices within the Residential Experience department are Residence Life and Rights & Responsibilities. These offices can be found at 3206 N. 15th Street, or by calling 253.879.3317.

Residence Life

The University of Puget Sound, as a residential liberal arts college, affirms the educational benefits inherent in this kind of undergraduate

experience. Student learning, in and out of the classroom, and student success are enhanced by the on-campus residential experience. Being a part of a community of scholars is also reinforced by living in campus housing. Because of this, **Puget Sound requires all students to live on-campus for their first two academic years with the university** and significant numbers of students choose to continue living on campus through graduation to fully reap the benefits of a residential liberal arts experience.

Residence Life seeks to ensure that the academic mission of the university is sustained by students' living arrangements on campus. The department strives to create a sense of community within each of the residential facilities. Through educational and social programs and other resources, the department aids residents in the development of those qualities that are essential to academic achievement, personal growth, and successful group living. Living spaces on campus include Residence Halls (eleven Tudor-Gothic residence halls are arranged in two spacious quadrangles on the north and south ends of campus) and Union Avenue Residences (residences on Union Avenue that house eight of the university's national fraternities and sororities—Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi, Alpha Phi, Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Pi Beta Phi; Delta Delta Delta members reside in campus houses; first-year students are not allowed to live in the chapter houses). Students residing in these buildings are required to purchase a meal plan. Residence Houses (these 48 houses vary in size) are reserved for continuing students, and include some theme housing. Students residing in residence houses have the option of purchasing a meal plan.

The university offers residential programs for first-year students including honors housing, Business Leadership Program housing, and living learning communities. There are themed programs for upper-division students including the Honors/Langlow House for upper-division students in the Honors program, language and music houses, and a number of houses whose themes range from academics to community service. Campus houses are reserved for students at the sophomore level and higher.

First-year students who are interested in joining a fraternity or sorority participate in formal recruitment at the start of spring semester and may move into the chapter's facility at the beginning of their sophomore year. Transfer students with sophomore standing or above may participate in fall informal recruitment and move into the chapter's housing facility immediately, provided space is available.

Each living unit is staffed by undergraduate students, or resident assistants (RAs), who serve as peer supports, hall administrators, and facilitators for the residents of their living area. The student leader team also initiates, organizes, and implements educational and developmental programs that contribute to the academic and personal growth of residents. The leader team enforces the Student Integrity Code and other university policies. Resident Community Coordinators (RCCs) are student leader teams working in the continuing student areas (on-campus houses, Oppenheimer Hall, Smith Hall, Thomas Hall, and Trimble Hall). Resident Directors (RDs) are full-time, master's-level university staff members who live in apartments in the residence halls. The RDs coordinate daily life in the residence halls and supervise Residence Life Student Leadership Teams and programming.

Residence Life Application Process

To be eligible for a room assignment, students must be enrolled in classes for the following semester. An application form for admitted students can be found on myPugetSound. Continuing students sign up for on-campus housing via the Housing Selection process in the spring semester.

Upon a room assignment, the housing contract and all terms and conditions set forth are binding for the entire academic year. This contract applies to all student residents of university-owned facilities.

Appeals to be released from the residential requirement or cancel a housing contract must be submitted to the Residence Life office via the *On-Campus Housing Contract Appeal* form available at pugetsound.edu/campus-housing-appeal.

Confirmation of room assignments and roommate information for fall enrollment is posted to myPugetSound and placement letters are mailed to admitted students during the month of June.

Rates

Room and board costs are charged as a unit, and all students living in residence halls (including Thomas Hall and Trimble Hall) or the Union Avenue facilities must pay board as well as room charges. Residents of on-campus houses are charged room costs only and have the option of purchasing a meal plan. Room and board rates are subject to change. University housing rates are detailed in the “Student Financial Services” section of this *Bulletin*.

Housing for Continuing Students

Each fall and spring semester, a housing selection process is held for continuing students. In the spring semester, all current students are invited to participate in the on-line Housing Selection process. An email detailing the various options and process is sent in December. For more information, contact Residence Life, 253.879.3317, Campus Mailbox 1003. Information and policies about contracts, terms and conditions, and appeals listed above are applicable for all enrolled students.

Rights and Responsibilities

At the University of Puget Sound, it is the authority of the Office of Rights and Responsibilities to establish and maintain the standards and procedures conducive to the safety, security, and educational goals of our campus. The Student Integrity Code is the foundation upon which Rights and Responsibilities administers an educational and student-centered conduct process. Students are provided opportunities through our processes to personally reflect on their decisions in an environment where they can expect to be treated with respect in a fair and consistent manner.

The university wants to ensure as positive and safe of a living-learning community as possible. In order to achieve that, students have rights and responsibilities to uphold. The Student Integrity Code outlines standards and boundaries so that the community can sleep, study and fully engage. The Standards provide more specific explanation of how the principle is exercised and applies to all students and student groups, both on-campus and off-campus, who are engaged in activities sponsored by the university or by a university organization, or who represent the university in some recognized capacity.

The Student Integrity Code creates education experiences from which students develop both skill and confidence in making personal

judgments and appreciating their consequences. Although all members of the university community are expected to abide by the Integrity Principle and its attendant obligations, the standards provide an additional education resource. They describe in more specific detail the expectations which all members of the Puget Sound community are required to meet.

This process encourages students to examine themselves, their values, and their relation to others in their behaviors and actions. As our process is holistically educational in nature, outcomes of our processes are individually developed with the goal of promoting critical thinking, repairing harm, and helping students see their actions in the larger scope of the Puget Sound community.

Transparency in the processes is important as we commit to providing each student with the procedural protections outlined in the Student Integrity Code.

Security Services

The Security Services team works with partners on campus to provide a safe and secure environment for the campus community and friends of the university. Our staff is a consistent presence on campus, providing a high quality of service through emergency response, security escorts, vehicle registration and enforcement, and operational oversight of building access. We take pride in our work and commit to the university's goals and objectives. Security Services is a 24-hour service found in the garden level of McIntyre Hall or by calling 253.879.3311.

Student Involvement and Programs

We can be found first and foremost on the traditional lands of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, a Coast Salish People. We strive to begin with this reality and we are working toward incorporating and honoring this history in meaningful ways within our programs. This is a work in progress. Student Involvement and Programs encompasses Greek life, leadership and civic engagement, new student orientation, outdoor programs, the student union building, student activities, and student-led social and cultural programs. The myriad programs are for all students and members of the Puget Sound community. The main office for Student Involvement and Programs can be found in Wheelock 203, or by calling 253.879.3322.

Passages: New Student Orientation

Puget Sound's new student orientation, or Passages, is a community experience. The week-long program is designed to challenge new and transfer students intellectually, connect them with their peers, faculty, and staff members, and help them feel comfortable using university resources. In addition to your campus-based Orientation we offer a wide range of immersive experiences designed to help you connect with a smaller group of incoming students while engaging in all that the Pacific Northwest has to offer. Passages Groups are facilitated by returning student leaders who are excited to get to know the new students and show them around campus and the region. In May, students register and rank the Immersive Experiences they are most interested in. Immersive experiences range from connecting with local social justice work and environmental justice engagement to exploring local musical arts, culinary journeys, or three-day backpacking trips and rocking-climbing adventures.

Puget Sound Outdoors

Puget Sound Outdoors (PSO) provides student-led adventure experiences that promote personal growth and wellness, transformative learning, community building, and environmental stewardship to the University of Puget Sound community. Whether it's right here in Tacoma or in the greater Pacific Northwest, PSO runs day, overnight, and extended outdoor trips open to students of all experience levels. Equipment, transportation, and instruction are all included in the trip cost. For those wanting to go on their own adventures, the Expeditionary offers planning resources and equipment rentals and our Bike Shop provides maintenance and parts to get you back out on the road. The Climbing Wall, located in the Athletics & Aquatics Center, offers students top rope climbing and bouldering along with a variety of climbing classes and clinics throughout the year. PSO also hosts courses in wilderness medicine, outdoor leadership, and other outdoor recreation disciplines. Come get outside with us!

Greek Life

At the beginning of the spring semester, first year students may consider joining one of the campus fraternities or sororities. Greek living is a residential option that attracts over a quarter of the student body and provides a supportive environment for its members. The Greek community at the University of Puget is founded upon the "Four Pillars" of Leadership, Scholarship, Service, and Tradition. These pillars represent the commitment from each fraternity and sorority to the values of our community. With these values in mind, the Greek community has played a significant role in campus life since their founding. Rich in history and tradition, thousands of alumni have proudly and fondly looked back on their years as a member of the Puget Sound Greek community as a key part of their college experience.

Civic Engagement and Leadership

In the Office of Civic Engagement & Leadership students will find opportunities to develop their leadership skills and reflect on what it means to behave as a leader in the 21st century. We also serve as an avenue for students to engage the myriad of opportunities afforded to Puget Sound students in the broader Tacoma community. Our programs nurture these connections by offering different pathways to become active members of our community while completing your degree at the University of Puget Sound. We aim to cover themes such as environmental justice, food justice and social justice. Throughout our programs we seek to develop students' understanding of their positionality in the world, the systems they are part of, and what this means for how they engage as leaders in a wide variety of contexts and communities, all the while creating opportunities for students to find their place at Puget Sound and enjoy the journey.

Student Programs

At Puget Sound musical performances aren't just something you attend; through Student Programs, you can be a part of the experience. The artists that we bring to campus provide both stellar performances, which are often accompanied by students that are studying within the School of Music, and in person master level classes about their music, the music business and more. Involvement in Student Programs performances are an experience like no other.

Wheelock Student Center

Wheelock Student Center (WSC) is the hub of campus life. Each day of the week, WSC is busy with activities ranging from afternoon concerts to coffee breaks, from club and organization meetings to poetry readings. WSC is home to the Logger Store, dining hall, Diversions Café, The Cellar, Information Center, and Mail Services. The Information Center, located on the main level of the WSC, provides connections for new students and campus visitors as well as selling tickets to a variety of campus performances and lectures.

Student Support

Student Support works to engage the campus community in holistic wellness on all levels. The department includes direct student outreach related to navigating challenges and getting connected to resources, the BRAVe (Bystander Revolution Against Violence) program, student support services such as our Food Pantry, the Lending Library and the Clothing Closet and other wellness initiatives. As a department, we facilitate the development of resilience in our students while building thriving communities of care, concern, and belonging. We serve all students with specific outreach to survivors of sexual violence, low-income students, first generation college students, and veterans. We are here to support students as they navigate their journey and work to thrive, persist, and graduate from the University of Puget Sound. The Center for Student Support is at 3219 N. 13th Street, or can be reached at 253.879.2751.

Counseling, Health, and Wellness Services (CHWS)

Counseling, Health, & Wellness Services (CHWS) helps University of Puget Sound students achieve their intellectual, social, and emotional potential by offering professional psychological and primary health care. CHWS is committed to creating an inclusive environment in which we acknowledge individual differences and provide affirming healthcare to our diverse student body. CHWS services are integrated, individualized, and aspire to the highest standards. Students should expect that their unique individual and cultural identities are valued, respected, and actively supported by all CHWS staff.

What We Provide

- Primary medical care including evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of acute and chronic conditions
- Sexual health services including counseling, STI testing,, birth control prescriptions, and emergency contraception
- Mental health services including assessment and treatment; individual and group treatment offered
- Referrals to community treatment for anything beyond our scope of practice or for those who prefer to be seen off campus
- Continuation of allergy shots approved by an allergist
- Gender affirming care
- Assessments for substance abuse when required through Student Conduct
- Assessments required through mandated assessment for risk of suicidality or self-harm
- Registered Dietician appointments
- Psychiatric appointments with referral
- Documentation to facilitate reimbursement from insurance
- Opportunity for CHWS-led trainings and outreach on a variety of topics, including graduate training and internships.

Counseling Appointments

- Initial and ongoing counseling appointments are FREE. However, students will be charged \$25 for missed counseling and group appointments or cancellations less than 24 hours before the appointment time.
- Specialized assessments that are sanctioned by Student Conduct (e.g. mandated substance use and anger management evaluations) are \$75. Decrease Your Risk Training (DYRT) classes are \$50.
- visit fees are \$70 for initial 50-minute appointments and \$40 for follow up, 30-minute appointments. The no show fees for the psychiatric appointments are \$100 for initial sessions and \$50 for follow up visits.

Medical Appointments & Related Fees

- General medical or nutrition appointments are \$25-40.
- Physicals and study abroad consultations are \$55
- No show or late cancellation fees for general medical appointments are \$25.

- There are additional costs for medications, procedures, immunizations, laboratory tests, and supplies. Lab fees may take up to 6 weeks to be charged. Labs sent to an outside lab with fees in excess of \$100 may be billed to insurance if an insurance card is on file at the time of the lab draw.
- CHWS maintains a small dispensary with some of the most commonly prescribed medications. Generally, we are able to offer these medications at a lower cost to students than they would find in local pharmacies.
- X-rays are typically performed at TRA Medical Imaging and are charged through that facility.

BRAVe

Bystander Revolution Against Violence (BRAVe) creates and facilitates programming for the campus community to address issues of sexual and gender based violence including sexual assault, intimate partner violence and stalking. Education around healthy relationships, consent and survivor support are also part of the portfolio of programming included for students.