

Student Development

In keeping with the mission of Taylor University, the purpose of Student Development is to provide the environment, resources, and programs that maximize the potential for student growth and the development of the student's relationship with Jesus Christ. This is achieved within the broader context of whole person education and takes place through structured developmental programs, formal counseling, informal student contact, and support of and participation in University academic programs. The programs of Student Development work cooperatively to fulfill the goal of enhancing the education of our students.

Student Development is committed to the following objectives:

- To provide the environment, resources and programs that maximize the potential for Christian students to grow in their understanding and expression of their Christian faith.
- To provide programs that promote ethnic and cultural understanding.
- To provide professional counseling and health care services for students.
- To create a Residence Life program that encourages personal growth and fosters the practice of the Life Together Covenant.
- To provide safe, attractive and comfortable housing facilities for students.
- To provide wellness programs, experiences and information that help students to live healthy and balanced lives.
- To provide a campus community that is safe and secure for students.
- To provide orientation services that will aid students in their transition to Taylor University and college life.
- To assist students with career planning that will result in professional preparation for placement.
- To provide leadership training opportunities and programs that enable students to mature in their calling as servant leaders.

American Ethnic Student Programs

The purpose of the office of American Ethnic Student Programs is to facilitate the academic success, spiritual development and social well being of American ethnic students. The intention of this office is to provide an environment in which students are offered support as well as advocacy relative to their unique concerns and are encouraged to engage in programs designed to affirm their ethnicity and cultural backgrounds. The program also implements educational opportunities to promote diversity awareness throughout the campus community and cultivate reciprocal relationships with community leaders in order to establish student support linkages between local communities and Taylor University.

Campus Ministries

Campus Ministries is an integral part of Taylor's whole person education. The office of Campus Pastor oversees the chapel and discipleship programs. Chapel for the entire community is held three times a week during the regular semesters. Spiritual renewal weeks, as well as other special emphasis weeks, are featured throughout the year. A campus wide vesper service is held each Sunday night. Bible teaching is central to all these gatherings. The discipleship ministry provides coordinators in each residence hall. These leaders encourage regular Bible reading, prayer, and local church attendance among small groups, which are formed on each floor.

Career Coaching

The career development office, located in the Student Union, assists in all phases of career planning and professional development. Career professionals help educate students about their values, interests, personality and skills and connect them to potential careers. The staff reviews resumes, cover letters, prepares students for professional interviews, conducts workshops and facilitates networking opportunities to connect students with alumni and employers.

Taylor's career resources are available to serve students, faculty, and alumni. Resources include self- assessment tools, on-line resources, books, graduate school information and employer and alumni contact information. The career development office utilizes Career Direct, a Crown Financial Ministries assessment tool and the Myers Briggs Type Indicator - Career Report to assist students in identifying their passions and abilities. Career Development Connections is the on line employment and internship database that connects students and alumni to current full-time, internship, and on-campus or off-campus part-time positions. For information, contact the Career Development Office (ext. 85382).

Counseling Center

The Counseling Center offers students professional counseling services on a no-fee basis. Individual counseling, groups, premarital counseling, workshops, and educational programs are available. Care is given to approach all of life in the context of a biblical worldview. The Counseling Center is located on the lower level of the Rediger Auditorium. Students are seen by appointment and also on an emergency basis. Referrals can also be made to other qualified Christian professionals in the area.

International Student Programs

The purpose of the office of International Student Programs is to facilitate the academic success, spiritual development and social well being of international students. The intention of this office is to provide an environment in which students are offered support as well as advocacy relative to their unique concerns and are encouraged to engage in programs designed to affirm their ethnicity and cultural backgrounds. The program also implements educational opportunities to promote diversity awareness throughout the campus community and cultivate reciprocal relationships with community leaders in order to establish student support linkages between local communities and Taylor University.

Health Services

Cardinal Health Partners is the healthcare provider for Taylor University. Students are provided healthcare services, including pharmacy, rehab, laboratory and rotating specialists' clinic, through the Taylor University Health Center housed in the CHP Upland Health and Diagnostic Center located across from campus. Emergency situations requiring urgent care are facilitated by Blackford Community Hospital's emergency room.

A full-time student pays a health service fee each fall and spring semester and January interterm. This fee may be waived only if the student is married, a commuter from their parents' home, or studying away from campus. In order for this fee to be removed from the bill of an eligible student, a waiver must be obtained from the Bursar's Office and signed by the end of the second week of classes each semester. Health services are not available during summer sessions.

Student insurance is offered and billed separately from the health service fee. Questions regarding student insurance may be directed to Dawn Tinsley at (765) 998-5276 or dwtinsley@tayloru.edu.

Students are responsible for notifying their professors when their absence from class is due to illness. Health services staff will not issue written excused absences.

Housing Information

Taylor University is a residential campus by design; therefore, all single undergraduate students must live in university- owned housing or with their parent/legal guardian in their home. Students who have been admitted to Taylor University and have paid the \$200 matriculation fee will receive a residence hall application from the Center for Student Development. This material is to be completed and returned to the Center for Student Development before housing assignments will be made. \$50 of the \$200 matriculation fee serves as a housing deposit and is returned when the student leaves Taylor or cancels his/her acceptance (see refund policy). Charges for damage to residence hall property and other university-administered facilities are deducted from this housing deposit.

In order to accommodate the entire student body, it is sometimes necessary to supplement campus residential facilities. Off-campus housing is considered overflow housing and is limited to the number of upper-class students who cannot be accommodated in the residence halls. The number of students approved to live off campus is dependent on projected enrollment and retention. Because these figures change from year to year, an application and approval process has been established. Upper-class students who have met the eligibility requirements are given the opportunity to apply (in February of a given year) to live off campus the following year. Students living off campus are expected to abide by both the biblical and Taylor University responsibilities outlined in the Life Together Covenant.

Married students and students over the age of 25 are automatically approved to live off campus. They must arrange to do so through the Center for Student Development, but may select housing that meets their particular needs. Any married student interested in living in a university-owned apartment must apply to do so in the Center for Student Development.

Leadership Development

Taylor University has a long tradition of preparing servant leaders. This emphasis is born out of the mission statement and purposes of the University, in order to develop servant leaders marked with a passion to minister Christ's redemptive love and truth to a world in need.

The Office of Leadership Development provides all students with opportunities for leadership training and involvement. The Leadership Initiative of Taylor (LiT) is a four-level program that encourages students to achieve leadership goals during the four-year college experience. LiT supports the cognitive, spiritual, emotional, physical, vocational, social, and ethical development of students. Students are encouraged to combine their curricular and co-curricular experiences to integrate faith and learning in a holistic process. A student Leadership Development cabinet assists with planning on-campus leadership development opportunities, as well as the National Student Leadership Conference.

Taylor University's distinctive model of leadership is rooted in John 13:3-17. As Jesus knelt to wash the feet of his disciples, he provided an indelible example for generations of leaders to follow. In order to lead, one must serve others. The towel given to each graduating senior during commencement ceremonies represents Taylor's distinctive emphasis on service. Taylor University presents a dynamic servant leadership model, empowering students to grow in their abilities even as alumni.

Residence Life

Taylor University is a residential campus with a strong emphasis on community living. The purpose of the Residence Life program is to provide safe, attractive, and comfortable physical facilities, structured educational programming, and an atmosphere conducive to unstructured learning experiences. In addition, Residence Life seeks to create an environment that fosters the basic values of Christian community. The residence halls serve as living-learning centers where students are challenged to grow and apply their faith through interaction with their neighbors. As living-learning centers, residence halls at Taylor are designed to fulfill two goals: the first is to provide a community living experience through which students are exposed to a variety of educational opportunities that transcend their chosen courses; second, they provide the resources and professional staff necessary to assist students in developing a high degree of self-direction and responsible citizenship.

There are ten residence halls on campus housing almost 1600 students. The halls have different room and floor configurations, affording students the opportunity to choose a living environment that best suits them. Room assignments are made prior to the beginning of the fall term. Room and roommate preferences are honored within the limits of available space. The University reserves the right to assign rooms when deemed appropriate. Individual rooms are furnished with window coverings, beds, mattresses, desks, chairs, and dressers.

Each residence hall has a leadership team that includes personnel assistants, discipleship coordinators, and representatives who serves on Student Senate. These student leaders are supervised by residence hall directors who work as educators, counselors, and members of Taylor University faculty.

New Student Orientation

All incoming students are welcomed to the Taylor community as part of the orientation program. Summer Orientation provides all matriculated students and their parents an introduction to community life and a chance to meet administrators and faculty.

Welcome Weekend begins the school year with social events and informative activities. Each new freshman student is placed in a small group led by upper-class student leaders. These orientation groups meet in conjunction with New Student Orientation class during the first half of the fall semester. Through class lectures and small groups, relevant topics are discussed to assist with the transition to college life and provide a support network for the Taylor community.

Student Clubs

Student clubs exist to provide a wide array of co-curricular experiences that meet social, academic and practical needs of the Taylor University community. Club interests range from academic (Psychology, Social Work, Environmental Science, Art, German, and Pre-Med) to activity-oriented (Equestrian and Lacrosse, to name a few). Students who have special interests not represented on campus are encouraged to seek club status through the Student Senate approval process.

Student Programs

The Office of Student Programs at Taylor University provides dynamic student leadership experiences that cultivate faith, passion, and calling and service through relationships, learning and excellent programs. The philosophy of our office is founded in the desire to develop thoughtful, Christ-centered leaders. Programs encourage whole-person student learning and are marked by educational out-of-the-class experiences that connect with and complement in-class experiences. Events build campus community through fun and meaningful activities that create a common context of experiences and values. Student leaders represent diverse needs and concerns to the Taylor University community and engage in collaborative efforts to address those issues. Our goal is to produce students who are equipped to engage the culture as passionate world-transformers according to their calling in Christ.

Taylor University Police Department

Taylor University Police Department provides a variety of services to the students, faculty, and staff of Taylor University. The University employs full- and part-time police officers and security officers to provide 24/7/365 law enforcement and security services. As the chief law enforcement office for Taylor, the Chief of Police works in conjunction with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to ensure a safe campus environment. Taylor University Police Department also oversees the campus motor pool, lost and found, and identification card system, as well as the after-hours emergency telephone, motor vehicle registration, and parking programs. Taylor University complies with the *Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990*.

Taylor Student Organization

The Director of Student Programs and the Student Body President provide the leadership for the Taylor Student Organization (TSO). Through innovative and educational opportunities, activities, and services, TSO addresses diverse student needs, encourages whole-person learning, and builds community. TSO is comprised of over 100 students serving in the following areas:

- Office of the Student Body President
- Media and Marketing Services Board
- Global Engagement
- Integration of Faith & Culture Programs
- Leadership Development Cabinet
- Community Life Board
- Student Senate
- Multi-Ethnic Student Association
- Office of Finance
- Student Activities Council
- Inter-class Council

Taylor World Outreach

Taylor World Outreach (TWO) emphasizes practical experience in ministry and leadership. Eight student-led departments are committed to leadership development and outreach:

- Acting on AIDS
- Community Outreach
- Global Outreach
- Carpenter's Hands
- Lighthouse (*sponsoring January interterm mission trips*)
- Spring Break Missions
- World Opportunities Week
- Youth Conference