

# Student Development

In keeping with the mission of Taylor University, the purpose of Student Development is to provide a life-changing student development program and services within a decidedly Christian residential community by caring for the needs of a diverse student body in ways that foster the holistic growth of each individual.

Student Development is committed to the following objectives:

- Provide the environment, resources, and programs that maximize the potential for Christian students to grow in their understanding and expression of their Christian faith.
- Provide programs that promote ethnic and cultural understanding.
- Provide professional counseling and healthcare services for students.
- Create a residence life program which encourages personal growth and fosters a living out of the Life Together Covenant.
- Provide safe, attractive, and comfortable housing facilities for students.
- Provide wellness programs, experiences, and information which help students to live healthy and balanced lives.
- Provide a campus community which is safe and secure for students.
- Provide orientation services that will aid students in their transition to Taylor University and college life.
- Enhance the overall educational experience of students through development of, exposure to, and participation in social, cultural, intellectual, recreational, athletic, and leadership programs.
- Assist students with career planning that will result in professional preparation for placement.
- Ensure a student body profile, both in numbers and quality, that is supportive of Taylor's strategic educational and institutional planning.

## Calling and Career

The Calling and Career Office, located in the LaRita R. Boren Campus Center, connects students to people and experiences that equip them to live a faithful response to God's call. Staff members assist students in exploring how their values, interests, personality, and skills connect to potential career paths and assist students in creating a plan to achieve their goals. The staff reviews resumes and cover letters, prepares students for professional interviews, conducts workshops, and facilitates networking opportunities to connect students with alumni and employers. The calling and career staff encourage students to begin using the services of the office early in their graduate careers in order to expand the choices they will have upon completion of their degrees.

Taylor's calling and career resources are available to serve students, faculty, and alumni. Resources include self-assessment tools, online resources, books, graduate school information, and employer and alumni contact information. The Calling and Career Office utilizes both Strong Interest Inventory and StrengthsQuest assessments to assist students in identifying their passions and abilities. The CCO maintains online databases that connect students and alumni to current full-time, internship, and part-time positions. For information, contact the Calling and Career Office at (765) 998-5382.

## Campus Ministries

The Campus Ministries office is an integral part of Taylor's whole person education. The Office of the Campus Pastor oversees the chapel program and provides for the pastoral needs of the University. Chapel for the entire community is held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10:00 AM throughout each semester as well as Interterm. Spiritual renewal is held at the beginning of Fall and Spring semesters.

## Counseling Center

The Counseling Center offers students professional counseling services. Individual, couples, group, and crisis counseling are available, along with workshops and mental health wellness programs. The goal of the Counseling Center is to enhance the mission of Taylor University by supporting students as they navigate academic, personal, and spiritual growth. The Counseling Center is located on the second floor of the Student Center. Students are seen by appointment, as well as on an emergency basis. Referrals can also be made to other qualified Christian professionals in the area. For more information about the Counseling Center, please visit the website <https://www.taylor.edu/about/offices/counseling-center>. If a student is interested in setting up an appointment, they can contact the Counseling Center at [counselingcenter@taylor.edu](mailto:counselingcenter@taylor.edu) or at (765) 998-5222.

## Health Services

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 his or her parent's 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 Office of Student Accounts and signed by the end of the second week of classes each semester. Health services are not available during Summer sessions.

If a student has an illness that results in missed class(es) and is treated, he or she should obtain verification of the treatment and provide this as documentation along with a request for an excused absence. For details, refer to **Class Attendance** in the **Academic Policies and Regulations** section in this catalog. Only documentation as to the treatment administered should be provided.

Any graduate student interested in more information will need to contact the Office of Student Accounts at (765) 998-5123 or [billing@taylor.edu](mailto:billing@taylor.edu) to complete a request and submit payment for the health service fee.

## 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 around-the-clock law enforcement and security services year round. 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, located in the LaRita Boren Campus Center, also oversees the identification card system and lost and found, as well as the after-hours telephone, motor vehicle registration, and parking programs. Taylor University complies with the *Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990*.