# Dean of Students

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The Office of the Dean of Students is a unit within the Division of Student Life that helps students derive full benefit from their university experience by providing education and support programs and services. The office staff works to ensure that all students are supported and accepted and that the obstacles to student success are minimized.

## Bias Education and Response Team

The Bias Education and Response Team works to provide students who have witnessed an act of bias, or have themselves become the target of such an act, an opportunity to be heard and supported. Filing a report of bias with the response team adds information that helps improve the climate on campus and in the community. The report form is available on the Office of the Dean of Students (https://dos.uoregon.edu/) website.

## Multicultural Education, Student Engagement and Support

This unit provides support to the programs that enhance the educational, cultural, and social development of students with a special emphasis on the unique needs of students of color and historically underrepresented and marginalized student groups. It acknowledges, celebrates, and promotes the diverse cultural experiences of each member of the university community, strives to build collaborative relationships, and advocates for social justice.

## Fraternity and Sorority Life

Fraternities and sororities are organizations that focus on scholarship and learning, leadership, brother- and sisterhood, community service, philanthropy, and community awareness among members. Since the founding of the first fraternity in 1776, hundreds of Greek-lettered organizations have been established across college campuses in North America. A longtime part of the student experience at the University of Oregon, the fraternity and sorority community has existed since 1900, when the first fraternity was established on campus. The mission of Fraternity and Sorority Life is to enhance the quality of student life at the University of Oregon by aiding members of the Greek community through advising with a developmental approach, educating with a purpose, collaborating with stakeholders, promoting academic success, encouraging civic responsibility, advocating for healthy lifestyles, and advancing values-based leadership and decision-making.

More than 3,300 students are currently involved in more than 30 Greek-lettered organizations.

## Holden Center for Leadership and Community Engagement

The Holden Center helps prepare students to be positive contributors on campus, within the community, and globally. The center provides opportunities for students to develop as leaders and citizens, regardless of their previous experience or exposure to leadership roles. Members of the center's multidisciplinary staff work directly with students to increase their leadership efficacy and capacity, explore their strengths and passions, teach them new skills and effective practices, help involve them in productive collaborations, and increase their chances of success as agents of change.

Many entry points and opportunities exist for students to get involved at the center, including advising, mentorship, teaching, and experiential programming, with space for students to grow and excel as leaders, get involved with the community, find solutions to problems, and improve the future. These efforts include workshops on identifying individual talents and group effectiveness; volunteer opportunities to help students cultivate their involvement in the local community; service-based trips regionally and internationally; and an intensive leadership development institute.

## Honors and Awards

See the **Honors at Oregon** section of this catalog for information about honorary societies, outstanding-student awards, scholarships and prizes, and the Dean's List.

## Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Education and Support Services

Understanding and acceptance are essential to creating a welcoming environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, and ally students. This program develops and provides educational services related to homophobia and heterosexism; assists student organizations and academic units in bringing speakers to campus for educational programs; serves as a referral source for and provides consultation to members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community; and offers support services for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their heterosexual allies.

## Nontraditional and Veterans Engagement and Success

Nontraditional students—students over the age of 24, students who are reentering the university after a break, student parents, and veterans—are offered support and assistance specific to their needs. The office works closely and advises the Nontraditional Student Union, ensuring that nontraditional student needs are heard and addressed.

## Parent and Family Programs

Parent and Family Programs is a unit in the Division of Student Life, operating with the conviction that informed parents and family members are a valuable resource for their students as well as the larger university community. The program office offers support and resources—communication, event coordination, and other opportunities for participation—to parents and families of UO students, including assistance in navigating the university and in addressing parental concerns.

Parent and Family Programs hosts activities for parents and family members during Week of Welcome, Fall Family Weekend, and Spring Family Weekend. Family members are also encouraged to stay involved through the Parent and Family Association, the Regional Representative Volunteer Program, the Parent Professional Network, or the Parent Leadership Council.

For more information and important dates, visit the website (https://families.uoregon.edu/).

## Sexual Violence Prevention and Education

The Sexual Violence Prevention and Education team utilizes a variety of initiatives to educate, train, and build awareness around complex

issues of sexual and dating violence at the University of Oregon. Specific programs include Get Explicit, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and the interactive facilitation group Sexual Wellness Advocacy Team (SWAT).

## Sexual Violence Response and Support Services

This program provides a comprehensive 24-hour response to students who have experienced sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic or dating violence, and stalking. For more information or to receive help, call 541-346-SAFE or visit safe.uoregon.edu (http://safe.uoregon.edu/).

## Student Conduct and Community Standards

The Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards protects the rights, health, safety, and well-being of every member of the university community while promoting the educational objectives of the university. All students are held responsible to the community standards in the UO's student conduct code. The conduct code may be viewed in full by visiting the dean's website.

## Substance Abuse Prevention and Student Success

The Substance Abuse Prevention and Student Success program addresses high-risk drinking and substance abuse on the UO campus and its impact on students' academic and personal success. With evidence-based, comprehensive, and coordinated efforts, staff members of the program collaborate with campus and community partners to provide alternative programming and services to students.