

STUDENT SERVICES

Selma University recognizes that many activities and services not outlined in formal programs of study are vital to the total growth and development of its students. A number of organizations and activities are maintained for students under the supervision of the Office of Student Life Development.

To facilitate coordination, the organization of activities and services is divided into general categories, including: Campus Christian Life, Student Life and Student Development.

CAMPUS CHRISTIAN LIFE

In keeping with its philosophy and objectives as a Christian College, Selma University provides a variety of opportunities to develop the spiritual life of its students.

The students at Selma University are enrolled in a Baptist church-related institution dedicated to the support of the Christian faith. All students, including students of other denominations, are expected to respect the standards of the college.

The Board of Trustees expects the college community to make a sincere effort to abide by the standards of intellectual rigor, compassion, fairness, tolerance, and non-discriminating practices which are demonstrated in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

ATTENDANCE AT CHAPEL/ASSEMBLY

A part of the "Selma University Family" tradition is the Chapel/Convocation period on Wednesdays. Guest speakers and ministers from the local community, state and the nation as well as members of the college faculty, staff and students lead the Chapel/Convocation on Wednesdays.

Students are required to attend these Chapel/Convocations. Students are also encouraged to attend the church of their choice for Sunday worship services. The annual Nathan Mitchell Carter and the R.T. Pollard Retreats are the religious high points of the year.

Every student at Selma University must be involved in Christian Service.

ORIENTATION

Students' adjustments to Selma University are facilitated through an ongoing process of orientation including pre-registration, orientation sessions, and Chapel/Convocation and Convention periods.

Sessions held prior to registration provide necessary information concerning various programs and administrative contacts to assist students in the areas of Academic Affairs, Placement Tests, Financial Aid, Business Affairs, Student Life and Services, Academic Advising and Registration. Several extracurricular activities will be held throughout the week of orientation and registration to welcome new and returning students.

FRESHMAN EXPERIENCE

In continuation of the orientation process, all freshmen must take a two-hour credit hour course in college life during their freshman year. This is a course designed to introduce students to the college academic environment and prepare them for success in their academic pursuits at Selma University. During the course, students will develop a path to Graduation Plan, connect with their academic advisor, learn organizational and study skills, utilize the CAPS lab, have the opportunity to connect with a mentor, learn about the school's mission and history, and participate in several character building activities. All new or first time University students are required to take this course the first semester they attend.

PLACEMENT TESTING

All entering freshmen must take the standardized placement tests in grammar, mathematics, reading, and sentence skills. (The details are given under appropriate Divisions in this catalog). Incoming freshmen may place out of the exam if they have earned a composite score of "17" or subset scores of "18" or better on the ACT or 490 on the appropriate SAT subset scores.

COUNSELING

Selma University provides both academic and personal counseling to all students. Academic counseling is provided through the Office of Academic Affairs. All entering students will be assigned a faculty member as academic advisor.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Chairpersons from each academic division and faculty are responsible for providing career counseling.

STUDENT LIFE

Student life at Selma University is a unique experience. There is a family atmosphere that pervades the campus. The smallness of the school allows faculty and staff to personally know students and to be involved in their general well-being.

The objectives of student life are to assist students in:

- becoming knowledgeable of spiritual growth
- growing and maturing intellectually
- developing social and interpersonal skills
- helping create and foster an environment conducive to Christian ethics and values.

Campus activities are planned for all members of the college family.

Through the Office of Student Affairs, activities are scheduled in conjunction with the college program. Dinkins Memorial Chapel, Jemison-Owens Gymnasium and Gibbs Dining Hall are the focal points for many of the planned activities for the entire college family. A number of activities occur annually. These include Founders' Day, musical concerts, religious retreats, classes and talent shows.

HEALTH SERVICES

Selma University will undertake efforts to assist students in receiving a physician's care or in gaining hospital admission when needed. The physicians' and/or hospital fees are the student's responsibility. Selma University expects all students to carry a satisfactory health insurance plan.

International students must be examined by a physician approved by the U.S. Consulate Office. Medical records must be sent directly by the physician to the Office of Admissions and Records at Selma University. International students will also be allowed to purchase a health insurance policy with a Health care provider.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

The Student Government Association (SGA) is under the umbrella of Student Affairs. Through the Student Government Association, all regularly enrolled students at the University participate in the government of Student Affairs and activities.

Each student is a member of the S.G.A. and thus has voting privileges in matters presented to the student body. The Student Government Association helps to coordinate activities of chartered students organizations and implements programs to enhance campus life.

The S.G.A. is recognized by the University as an official body which addresses students concerns and grievances. The organization also encourages the development of student leadership and self-government.

MARRIED STUDENTS

The University does not provide campus-housing accommodations for married couples.

USE OF VEHICLES

Students must register their vehicles with the Business Office. Regulations for the use of automobiles are described in the Student Handbook.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE AND REGULATION

Rules and regulation are stated in the Student Handbook.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROGRAM

Rules and regulations are stated in the Student Handbook.

Objectives

- **Selma University's general objective**
Selma University's main objective through its Christian Service Program is to develop the spiritual, intellectual and social needs of its students while preparing them for life-long ministries.

- **The Specific Program objective**

The specific program objective is to get every student involved in an aspect of ministry. Some students will be involved in pastoring and preaching. Others will participate in singing in the choir, teaching Bible study or Sunday school, etc. Some will even be involved in nursing home and evangelistic ministries.

➤ **Evaluation**

All students will be evaluated on a semester basis. Everyone who participates in the Christian Service Program will be evaluated on a yearly basis. This includes faculty, students and those engaging students for Christian service assignments. (See Christian Service Handbook)