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## Student Life

The university program is designed to contribute to the development of the intellectual, spiritual, social, and physical maturity of students. Student life involves each of these areas and is considered an integral part of the college learning experience. Cedarville University's commitment to the Bible as the final authority for faith and practice extends into every area of student life and leads to a conservative pattern of conduct.

A variety of educational, leadership, social, cultural, recreational, and Christian service opportunities is available to Cedarville University students. Such out-of-class activities contribute to personal development and enrichment and also provide outlets from the demands and pressures of academic life. A full range of student services, including campus activities, intramurals, career services, counseling, financial aid, health, orientation, and housing, exist to assist students in the lifelong process of personal development.

## Life-style Commitment

At Cedarville we believe that the principles found in the Bible should govern what we do. We believe that our behavior is to honor and manifest godly qualities. We also recognize that we have a responsibility to maintain a good testimony before unbelievers.

Consequently, all members of the college family agree to live according to the University's life-style commitment. Faculty, staff, and administrators reaffirm this commitment annually when they sign their contracts. Students affirm their agreement to live by this commitment as a part of the application process and upon registering for classes. Some of the aspects of this commitment reflect our biblical convictions; others reflect what we call "institutional preferences."

Specifically, we agree not to use alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or nonmedical drugs. We also agree not to participate in social dancing or gambling, use unwholesome media materials, or hold membership in secret societies. We endeavor to dress appropriately and to have sincere respect for the Lord's Day. In all things we seek to serve Christ and avoid personal attitudes of distrust, dishonesty, selfishness, damaging criticism, racism, disrespect, unethical conduct, and irreverence.

Those who choose to violate the life-style commitment may be dismissed. The violation of some policies such as those relating to stealing, attendance at a bar, night club, etc., immorality, using alcoholic beverages or illegal narcotics can result in immediate dismissal. The life-style commitment and other residence life guidelines are described in detail in the Cedarville University Student Handbook.

## Career Services

The Career Services Office seeks to assist students in determining their God-given skills and interests in preparation to have their lives "read as a living Gospel before men" in ministries or professions. Assessment tools are available to help students translate abilities, values, and aspirations into a plan of action for sound career/ministry decisions.

Career Services provides materials for exploring such topics as job search techniques, resumé writing, interviewing, and gaining admission to graduate school. Interest inventory tests and a computer-assisted career development program are available to help students in determining majors and occupations. The office maintains a career library, and a home page on the Internet (<http://www.cedarville.edu/dept/cpp/index.htm>) with links to the very latest in network based job search programs, guides to major employers, and directories for graduate schools.

Special events, such as Career Links Days and the Christian School Recruitment Conference, are held each year to provide an opportunity for prospective employers to meet with students. Potential employers also visit the University for individual on-campus recruiting days. Video conferencing now enhances the employer/student interview process, providing access to many employers who can't visit the campus

Through the Web-based resume program, students who register with the office are placed in a job-match data base program that enables Career Services to provide resúmes to employers and publish them on the Internet. The office maintains credential files for all education majors and provides registered seniors and alumni with a reference/credential service. Existing employment opportunities are listed in semimonthly job bulletins.

The Career Services Office endeavors to assist students in solidifying career goals by providing opportunities for professionals to interact with students on interviewing techniques, networking, and general job searching skills. Availability of computerized tools for skills, interests, and values assessment, and skilled personnel to help counsel/coach students through the various disciplines of the job search, contribute to the established leadership of this office among its peers across the country.

## Career Services Advisory Board

The Career Services Advisory board consists of leaders and professionals from nonprofit and for profit sectors, other college career offices, and graduate school programs. Through annual meetings, these placement and hiring experts advise Cedarville University and evaluate its plans for further strengthening the career and ministry placement services offered to Cedarville students and graduates.

*Anthony Allen, Southeastern Baptist Seminary*

*Frank Breeden, Gospel Music Association*

*Jeffrey A. Carter, The University of Dayton*

*Ingrid Drayer*

*Marinus Hazen, Cedarville University*

*Jim Leightenheimer, Cedarville University*

*Carol Rivetti, Lucent Technologies*

*Marcella Sampson, Central State University*

*Jennifer Sheehan, Opportunities Industrialization Center*

*Dean Suris, The Horace Mann Companies*

*Thad Winston, The State Farm Insurance Companies*

*Myron L. Youngman, The Kaifa Group, Incorporated*

## Counseling Services

The Counseling Service provides a place where students can find understanding, encouragement, and counsel as they deal with personal, interpersonal, and spiritual concerns.

Counselors are available to discuss personal problems, self-appraisal, decision-making, relationships, preparation for marriage, spiritual growth, and a variety of other concerns. Support groups are formed as needed. This service, for which students pay no additional charge, is provided by appointment. In the case of a crisis, the service is provided as needed.

In addition, the vice president for Christian ministries, faculty members, and staff members provide counsel and guidance to students. Faculty advisors are particularly prepared to assist students in program and course selection.

## Debate

Students who enjoy competitive intellectual situations and possess good speaking abilities are encouraged to interview for the Debate Team. Cedarville teams compete successfully with a variety of teams throughout the eastern United States. Students anticipating leadership careers such as the ministry, law, education, business, or politics find the debate experience particularly helpful. Limited scholarships are available for outstanding debaters. Those interested should contact the debate coach.

## Drama

Each quarter the Communication Arts Department presents a major theatrical production. In recent years the department has produced William Shakespeare's *As You Like It*, *The Heiress* by Ruth and Augustus Goetz, and the musicals *The Sound of Music* and *My Fair Lady*. Open to students from all majors, these theatre experiences provide students with training in performance and technical theatre. Almost all performances are sold out and greatly appreciated by the college family as well as many community guests. Students may earn academic credit for participating university plays.

## Forensics

Students with public speaking abilities may continue to develop communication skills through intercollegiate speech competition on the university's Forensics Team, which has been the top-ranked college program in Ohio for almost 20 years. Students participate in public address, oral interpretation, and limited preparation events. Students interested in participating should contact the forensics coach for more information. Limited scholarships are available for incoming freshmen with significant success in high school forensic competition. For information, direct inquiries to the Director of Forensics, Mr. Matt Moore.



Stage productions highlight the performance talents of students.

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## Housing

Residence hall living is an integral part of the educational process at Cedarville. An appropriate residence hall environment contributes to academic achievement, an understanding of one's self, and the development of interpersonal skills and appropriate attitudes toward others. Residence hall living also develops lasting friendships and rich memories. Consequently, all single students under 25 years of age, except those commuting from the home of their parents or legal guardian, are required to live in college residence halls. Students 25 and older must secure off-campus housing.

Approximately 80% of the student body lives on campus in university housing. Men and women are housed in separate residence halls. All offer convenient laundry and lounge areas and house just two students per room. Each room is fully furnished and equipped with a phone, permitting students to dial and receive calls directly. Every residence hall offers a computer and printer in each room linked to CedarNet, the campus-wide computer network. Students also have access to computer labs on campus.

Housing assignments are made by the Student Services Office. Upperclassmen who have paid reservation fees are given priority for reserving rooms. New students are assigned rooms after they have been admitted and have submitted their reservation deposits. Complete information concerning residence hall staffing, furnishings, and policies is found in the Student Handbook, which is available through the Cedarville website and is also mailed in an abbreviated format to new students prior to their arrival on campus.

Married students find housing at Cedar Park, a university-owned apartment complex, or in one of many area apartments.



*Fireballing hurler Megan Peterson transferred from the University of Iowa and pitches for the Lady Jacket Women's Softball Team.*

## Intercollegiate Athletics

Cedarville University maintains intercollegiate competition for men in baseball, basketball, cross-country, golf, indoor and outdoor track, tennis, and soccer. Intercollegiate sports for women include basketball, cross-country, indoor and outdoor track, softball, tennis, volleyball, and soccer. Cedarville is a member of the American Midwest Conference, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, and the National Christian College Athletic Association.

Students interested in participating on an intercollegiate athletic team should contact the admissions office or the respective coaches. A limited amount of athletic financial aid is available for outstanding athletes.

## Music Groups

Students with musical abilities may develop and utilize their talents in any one of a number of musical groups. Instrumentalists may participate in the Symphonic Band, Brass Choir, University Orchestra, Jazz Band, Flute Choir, Yellow Jacket Pep Band, or various chamber ensembles.

Vocalists may sing with the Concert Chorale, Men's Glee Club, Women's Choir, the Jubilate ministry team, or one of the many small ensembles directed by the Division of Christian Ministries.

Membership in any of these musical groups is typically determined through auditions which occur during "Getting Started Weekend."



*Jubilate Ministry Team is a group of musician/worship leaders committed to teaching and leading worship.*

## New Student Orientation

At the start of each quarter, new students are provided with opportunities designed to facilitate adjustments to their new surroundings and provide a format for course selection and program planning with the assistance of an assigned faculty advisor. The program includes orientation for parents. Special interest sessions, question and answer times, small group meetings, and social activities provide opportunities for students and parents to meet new friends and adjust to a new environment. Help during winter and spring quarters is often provided on a one-on-one basis with a continuing student. Placement testing may be required during orientation.

## Spiritual Emphasis

The University desires that each student grow in his or her relationship with Christ. Consequently, students are urged to set aside a definite period of time each day for private devotions. Daily chapel services provide spiritual encouragement and enrichment. Additionally, all students are required to attend church services regularly. Opportunities for worship include the Cedarville University Fellowship, which meets in the University chapel, as well as numerous churches within easy driving distance of Cedarville.

Spiritual growth is further encouraged through student prayer groups which meet regularly to pray for special needs. One day in Fall Quarter and one day in Spring Quarter is set aside as a "Day of Prayer," a time when the entire university family gathers to pray together.

## Student Publications

Students maintain primary responsibility for the publication of the university yearbook, *The Miracle*, and the university newspaper, *Cedars*. A faculty member provides direction and advice. Students interested in staff positions may contact the respective editors.



*Special times with special friends create special memories that will last a lifetime!*



*Students frequently practice the power of prayer in small-group settings around campus.*

## Student Government Association

The Student Government Association (SGA) is the representative assembly of the student body. SGA includes officers elected annually by the student body. The purpose of SGA is to assist in providing a well-rounded program of extracurricular activities, to help establish and maintain an efficient and harmonious school atmosphere, and to recommend to the proper authorities or to take action deemed necessary for the welfare of the student as an individual or for the student body as a whole. Election to SGA provides an opportunity to develop and exercise leadership in student affairs. SGA is also responsible for chapel services each Friday.

## Vehicles

Freshmen with grade point averages of 2.5 or higher may bring motor vehicles to the University after their first quarter. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors must maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average to retain the privilege of having a motor vehicle at the University. All motor vehicles must be registered with the Campus Public Safety office.

## Student Radio Station

Students interested in applying and developing their skills in electronic media are encouraged to join the staff of U99.5, the University's student radio station. Operating at 99.5 FM, the station airs 62 hours weekly, serving the student body with entertainment and information. Though broadcasting students possess an edge as a result of their coursework in broadcasting, students from all majors are encouraged to apply for staff positions. Those interested should contact the station manager at 937-766-8818.

## Campus Activities

The Campus Activities Office provides a program of cultural, social, educational, and recreational activities that is consistent with university educational and spiritual objectives and, therefore, contributes to the personal development of college community members. A special program series provides Christian concerts, cultural programs, and musical specialists. Other activities include a variety of learning experiences and social events such as banquets, talent nights, all-school parties, special interest trips, retreats, topical discussions, and guest speakers. A full range of recreational and intramural sports for both men and women, including flag football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, racquetball, table tennis, walleyball, softball, river rafting, skiing, and golf, completes the integrative approach of Campus Activities.

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Involvement in campus organizations provides additional opportunities for learning and social interaction. Student organizations include:

**Advisory 7** is an elected group of young men who serve the campus fellowship in spiritual leadership.

**Alpha Beta Phi** is the local chapter of the national organization, Alpha Psi Omega, which recognizes students for outstanding theatre participation and promotes interest in theatre activities.

**Alpha Chi**, a society for men, endeavors to cultivate Christian personality and leadership in its members.

**Alpha Delta Omega** is an organization for women designed to encourage the development of its membership primarily through personal services to students and others.

**Alpha Psi Omega** consists of students interested in psychology and behavioral sciences.

**Amateur Radio Club** provides assistance and training for students interested in promoting the use of amateur radio for Christian ministry.

**ASME**, a student chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, promoting practical experience and professional development.

**Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP)** provides Management Information Systems, Computer Information Systems, and Computer Science majors with opportunities to network with AITP members and learn about information systems careers through seminars and computer-related activities.

**Bara (Art Club)**, open to any student who enjoys art but may not necessarily be in the Art program, seeks to encourage the artistic endeavors of its members through special guest artists and other activities.

**Beta Rho Delta (German Club)** promotes the use of the German language and increases the knowledge and appreciation of German culture to advance awareness of missions.

**CZ**, a campus spirit organization, seeks to promote enthusiasm and pride in university traditions and events.

**Campus Activities Board (CAB)** is a group of selected junior and senior student volunteers who work with the Campus Activities Office in planning and providing a variety of events and activities.

**Cedars** editorial staff is comprised of students who publish the campus semi-monthly newspaper.

**Cedarville University Republican Club** is an organization dedicated to the development of Christian leaders in the political arena.

**Chi Delta Epsilon** provides fellowship and seeks to stimulate professional interests and to encourage professional growth among future teachers.

**Chi Delta Nu** encourages students going into youth ministry through prayer and fellowship.

**Chi Sigma Iota**, the University's chapter of Collegiate Secretaries International, promotes interest in the secretarial field and encourages continuing education.

**Chi Theta Pi** provides advice and relevant experiences for students interested in the health-science professions.

**Christian Nurses Association** promotes spiritual and professional development for nurses and service for the community.

**Commuter Crossroads** represents the needs of off-campus students and provides opportunities for fellowship and social interaction.

**Delta Chi (Secondary Ed)** is a source of information and fellowship for secondary education students, providing opportunities to develop contacts in the field of education.

**Delta Omega Epsilon** is a men's organization whose projects and activities provide social and service benefits for the University.

**Delta Pi Sigma** is a women's social and service organization whose purpose is to seek fulfillment in the lives of its members both spiritually and professionally.

**Earth Stewardship Organization** is for students interested in promoting civil service, enjoyment, and stewardship of God's creation.

**Emergency Medical Service** is an organization of trained students who provide prompt and professional prehospital care and transportation to Cedarville students in need.

**Epsilon Alpha Pi** is a professional organization for social work majors, which seeks to promote professional development, political and social awareness, and community outreach.

**Epsilon Omega** is a local chapter of Phi Alpha Honor Society, the National Social Work Honor Society, committed to promoting a high standard of education for social workers.

**Homes for L.I.F.E.** is a student organization committed to demonstrating Christ's love in truth and deed by working with local housing organizations to eliminate poverty housing.

**IEEE**, a branch of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, exists to promote technical and professional growth among electrical engineering students.

**Kappa Epsilon Alpha** provides insights into the world of business and promotes free enterprise through S.I.F.E., a Students In Free Enterprise program.

**The LITERATI** is a student organization that seeks to foster an appreciation of and to encourage active participation in the arts, especially the reading and studying of literature, and their professional opportunities.

**MENC** is the University's student chapter of Music Educators National Conference for music majors and others involved in pursuing a music teaching program.

**Miracle** staff is a group of students responsible for the publication of the university yearbook.

**Mu Kappa** is a fellowship organization serving missionary kids and international students.

**Officers Christian Fellowship** exists to promote spiritual growth and camaraderie among Air Force and Army ROTC cadets.

**Phi Epsilon Beta** is a women's organization promoting spiritual and social growth within its members.

**Phi Gamma Psi** promotes social interaction and enhances spiritual growth among women at the University.

**Pi Delta** is a volunteer, honorary, coeducational student group whose purpose is to provide tours for campus visitors.

**Sigma Phi Lambda** is a men's organization that seeks to further the cause of Christ through various activities and service opportunities.

**Society for Human Resources Management** is an organization for students interested in human resources and labor relations.

**Society for Technical Communicators** promotes the purposes and services of technical communication systems.

**Society of Automotive Engineers** provides its members opportunities to gain broader insight into the engineering profession.

**Spanish Club** provides opportunities to practice language skills and learn about cultures through extracurricular activities.

**Student Government Association** is the elected representative assembly of the student body.

**Students for Religious Freedom** seeks to inform and involve the student body and churches regarding religious persecution.

**Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)** is an organization that provides our students the opportunity to make a difference, develop leadership, teamwork, and communication skills through learning, practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise.

**Tau Beta Alpha**, Cedarville University Engineering Honor Society, recognizes junior and senior engineering majors for outstanding scholastic achievement combined with a strong Christian character.

**Tau Delta Kappa** provides an opportunity for fellowship, exchange of ideas, and support of students involved in the honors program.

**The International Student Organization** provides opportunities for international students to meet their distinctive needs and plan ways to share their unique contributions.

**Theta Rho Epsilon** is a men's organization that seeks to develop character and friendships through social and service opportunities.

**Timalathians** is an organization devoted to promote critical thinking through philosophical and theological inquiry into issues central to the Christian worldview and our contemporary culture.

**Undergraduate Alumni Association** works with the Alumni Association to coordinate activities and represent the student body with the Alumni Association.

**U99.5 FM** is the student-operated radio station of Cedarville University serving the student body with information and entertainment.