

2. Student Affairs

Dean of Students

The Dean of Students Office represents students' needs to the University administration and faculty and communicates needs from these groups to the students. The staff are primary advocates for students.

Among the staff's responsibilities are the overall coordination of new student orientation programs, honors convocation, commuter student services, student leaves of absence, disciplinary investigation and campus commencement. Students should view the Office of the Dean of Students as a primary resource for assistance.

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Campus Ministry

The objective of the campus ministry program is threefold: to advocate for the spiritual wellness of the University community; to provide for the coordination of formal and informal religious services for a diverse student, faculty, staff and administrative community; and to coordinate all religious activities on campus including, but not limited to, the education of the University community about various religious and cultural heritages.

As members of the division of student affairs, the chaplains are available for consultation on all matters. Working with colleagues in the division, the chaplains facilitate students' continued spiritual wellness at the University.

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Residence Life

The Office of Residence Life is responsible for all aspects of on-campus living. The major thrust of this office is to support the academic mission of the University by providing on-campus housing emphasizing an environment that fosters the total growth of individual students. To enhance this experience, resident assistants are assigned to each complex for advice and assistance. They are available to help students in matters pertaining to on-campus living. For more information, please refer to the section on Residence Life in this handbook.

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Student Life

The Office of Student Life promotes student leadership opportunities and provides a living-learning environment that fosters the personal and educational growth of each student. The purpose of student life is to provide educational experiences that encourage interpersonal development and learning in a responsible, respectful and supportive community environment. In addition, the office provides a quality of life on campus that is responsive to and supports the changing nature of students by empowering them to become leaders both on campus and in the global society in which we live and work.

The Office of Student Life is responsible for student activities, the Student Programming Board, student clubs and organizations, the Knight Club, Greek life, multicultural programs and management of the Student Union Building.

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Student Union Building

The Student Union Building includes the Office of Student Life, the Office of Residence Life, the Wellness Center (Student Counseling and Psychological Services and Student Health Services) and the Knight Club, all located on the main floor. Student organization offices (Residence Hall Association, Student Programming Board, *The Equinox*, *Militis*, the Multi-Cultural Council and Student Organizations Office and 92Q-FM Radio Station), the Rutherford Room, Metro Lounge and student mailboxes are located on the lower level of the Student Union Building. The Dining Hall is located on the third floor of the building.

The Knight Club is a recreational facility that currently houses board games, pool tables, a ping-pong table, seating areas for conversation and studying and a large-screen projection DVD/VCR system with cable television. The club is host to a wide variety of programs that are presented for the University community to enjoy. Events include music, interactive entertainment, films and movies, speakers and much more. Gourmet Dining Services operates the Cantina in the Knight Club. The Kron Lounge, Metro Lounge and the Career Management Conference Room are available for meetings and small events. The Rutherford Room may be reserved for lectures and special dining events.

Resident student mailboxes are located on the lower level of the Student Union Building. Every resident student is required to have a mailbox. Packages must be picked up during the hours of operation.

Mailboxes for student clubs and organizations are housed in the Information Desk on the main level of the Student Union Building.

Student Union Hours

Student Union:

Monday–Thursday, 7:15 a.m.–noon

Friday, 7:15 a.m.–1 a.m.

Saturday, 10 a.m.–1 a.m.

Sunday, 10 a.m.–midnight

Information Desk:

Monday–Friday, 10 a.m. –midnight

Saturday, Sunday, 11 a.m. –midnight

Knight Club:

Monday–Thursday, noon–midnight

Friday, noon–1 a.m.

Saturday, noon–1 a.m.

Sunday, noon–midnight

Metro Lounge:

Monday–Sunday, noon–midnight

Student Mailroom:

Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Student Involvement

Student organizations, with the Student Government Association (SGA) acting as an overall governance body, plan social and educational activities for students. The SGA represents the student body by collaborating with the faculty and administration and by offering considered student opinion as an aid in developing curricular and cocurricular policies for the University.

Participation in well-planned social functions is encouraged as an important part of the student's development. The social program is varied and includes comedy shows, barbecues, concerts, lectures, theater excursions and visits to the many interesting attractions in the metropolitan New York/New Jersey area. The following traditions are honored: Welcome Week, Welcome Back Week, Alcohol Awareness, Latin Heritage Month, AIDS Awareness, Holiday celebrations, Black History Month, Women's Awareness/History Month, Multi-Cultural Week, Greek Week and SpringFest.

Fraternities and sororities play a vital role in the social and service life of students at the University. Greek organizations contribute to leadership development and to the charitable and community-service efforts of the University. All fraternities and sororities are nationally recognized and are governed by campus interfraternity and sorority councils.

Student publications include the campus newspaper, *The Equinox*; a literary society and magazine, *Knightscape*; and a yearbook, *Militis*. Students develop, coordinate and edit each publication.

Student Clubs and Organizations

The Office of Student Life advises a diverse group of student clubs and organizations. These organizations are open to all full-time, undergraduate Metropolitan Campus students.

The following is a list of student clubs and organizations:

Service Organizations

Commuter Council — This organization is a representative body for commuter students. This group also plans events that relate to the social life and welfare of commuter students.

FDU Waterwatch — This organization works to improve the water quality, raise awareness of water issues and perform charitable services in the community to clean the local waterways.

Gene Barnett Literary Society — This group helps broaden the campus's literary and cultural experience through discussions, lectures, attendance at theater productions and publication of the twice yearly literary magazine, *Knightscape*.

Media Board — The purpose of this organization is to oversee the campus student media. The Media Board will ensure conformity with acceptable journalistic and broadcasting practices.

Militis, The Student Yearbook — The Metropolitan Campus yearbook welcomes participation from all FDU students. The yearbook's purpose is to

publish a book consisting of photographs and copy depicting the current academic year. It is specifically edited for senior undergraduates and students receiving their master's degrees. Copies of the yearbook are available the fall following graduation.

Multi-Cultural Council (MCC) — MCC serves as the umbrella organization for all cultural student organizations on the campus. MCC is an arm of the Student Government Association and is chaired by the multicultural student senator. MCC provides cultural student organizations with a voice on critical campus issues, a forum for discussion of cultural issues concerning all students and a vehicle for affecting change on campus. MCC co-sponsors a variety of events throughout the year and is a major sponsor of such events for Multicultural Week, Women's Awareness/History Month, Black History Month and Latin Heritage Month.

Residence Hall Association — This organization's purposes are to identify and address the needs of resident students; to serve as a liaison between resident students and FDU; and to create, develop and maintain a setting of community living that is educational, stimulating, comfortable and secure.

Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) — This committee was established in 1989 through the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). SAAC is comprised of student-athletes from various campus sports teams. Its purpose is to provide insight into the student-athlete experience. SAAC also offers input on the rules, regulations and policies that affect student-athletes' lives as part of an NCAA-member institution.

Student Government Association (SGA) — SGA is a system chartered by the Board of Trustees and the students to provide for a democratic governing of all FDU students. SGA acts as the liaison between University administration and students; supports, encourages and seeks student input in all levels of governance; and coordinates the recognition of and disbursement of funds to clubs and organization.

Student Programming Board (SPB) — SPB coordinates and implements social, cultural, intellectual, recreational and educational events for all students. The programming board strives to provide the campus with an outlet for creative and entertaining programs, ranging from comedy and music performances to lectures, and from day trips to leadership activities. All students are encouraged to participate in the planning and selection of events and programs.

The Equinox, The Student Newspaper — This biweekly newspaper has a twofold purpose: 1) to provide a means of mass communication and dissemination of news from and throughout the University and 2) to serve as a forum for the varying ideas and opinions of the Metropolitan Campus community, particularly those of the students.

TV-3 Club — This television station serves the campus community by broadcasting cultural, informational and/or other programs and materials for the entertainment and profit of the public and to educate its members in the policies and procedures used in professional television.

WFDQ-92, FM Radio Station — This radio station serves the Metropolitan Campus community. It broadcasts cultural, informational, and/or other programs and materials for the entertainment and profit of the public and to educate its members in the policies and procedures used in professional radio.

Multicultural Clubs and Organizations

Anti-Slavery Club — This club organizes and institutes public awareness on world slavery.

Black Men Alliance — The purposes of this organization are to promote an environment which encourages achievement and stresses the importance of academics within the black community and to provide and recognize positive role models for minority students, especially those of African-American origin.

Caribbean Connection Club — The purpose of this organization is to educate and help the Afro-American and Caribbean unity grow along with understanding the cultures. The club hopes to empower the Caribbean and Afro-American population on campus through education about their cultures and interaction with other cultures.

Haitian Cultural Association — The Haitian Cultural Association's main purpose is to increase awareness and to educate the campus about the Haitian culture.

Indian Cultural Experience — This club sponsors dances, cultural shows and dinners to promote Indian culture, heritage and unity through interaction with Indian students and the campus community.

International Student Association (ISA) — The purpose of ISA is to spread, develop and carry out, in a spirit of fraternity, equality and collaboration, all cultural expressions of those countries therein represented.

Islamic Society — This group brings together the Muslim community at FDU in celebration of Islam. It provides an outlet for better understanding between Muslims and other faiths.

Italian-American Club — This club focuses on exploring cultural, linguistic and culinary aspects of the Italian culture, for those who represent it and those who admire it.

Latin American Club — This club was established to raise awareness of Latin American heritage and influence throughout the world. They strive to reach out to many communities through campus service projects and campus programming.

Nubian Ladies Making Vital Progress — The purposes of this organization are to support, encourage, enlighten and praise black women. It provides a forum for open and systematic group activity, e.g., discussions about relationships, problems and contemporary issues, lectures and educational sessions.

Organization for African Unity (OAU) — Founded in 1970 as the Independent Black Student League (IBSL), OAU provides an atmosphere for students of African descent where excellence (academic and social) will be achieved. Typical events include a discussion on male/female relationships and their effect on the African community, an annual Kwanzaa celebration and picnics in the fall and spring semesters.

Social Organizations

Knights Chess Team — This group is open to all FDU chess players from beginner to expert. It provides social opportunities for chess players as well as a forum for students to improve chess-playing skills.

Pri'sizhen — This group gives students the opportunity for creative expressions through step and stroll and provides performances and classes throughout the year to interested students.

Organizations of Faith

Chinese Christian Fellowship — Working with students in their fellowship with Christ, this organization's goal is to broaden students' understanding of God and God's role in our daily lives.

Christian Fellowship — This group strives to deepen and strengthen the spiritual lives of members by Bible study, prayer, fellowship and service in which students can apply Christian doctrines to all areas of their lives.

Hillel - Jewish Student Union — This union strives to celebrate Jewish heritage and culture. Typical events include visits to Jewish cultural sites, movie nights, Sabbath dinners and holiday parties.

Inspirational Gospel Ensemble — This group gives students the opportunity to exhibit and exercise their vocal, instrumental and other musical talents. The ensemble works with the Christian Fellowship to bring awareness of God through music and song.

Interfaith Campus Ministry — Sharing together in God's work, this group brings together the many different faiths to work for the betterment of all peoples.

Academic and Professional Clubs and Organizations

Accounting Society — This organization is geared toward informing students about current accounting topics and enhancing professional and career-development skills. In addition, the society promotes interaction among faculty, students and alumni while interacting with other FDU organizations.

ASCD Student Chapter — The FDU student chapter of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) brings together students to focus on education. The chapter's activities include lectures, trips and conferences.

Business Leaders of Tomorrow — This organization focuses on developing leaders for the businesses of tomorrow through interaction and networking today.

Computer Club — This club is open to computer science majors and minors as well as other students interested in computers. The organization's goal is to provide a more social environment outside the classroom for students and faculty to get acquainted.

Computer Science Information Technology Club — This group provides the opportunity for students to work in groups, to receive assistance in computer-related courses and to learn more about computer-related technology.

Criminal Justice Club — This club provides students interested in law enforcement an opportunity to connect with professionals in the field and to develop and understand laws.

Dental Club — This club is for students interested in the field of dentistry.

Entertainment Industry Leaders of Tomorrow (EILT) — The overall purpose of EILT is to provide its members with the knowledge, skills and experience to succeed in singing, performing and lyrical delivery at a professional level. It also offers an open forum for the discussion of entertainment issues.

FDU Marketing Society — A recognized chapter of the American Marketing Association, the society hopes to foster scientific study and research in the field of marketing and to develop better public understanding and appreciation of marketing problems.

Formula Fairleigh — Formula Fairleigh is an organization that provides an opportunity for students with an interest in high-performance automobiles to learn more about their engineering and maintenance.

Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management Society — Geared for innkeeping and restaurant students, the aims of this professional organization are to foster the individual welfare of its members, both individually and as a group, and to advance the theory of scientific management wherever it may apply. This is done through research, education and discussion.

Law Club — The purpose of this club is to promote the study of law by debating law issues with practicing lawyers from outside the University. The club also seeks to inform students interested in law about the steps to attend law school and to help students prepare for tests such as the Law School Admission Test (LSAT).

National Society of Black Engineers — This group provides an outlet for students of color whose career focus is engineering. Activities include guest lecturers, trips and conferences.

Psychology Club — The Psychology Club explores the area of psychology for students while being of service to the community.

Society of Women Engineers — This organization is for women studying in the field of engineering and technologies. Networking, information sessions, lectures and conferences are a few of the available opportunities.

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee — This organization is a communication vehicle where the FDU student-athletes and the athletic administration

discuss the student-athlete experience, while encouraging the involvement and unification of the campus community along with the surrounding communities.

Student Nurses Association (SNA) — An organization devoted to the holistic well-being of its members, SNA, through support, counseling and socialization, seeks to develop students into individuals who will become integral members of a very challenging and diverse profession.

Tri-Beta Biological Society — This group is for students who share a common interest in the biological sciences.

Club Sports

Bowling Club — The Bowling Club is committed to fostering integrity and excellence in academic, social, recreational and competitive atmospheres through participation in the game of bowling.

Cricket Club — This club is for FDU students interested in the sport of cricket. Instruction is provided for new players, and there are opportunities for experienced players to further their skills.

Fraternities and Sororities

Fraternities

Alpha Chi Rho — Alpha Chi Rho was founded in 1895 at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. It is a social organization proud of its anti-hazing policies and its long-standing reputation as a close and truly diverse brotherhood. Membership is limited in order to promote comradeship and strong affiliation and is open to all who possess solid intrinsic worth.

Alpha Phi Alpha — Alpha Phi Alpha, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans, was founded at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., by seven college men who recognized the need for a strong bond of brotherhood among African descendants in this country.

Iota Phi Theta — In September 1963, at Morgan State College (now University), Baltimore, Md., 12 students founded what is now the nation's fifth largest, predominately African-American, social service fraternity. The fraternity's purpose was conceived as "The development and perpetuation of scholarship, leadership, citizenship, fidelity and brotherhood among men."

Lambda Theta Phi — Lambda Theta Phi, the first nationally-recognized Latin Greek organization, was founded in December 1975 at Kean College in Union, N.J. The purpose of Lambda Theta Phi is to establish a strong and united brotherhood dedicated primarily to working with the Latin community, as well as advancing the ideal of equality, respect and chivalry toward all cultures.

Sororities

Alpha Epsilon Phi — Alpha Epsilon Phi was founded in October 1909, and the Phi Xi chapter at FDU started in September 1987. Alpha Epsilon Phi has

built a heritage based on community service, social interaction and academic excellence.

Alpha Kappa Alpha — Alpha Kappa Alpha is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by black college women in America. Founded by nine Howard University, Washington, D.C., women in January 1908, the sorority's membership has spread from the United States to the Caribbean, Europe and Africa. FDU's chapter, Nu Kappa, was founded in 1980.

Delta Sigma Theta — Delta Sigma Theta was founded in January 1913 by 22 women at Howard University, Washington, D.C. A sisterhood of more than 180,000 predominantly college-educated women, the sorority has more than 820 chapters in the United States, the Virgin Islands, Germany, West Africa and the Bahamas. Delta Sigma Theta, the largest predominantly black sorority in the world, stands by its motto: "Intelligence is the Torch of Wisdom."

Lambda Theta Alpha — Lambda Theta Alpha was founded in 1975 at Kean College in Union, N.J. The goals of this sorority are to promote and maintain high academic standards, leadership and scholastic excellence. Lambda Theta Alpha is a community-oriented organization that strives for the advancement of the Latin community.

Theta Phi Alpha — Theta Phi Alpha strives to bring a sense of unity, as well as strength of self, to the sisters, pledge sisters, collegians and alumni. Theta Phi Alpha was founded in August 1912, and in August 1990, the Beta Iota Chapter was established on the Metropolitan Campus.

Zeta Phi Beta — Zeta Phi Beta was founded in January 1920 by five women at Howard University, Washington, D.C. The sorority currently has chapters in the United States and West Africa. The objectives of the sorority are to strive for finer womanhood, sisterly love, academic scholarship and community service. Zeta Phi Beta's motto is "Quality Not Quantity."

General Regulations Governing All Clubs and Organizations

All organizations, including those with national affiliations, fraternities and sororities, are subject to University policies, regulations and guidelines as outlined in this book, the *FDU Student Handbook and Planner* and in the *FDU Student Organizations Handbook*, which can be obtained from the Office of Student Life.

1. Registration of an organization by the University implies neither approval nor disapproval of the aims, objectives and policies of the organization.
2. Each organization is responsible for the behavior of its members at all times when they are acting under the auspices of the group.
3. Neither the organization nor its representatives may violate federal, state or local laws during activities/functions.

4. Any organization (or individual on behalf of an organization) that engages in illegal activities on or off campus will have sanctions imposed against it (him/her) by the dean of students by means of the Campus Standards process or by the Office of Student Life. Such organization or person also is liable to action by external sources.

5. Organizations are required to comply with the University Policies as outlined in the *FDU Student Handbook and Planner* and the *FDU Student Organizations Handbook* relating to events and including but not limited to location, start time, end time, consumption of alcoholic beverages, guests and supervision. Violation of these policies leaves the sponsoring student organization and its officers open to sanctions imposed by the offices of Student Life and the Dean of Students.

Sanctions will be determined by these offices and may include but are not limited to probation, temporary suspension, permanent suspension/loss of recognition, community service, suspension from use of University facilities or other sanctions as determined by the Office of Student Life and/or the Office of the Dean of Students.

6. Each organization is subject to rules, regulations and/or procedures established by the appropriate governing boards (e.g., Multi-Cultural Council, Student Government Association, Committee on Greek Affairs, Inter-Club Council, etc.).

7. The organization must not demonstrate any dangerous practices or violent behaviors that are detrimental or injurious to students or members of the campus community. Any disruption of the educational purpose of the institution cannot and will not be permitted.

Dangerous, violent or disruptive behaviors, which can be injurious to the health, safety and general welfare of the general community, include:

- a. Actions which adversely impact the academic, cocurricular or vocational pursuits of students;
- b. Actions which remove students by pressure or force from the campus for extended periods;
- c. Actions which adversely impact the financial status or conditions of the student;
- d. Engaging in false or deceptive promotions or advertising concerning a group or its activities;
- e. Intruding by visit, phone call, fax, mail or e-mail into residence halls or other areas in which students should reasonably expect privacy;
- f. The use of nonstudents or others unrelated to the University experience who pose as students for the sake of solicitation;
- g. Seeking to force or coerce, either physically or emotionally, membership into a group.

8. All new fraternity and sorority members, postulants, pledges, etc., must meet with the director of student life before they begin their intake process

and sign a pledge registration form. In addition, all fraternities and sororities must complete a new member education packet, available in the Office of Student Life, before beginning an intake process.

9. The Office of Student Life must approve all organizations' contractual agreements and/or financial transactions. No student or student organization is authorized to sign contracts for any service or entertainment booking at any time, for any reason. Only the director of student life or his/her designee, is authorized to sign contracts on behalf of student organizations.

10. Membership in all University student organizations shall be open to any undergraduate student member of the University community who is willing to subscribe to the stated aims and meet the stated criteria and obligations of the organization. Student members must have at least a minimum grade point ratio (GPR) of 2.00, and executive board members must have at least a 2.50 GPR.

Discrimination on the basis of color, creed, age, handicap, national origin, race, gender or sexual orientation is prohibited. Please note: Most social fraternities and sororities are exempt from the provisions of "Title IX Regulations prohibiting sex discrimination in higher education." Local fraternities and sororities as well as auxiliary groups (little sisters and brothers, interest groups, etc.) are not permitted at the University.

11. A current constitution and bylaws and a current roster of officers, general members and adviser(s), including phone numbers, e-mails and addresses, must be submitted each semester to the Office of Student Life in order to maintain a registered status and have access to student-activity funds and University facilities.

12. Please refer to University rules regulating organizations and their contacts with members of the University community, among which are those relating to posting, vending, sales and services policy and procedures, for further clarification relating to religious groups on campus.

13. All fraternities and sororities are required to provide evidence in the form of a Certificate of Insurance that they maintain general liability insurance in an amount of not less than \$1 million each occurrence. Additionally, Fairleigh Dickinson University must be added as an additional insured under the Greek organization's general liability insurance policy.

Policy for Activities and Behavior of Religious Groups on Campus

Fairleigh Dickinson University, a private, nonsectarian institution, supports spiritual wellness and, in doing so, affirms the rights of the campus community to practice religion as a matter of individual conscience and choice without coercion. In so doing, the University seeks to accommodate the pluralistic nature of religious practices among members of the campus community. The University reserves the right to regulate the time, place and manner

of any activity on its premises or under its auspices and to enforce its rules on individuals and organizations.

1. When a religious group, or any group, seeks to organize on campus, its student members must first initiate the process and register to be recognized by the Office of Student Life and the Student Government Association in accordance with policies and procedures outlined herein. Every group must submit a constitution and bylaws stating the requirements for membership and the general purpose and goal of the organization. An adviser from the campus community (faculty, staff or administrator) must be selected by the group. In addition, new organizations should describe how their existence will constitute a useful addition to the campus community.

2. All student organizations are subject to University regulations, policies and guidelines as outlined in this *Student Handbook and Planner* and the *FDU Student Organizations Handbook*. Please refer to General University Regulations Governing All Clubs and Organizations.

Organization-Member Initiation and Affiliation

Organization-member initiation and affiliation activities should be supportive of the goals and mission of the student organization and should foster the academic and personal development of incoming and existing members. Such activities must comply with all University policies and regulations. Hazing is dangerous, unnecessary and contrary to the educational mission of the University.

Fairleigh Dickinson University adheres to state, local and federal guidelines and laws in all matters. It has adopted a stance on hazing that is consistent with state prohibitions on hazing activities. Hazing is defined as:

1. **Any action or situation that recklessly, intentionally or unintentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student or willfully destroys or removes public or private property** for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in, any organization operating under the sanction of, or registered as an organization by, Fairleigh Dickinson University.

2. Such actions and situations include but are not limited to: **paddling in any form, creation of excessive fatigue, physical and psychological shocks, quests, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, road trips or any such activities carried on outside the confines of the University, publicly wearing apparel that is conspicuous and not normally in good taste, engaging in public stunts and buffoonery, morally degrading or humiliating games, activities and performances, lineups and marches, late-work sessions that interfere with scholastic activities, any forced consumption of alcohol or drugs and any other activities that are not consistent with ritual or policy or the regulations and policies of Fairleigh Dickinson University.**

If a student or organization is involved in a hazing incident, the parties involved will be referred to the University judicial process. Immediate and appropriate action will be taken.

Wellness Center

The Wellness Center is home to two of the University's important offices: Counseling and Psychological Services and Student Health Services.

Student Counseling and Psychological Services (S-CAPS)

Student Counseling and Psychological Services (S-CAPS) offers individual and group counseling for students seeking to work through personal problems. The counselors help students gain a greater understanding of themselves and their values, identify problems and attitudes which contribute to them, explore alternative courses of action and develop skills to cope with the problem(s).

About Counseling: The college years can be exciting, challenging and scary all at the same time. Sometimes life can feel a little overwhelming and tough for students to face on their own. Social, academic or personal conflict can create feelings of distress and strain a sense of emotional well-being. When students experience disturbing thoughts, emotions or events, it is often helpful to speak with a nonjudgmental expert in human relations who can listen and offer a fresh perspective. Students often see a counselor because they are experiencing a rough time due to social, academic or personal struggles.

Some Reasons for Counseling: Counseling can help with relationship issues, stress, anger, depression, confusion, concern for a friend or loved one, difficulty balancing college, work and family, multicultural demands, fear and anxiety, grief and loss, adjustment problems, feeling sad or lonely, trouble concentrating, studying or test taking, concerns about alcohol or other drugs. Counselors can provide emotional support and help students to problem solve. Problems feel less overwhelming (and emotional confusion can lift) when fears, options and resources are shared.

Services Offered: Services are free to all currently enrolled Fairleigh Dickinson University students. This includes part-time, full-time, commuter, residential, undergraduate and graduate students.

Counseling: Individual counseling; group counseling; referrals to other professionals/agencies are available.

Consultation to Faculty and Staff: Expert assistance and advice is available to staff and faculty concerning issues or problems of a human relations/psychological nature.

Group Seminars and Workshops: S-CAPS offers a variety of seminars and workshops that include, but are not limited to, communications skills, relaxation techniques, substance abuse education, anger management, test anxiety, values clarification, time management, personal growth, assertiveness, etc.

Self-help Library: There is a lending library of books available on various mental health topics, including many popular self-help titles.

Stress Lab: The Stress Lab contains self-help materials to assist students in developing their own personalized stress management program. In privacy and comfort students may watch videos, listen to cassettes or read books that can help them reduce stress and tension. Information on a variety of wellness and health-related topics is available for use in the lab.

Substance Abuse Education: S-CAPS provides on-campus support and referral services to students who may need help with alcohol- and drug-related problems. Counselors are committed to providing educational support services to the campus community, creating awareness of choices, personal responsibility and the understanding of consequences of substance abuse/misuse. Programming, individual/group counseling and education are available.

Student Advocacy: S-CAPS can serve as a student advocate and liaison to faculty, staff and administration as the situation warrants. Upon student request, Student Counseling and Psychological Services staff may notify professors and/or administrators regarding special needs/extenuating circumstances.

Training/Supervision: Training and supervision are offered to peer counselors, resident assistants, orientation leaders and other student leaders (i.e., student government).

Confidentiality: Counseling services are strictly confidential. No information concerning a patient is released without the patient's expressed and written permission.

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Evening hours by appointment

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Student Health Services

FDU's goal is to keep students well, to provide care when they are not well and to empower students to make informed decisions about their health. Nurse practitioners and registered nurses assist students and other members of the student health services staff with their health concerns.

As both a resource and a health clinic, student health services provides students with information regarding available medical and health-related services. Programs on wellness and health are offered as part of the student learning experience. All students are welcome.

Health records are required for all undergraduate, graduate, full-time, part-time and transfer students. FDU's requirements for health records will vary according to the student's status. Records requested may include a medical history, physical examination, lifetime immunization records and a tuberculosis skin test (Mantoux). The New Jersey State Department of Health requires most students to provide documentation of one measles, mumps and rubella vaccination (MMR) and a second MMR or a second measles vaccination prior to entering college. Immunization with the meningitis vaccine is currently strongly recommended and is now a mandatory requirement of the New Jersey State Department of Health for all freshman students living in the residence halls.

Student health services are strictly confidential, and students' records are not part of their academic records.

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