Student Activities, Programs and Organizations

The value of a liberal arts education reaches far beyond the classroom. While academics are a priority, co-curricular activities also provide opportunities for growth and play a significant role in producing a well-rounded graduate. Participation in campus activities and events can develop and strengthen leadership, creativity, talents, self-expression and refinement of lifelong skills.

Students are encouraged to take part in the nearly 70 student organizations and diverse social, cultural, athletic and spiritual events on campus. Students are also free to create new clubs and interest groups.

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New Student Orientation

The primary goal of the orientation program is to acclimate new students to all aspects of Albright’s campus. The program offers pre-orientation events throughout the summer for new students to begin making connections. Orientation programs introduce new students to available resources that will aid in their transition to college academics, residential living, athletics, and other student involvement initiatives. Post-orientation programs are offered to engage new students in the campus culture. The overall purpose of the orientation program is to inspire confidence so that new students can balance new challenges and successfully adjust to college life.

Greek Life

There are four national social fraternities on campus: Alpha Sigma Phi, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Kappa Delta Phi. There are three
national sororities: Alpha Delta Pi, Phi Mu and Sigma Kappa. Alpha Phi Omega is a coeducational service fraternity.

The Greek social organizations are led, governed and inspired by the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) and Panhellenic Council respectively, and they are advised by the director of student activities. The councils work with the organizations to promote brother/sisterhood on campus. Representatives of the councils provide annual leadership training and character-building workshops for their membership.

In addition to enhancing the social life of Albright's campus, the IFC and Panhellenic Councils ensure that the Greek organizations contribute positively to the welfare of the community, campus and individual members. The various groups participate in numerous volunteer and value-oriented programs throughout the year. Each fraternity and sorority is expected to encourage high academic standards. Each organization plans, finances and enjoys semifinals each semester. Greeks at Albright College contribute to the campus as well as to the surrounding community.

To join a Greek-letter organization a student must complete three courses and have a 2.50 grade point average for sororities and a 2.25 grade point average for fraternities.

International Students Office

The International Students Office (ISO) is committed to supporting, promoting and celebrating individuals in an inter-cultural environment. The primary goal is to embrace all cultures, respect and appreciate diverse backgrounds, and fully integrate our international students into the Albright community. We encourage personal and cultural development, and advocate for international and cross-cultural experiences, perspectives and initiatives.

Student Activities

Albright offers a diverse selection of student organizations, including club sports, program councils and special interest organizations. Most campus-wide social activities and entertainment are planned by the Albright Campus Center Board (AC2). Funded by the Student Government Association (SGA), the board sponsors a variety of events, including a film series, concerts, game shows and events with acoustic musicians, comedians and other performers.

Other sponsored events include special seasonal dances and other activities. Students are encouraged to participate in all aspects of campus social life.

Student Art, Music and Publications

There are several student-run musical organizations on campus for students wishing to perform outside of credited ensembles.

The Albright student radio station, WXAC, broadcasts on an FM channel and serves the Reading community as well as the campus. Its progressive
programming style fosters and provides outlets for individual student ideas and input.

The College newspaper, *The Albrightian*, is published for and by the students of the College. The College yearbook, *The Cue*, and the literary magazine, *AGON*, are coordinated by students with an interest in those areas.

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**Religious Groups/Chaplain’s Office/Multi-Faith Center**

Albright College, a United Methodist-related school, supports and encourages the exploration of religion, faith and moral values as part of becoming liberally educated. The cardinal virtues of respect, openness and tolerance are considered essential ingredients in any dialogue about the meaning and significance of the various religious traditions.

Through the Chaplain’s Office, the College seeks to provide opportunities in which students can reflect upon religious and moral questions and issues. In addition to the work of the Chaplain’s Office, student religious groups representing the Jewish, Muslim and Christian (both Protestant and Catholic) traditions offer a variety of means through which students can explore personal and social issues of faith. Weekly Protestant and Catholic worship services are offered on campus for students and other members of the College community. The Chaplain also is available for student counseling on personal and religious concerns.

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**Student Government**

The Student Government Association (SGA) promotes the interests of students consistent with its perception of the best interests of the College.

The Student Government Association is empowered to regulate the student activities fee and determine the allocation of collected funds, appoint students to College committees, supervise elections for organizations on request and represent the views of students to other constituencies of the College.

Resident and commuter groups also exist to help students share in directing campus social life. The Resident Students’ Association promotes conditions conducive to better living and higher scholarship; fosters a well-balanced social program; and provides those facilities necessary for the comfort and recreation of all residents.

The Day Students’ Association represents all non-resident students; coordinates social and recreational events; and provides opportunities for all non-resident students to participate in sports and other college activities.

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**Athletics**

Intercollegiate competition for men includes football, cross-country, basketball, swimming, baseball, soccer, track and field (indoor and outdoor), tennis, lacrosse and golf. Intercollegiate competition for women includes field hockey, basketball, tennis, softball, track and field (indoor and outdoor), cross-country, volleyball, swimming, soccer, lacrosse and golf.
Albright College is a member of the Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Corporation, the Commonwealth Conference, the Eastern College Athletic Conference and Division III of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The Scholl LifeSports Center is open seven days a week for individual recreation, and a comprehensive program of intramurals is available for all students.

Leadership Opportunities

Albright offers numerous opportunities for students to become more effective leaders. Leadership training opportunities for student organizations, presented throughout the year, address issues and skills that benefit both the organization and the individual student. Sample topics include decision-making, delegation, time management, how to run meetings and values clarification. These workshops encourage students to become more independent and creative, as well as better managers.

Volunteer Center

The Volunteer Center serves as a repository for community service activities and projects and acts as a liaison to establish connections for interested students and agencies. The Volunteer Center hosts an annual Volunteer Fair in the fall semester and sponsors several group projects.

Residence Hall Living

In the Albright community, residence halls serve as centers for academic, social and cultural development. They encourage personal growth through diverse populations and serve as meeting places for student activities. Albright's residence halls are designed and encouraged to be social laboratories where experiences of the classroom as well as students' developing values, attitudes and ideas can be tested informally among peers and professionals living in residence.

Housing Eligibility

The Housing and Residential Learning Office is located at 1331 Richmond Street (next to Mohn Hall) and is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. This office is responsible for the overall planning, development and implementation of the residential learning and housing program at Albright College.

Housing at Albright is available for traditional undergraduate students aged 17-25. On-campus housing is required and guaranteed for all students with first-year and second-year academic status who are not commuting from home. Housing may also be made available to non-traditional students, including ADP students, master's-level students, 4+1 students and any other students returning for certification, at the discretion of the housing director and dean of students.
In the Housing and Residential Learning Office, a student can find information regarding housing policies and procedures, general living conditions of the residence hall or any other issues regarding residence hall life. Students should feel free to contact a resident assistant or assistant director for answers to questions or clarifications of College policy.

For further information regarding housing and residential learning, please see section "Community Living: Your Guide to Living on Campus."

**Lifestyle Options**

Albright's residential facilities provide a variety of lifestyles to choose from, including single-sex floors or coeducational options, upperclass residences, special interest suites, honors housing, break housing, upperclass apartments and substance-free freshman experience.

Visitation policies are accommodating but strictly enforced. All living options are in place to suit individual student needs and preferences as well as to encourage responsibility. The various facilities are described in more detail in the "Campus" section of this catalog. Policies pertaining to life in the Albright College residence halls are explained in more detail in *Community Living: A Guide to Residence Halls* and *The Compass*, the student handbook.

**Assistance and Supervision**

Adult assistant directors and student resident assistants are chosen and well-trained to provide students with necessary information, offer counseling assistance and organize hall activities that help students feel a part of their living unit. They help to manage and maintain physical facilities and encourage student behavior consistent with the rights of all residents to live, sleep and study at will in their own rooms.

Finally, the residence hall program at Albright insures student input into the management and governance of their residence halls and also provides students with leadership opportunities through the Resident Student Association and resident assistant positions.

**Living Expenses**

Information on room and board fees, other residence hall related costs, billing procedures, refund policies and related issues are described in the "Academic Expenses" portion of this catalog.

**For More Information**

For more information about residence life at Albright College, please contact the Office of Housing and Residential Learning at 610-921-7641, or visit the Albright home page and click on the “Housing” link located under “Campus Life.” The office is located at 1331 Richmond Street.

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**Student Services**

**The Counseling Center**

The Counseling Center provides services to help students grow as individuals and become more effective in their daily lives. These services include:

- Individual and relationship counseling
• Consultation for students, faculty and staff
• Limited psychological screening for students
• Referrals to community providers

Professional counselors are available to discuss personal issues and emotional concerns regarding family, relationships, substance misuse, depression, stress, loss, and eating problems, among others.

Services are free and confidential, and are available to all full-time students. Appointments can be made Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

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**College Regulations**

**Social Regulations**

All first-year and second-year students, except those who live with their families or relatives in the area, are required to reside on campus and must utilize a meal plan. Upperclass students may choose to live on- or off-campus.

Only in an environment that combines individual freedom and responsibility can conditions be established which contribute to a true liberal arts education. Albright students are expected to exercise self-discipline and responsibility and to demonstrate respect for themselves and others as well as for the property and functions of the College.

In the particular areas outlined below, Albright has established standards with which all members of the community are expected to comply. Violation of these standards may lead to disciplinary action.

**Sexual Harassment Policy**

Sexual assault, harassment and relationship violence cannot be tolerated within the academic and residential environment of a caring community. Albright College will not tolerate violence toward or abuse of any member of the student community by another student. Such violence and/or abuse includes relationship violence, sexual harassment, rape and other forms of sexual assault perpetrated against any student, faculty member, staff member or other persons in the Albright College community.

Any student charged with such an offense is subject to the judicial action outlined in the student handbook. Persons charged with such offenses also may be prosecuted under Pennsylvania criminal statutes.

**Alcoholic Beverage Policy**

Albright College encourages thoughtful decision-making regarding the use of alcoholic beverages and strongly supports those persons who decide to abstain from such use. In light of present knowledge about the destructive effect of alcohol on the lives of abusers, Albright does not condone any form of use of alcoholic beverages. The College is committed to an aggressive program of education about responsible use of alcoholic beverages.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania limits involvement with alcoholic beverages to persons 21 years of age or older. While the College is not an enforcement agent for Commonwealth law, neither is it a sanctuary.
Persons who violate such laws subject themselves to prosecution by the Commonwealth.

Albright strongly supports the rights of students to privacy and to live in an atmosphere conducive to and supportive of the academic nature of this community. Accordingly, students who abuse these rights or whose behavior is abusive of the person or property of others will be subject to disciplinary procedures. Special attention is given to such abuses where alcoholic beverages are involved.

The consumption of alcoholic beverages is limited to the confines of the students’ rooms. The president, dean of students and appropriate student and faculty groups maintain procedures for implementation of these guidelines.

Such procedural statements include a description of expected student behavior and the disciplinary actions consequent to deviation from those expectations as a result of alcohol abuse.

**Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs**

The possession or distribution of narcotics, dangerous drugs or certain controlled substances is strictly prohibited by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Albright College does not provide a sanctuary from the laws of the larger community. Drugs have no legitimate place within a community dedicated to academic excellence; they can only be detrimental. Therefore, violation of this regulation subjects a student to summary dismissal and possible criminal prosecution.

**Judiciary Process**

Fair treatment for all students is guaranteed through a judicial system which operates under the authority of the president of the College. In case of suspension and/or expulsion the student is responsible for all tuition, housing charges, meal plan charges and related charges due, and no refunds of any payments will be made.

**Medical Services**

Medical services are provided to students through the Gable Health Center. If a medical emergency occurs when the Health Center is closed, the Office of Public Safety will arrange for transportation to a local hospital.

Before arrival on campus, every student must submit a health history and physical on forms provided by the College. The physical component must be completed by a home physician.

Students are required to have primary medical insurance coverage. Each year, students are required to submit a health insurance form listing their primary medical insurance.

**Personal Property Insurance**

The College does not carry insurance on personal property of students and is not responsible for loss or damage to such property. Students are encouraged to provide their own personal property coverage through their parents' home owners' insurance policy or their own personal property insurance.

**Privacy Act**


Albright College complies with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 regarding confidentiality of student records. Any questions about the availability of student records or the release of such records should be addressed to the Registrar’s Office. Students are informed annually of current applications of the act by means of the student handbook, during orientation and through other written communications from the dean of students and registrar.