

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Utica College recognizes that much of the learning students experience on campus takes place informally, outside the classroom. For this reason, the College offers a wide range of cocurricular activities. By participating in campus governing bodies and policy-making groups; intramural or intercollegiate athletics; social groups and clubs; formal and informal performing groups; and special interest clubs of all kinds, students can meet and learn to work with many types of people while finding out what their own capabilities and interests are.

All student organizations in this section are included based on past activities. As with most voluntary-participation groups, activities are normally based on the number of students participating.

GOVERNING BODIES AND ACTIVITIES

The Student Senate is the voice of the Utica College student body. Every April there are elections for the executive officers of the Senate. In April and September there are elections for senate representatives from the classes, academic divisions, and living areas. Every full-time student pays the student activities fee which is governed by the Student Senate. The Student Senate helps keep Utica College responsive to student needs and concerns.

The Finance Committee hears budget requests and recommends annual budget and supplemental appropriations to the Student Senate.

The Classes each elect officers and a council. The Classes sponsor a variety of social, recreational, and educational activities throughout the year.

The All-College Forum, the “town hall” body of the College, provides students, faculty, and professional staff the opportunity to discuss issues of significance to the College community. The College’s governance structure includes several policy committees, all of which include student representation.

The Inter-Greek Council serves as the governing body for the fraternity and sorority system.

The Residence Hall Judicial Board is a student judicial board. Its purpose is to promote justice and fairness and, therefore, serve the College residential community by ensuring responsibility for the adjudication of infractions committed in the residence halls.

All residential students have the opportunity to become active members of the **Residence Hall Association**. The purpose of hall council is to bring residents together and promote a positive residential community. It is a forum for

residents to exchange ideas about programming, develop leadership skills, engage in community service, and work together in an effort to further improve the quality of life in the residence halls.

The Social Cultural Committee is the programming committee of the All-College Council. The Committee is comprised of students, faculty members, and professional and support staff. Emphasis in programming is placed on enhancing the educational and cultural climate of the campus.

The Programming Board is the programming arm of the Student Senate. The Board plans and implements a wide variety of social and cultural activities. Much of the work is done through committees that oversee films, lectures, concerts, coffeehouses, special events, and publicity.

ACADEMIC, MAJOR, AND CAREER-RELATED CLUBS

The Accounting Society is open to majors in accounting who have completed at least three terms of study in accounting with a C average.

The Asa Gray Biological Society is named in honor of the great American botanist who was born in nearby Sauquoit and educated in the Utica area. Membership is automatic for all biology majors and faculty and is open to all students and faculty interested in the biological sciences. The society expands and enriches the educational experience of students interested in biology through a variety of activities including seminars, colloquia, social events, and the publication of an alumni newsletter.

The Charles Drew Pre-Professional Society was established to offer moral support to students considering a career in medicine. This organization is open to every student regardless of race, creed, or national origin. It is comprised primarily of science, mathematics, and health science majors.

The Criminal Justice Student Association is open to all full-time students having an interest in criminal justice. The purpose of the association is to acquaint its members with various criminal justice activities and procedures. The club sponsors a fall weekend trip to New York City where students are provided with a rare opportunity to spend eight hours riding along with New York City police officers. Spring events include a one day trip to the State Police Academy or other criminal justice facilities.

The ECI (Economic Crime Investigation) Student Association is open to all full-time students having an interest in ECI. It sponsors programs and forums of interest to ECI students.

The Harold Frederic English Society is named in honor of Harold Frederic, a native of Utica, New York and noted American novelist and journalist of the nineteenth century. The purpose of the Society is to enrich the educational experience of students majoring in or interested in English and American language, literature, and culture. Through a variety of activities and events, members of the club explore outside the classroom their interests in language and literature, and bring to the campus at large opportunities to do the same.

Herodotus, the history club, was formed to foster the examination of topics

of historical importance. It also seeks to help its membership in the pursuit of information regarding career options and graduate study.

The International Club strives to enhance understanding between different cultures. The club also acts as a support group for newly arrived international students, helping them acclimate to college life. Membership is open to all students.

The James Sherman Society, named in honor of a distinguished former vice president of the United States who was a native Utican, serves the intellectual interests of the Utica College community. The society sponsors lectures and discussions, helps prepare students for careers or professional schools, and acts as an advisory group to the government and politics faculty in planning and evaluating the government and politics major program.

The Marketing Club is a collegiate chapter of the American Marketing Association. The student chapter affords an opportunity for potential marketers to be exposed to the association's professional activities. Membership is open to all students.

The Math Club sponsors field trips for students, as well as campus visits by practicing mathematicians. The organization works to help mathematics majors better understand career options in mathematics. The members also attempt to solve math problems together.

The Occupational Therapy Society is open to occupational therapy majors and is affiliated with the student organization of the American Occupational Therapy Association. Its purpose is to provide service through various projects and information sharing to promote a wider understanding of this profession.

The Philosophy Club provides a forum for the open discussion of philosophical issues. These can range from perennial questions such as the existence of God or the nature of justice, to issues of social relevance such as the morality of banning certain kinds of speech.

The Physical Therapy Society is open to all physical therapy majors and students interested in applying to the program. Its purposes are to explore topics relevant to the profession, assist in the improvement of the program where appropriate, promote the profession and program to the local community, and engage in activities that benefit the local community.

The Psychology-Child Life Club is open to all child life majors or other interested students. The purpose of the organization is to spread an awareness of the child life major throughout the campus and community. Throughout the year, the group sponsors several bake sales, flower sales, and a band in Strelbel Student Center. The main project of the year is Children and Hospitals Week, during which numerous activities are organized.

The Psychology Club of Utica College is a group of students and faculty advisers who all share a strong interest in psychology and topics relating to it. Although the group is predominantly psychology majors, it is open to all students who wish to join. The purpose of the group is to search out careers and opportunities in, and become better acquainted with, the various fields of psychology; to promote understanding and cooperation between faculty and

students in psychology; and to work together in improving the curriculum for psychology majors.

The Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) is a national organization of public relations students and is affiliated with the Public Relations Society of America. The College's Raymond Simon Chapter was the second chapter to be organized in this national society. The UC group meets monthly and sponsors a wide variety of activities, including an annual spring trip to visit public relations firms.

The Society for Collegiate Journalists is geared toward journalism majors but is open to all students interested in examining media topics, increasing awareness of careers in the media, and championing the causes of the student press. The club sponsors all-College panels on media topics of general interest, builds relationships with media professionals, and annually visits media alumni at work in various East Coast cities.

The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Utica College Student Chapter is open to all students interested in the field of human resource management. The UC chapter is a student chapter of the national organization, which is made up of professional human resource managers. Members receive numerous publications from the national headquarters plus many other benefits and services. The Utica College chapter meets regularly throughout the year for workshops, discussions, and guest lectures given by experienced human resource managers.

Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society exists to promote the public's perception and understanding of chemistry and the chemical science through public outreach programs and public awareness campaigns. In addition, the group provides opportunity for peer interaction for students in the sciences.

The Student Nurses Association is open to all students in the Utica College nursing program. Its purpose is to promote interaction among students and professional persons in order to promote a wider understanding of the nursing profession.

The Student Teacher Education Program (STEP) of Utica College is open to any student who expresses an interest in education. The purpose of the organization is to encourage a coalition among Utica College students who are interested in the education field, thus increasing participation in academic issues relevant to education, and to develop a professional atmosphere by promoting interaction between students and faculty.

The Theatre Ensemble is a student organization in which all participants have the opportunity to develop individual or group projects in areas such as producing, directing, and acting. The group sponsors many activities, including performances at the Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute, children's theatre, programs for high schools, and production of the annual playwriting contest's winning scripts.

The Therapeutic Recreation Society is open to all therapeutic recreation majors and interested students.

POLITICAL/SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

The College Republicans further the intellectual interests of Republican students by providing a forum for the examination of topics of political concern.

People Respecting Intimacy and Diversity Everywhere (UC PRIDE) offers positive educational information to Utica College and its extended community in order to encourage wider knowledge and understanding of gay men, lesbians, and bisexuals. The group offers a confidential, informal atmosphere where students can meet other students like themselves, discuss matters of concern, develop and use a body of supportive resources with positive homosexual themes, and socially interact. Contact with the group can be made through the Office of Student Affairs.

S.A.D.D. is the UC chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions. The club sponsors alcohol awareness programs throughout the year, particularly during Alcohol Awareness Week.

VOX (Voices of Planned Parenthood) is a national program that serves to educate the college community about the threats to reproductive health and rights and mobilize the community in support of reproductive freedom. VOX is Latin for the word “voice” and the Utica College chapter of VOX organizes events to raise public awareness of reproductive rights, educate the community about sexual health, support and work with local Planned Parenthood health centers and mobilize advocates of reproductive freedom.

The Womyn’s Activist Association is a student organization advocating the empowerment of women. The group sponsors programs to educate the College community about women’s issues.

The Womyn’s Resource Center was established in 1990. The center’s goal is the empowerment of all women through education, mutual support, and growth. The center addresses the wide range of issues women of all ages, races, religions, and lifestyles face on a daily basis. The Womyn of Color group is also affiliated with the center. The group primarily deals with issues related to the health and well being of women of color.

The Young Democrats promote the ideals of the Democratic Party.

CULTURAL/RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

Africa in Motion (AIM) celebrates the rhythm and spirit of African and Latino music through dance, spiritual movement, singing, and poetry. AIM is an ensemble of both men and women who perform on the Utica College campus and the surrounding area. All students are encouraged to join.

The African-American Company of Theatrical Expression (ACTE) is comprised of student thespians interested in working and performing plays, poetry, and prose written by and about African Americans. The group is open to anyone interested in theatre.

The Angelic Voices of Unity (Gospel Choir) believes in maintaining a religious atmosphere through song. Students learn to sing together and take opportunities to perform on campus and in the community. The choir provides important exposure to the African-American gospel experience.

The Asian Association exists to increase awareness of Asian cultures. The group sponsors cultural and educational activities to foster greater understanding of Asian issues. Membership is open to the entire Utica College community.

Brothers on a New Direction (B.O.N.D.) is an organization of men of all races and nationalities organized to promote awareness and understanding of the cultures, traditions, and history of African-American people.

F.L.A.M.E. (Full Liberation African Movement Ensemble) introduces club members of all cultures and nationalities to the art of African Dance. F.L.A.M.E. provides a social, cultural, and creative connection from its members to the African culture.

The International Students Association brings together, through social and educational activities, American and foreign students to examine other cultures that touch American society.

The Italian Club was created for the purpose of promoting Italian culture in both Utica College and the surrounding community.

The Jewish Student Union seeks to make the Jewish religion and its cultural values vital and relevant to the Utica College community.

The Latin American Student Union serves the interests of Latin American students and educates the College community about the Latin American experience. The LASU recruits Latin American students; sponsors speakers, movies, workshops, and cultural activities; and operates a tutoring program for Latin American students.

Muslim Students Association (MSA) was created to promote awareness about Islam, to represent the many different cultures that Islam encompasses, and to aid Muslim students in their stay at Utica College.

Students Associated to Represent India (SARI) was formed to promote Indian culture and to recognize Indian heritage. Membership is open to the entire College community.

The Students of African Descent Alliance (SADA) – Brothers and Sisters United (BSU) is an organization whose function is to develop programming for students and to strengthen communication between the administration and African-American students on campus. It also responds to students around the world who are looking to become a part of institutions such as Utica College, as well as others in this country.

UNITE (Unique Nubians Inspired to Excel) was organized to promote a sense of cultural awareness among women. The organization seeks to educate women and inspire them to excel and empower themselves financially and academically.

The Utica College Band is devoted to the rehearsal and performance of music for band and, as instrumentation permits, for stage band. The group rehearses for three hours per week and presents concerts for the campus com-

munity and the public. (Academic credit may be received.)

The Utica College Christian Fellowship is a student run, non-denominational Christian organization that was established for facilitating spiritual growth, fellowship, and evangelism. The foundation of the organization is based firmly on the truths found in the Bible. UCCF welcomes all students, faculty, and staff, regardless of spiritual affiliation.

West Indian Connection provides the Utica College community with exposure to the traditions and customs of the various West Indian cultures through festivals, workshops, and other special events.

W.I.N.D. (Women in a New Direction) promotes unity between male and female students on the Utica College campus by working together with B.O.N.D. as brothers and sisters.

RECREATIONAL CLUBS

The Commuter Club is an organization of non-resident students whose function is to facilitate communications among resident students, faculty, and staff. Activities such as campus-wide luncheons, dinners, and coffeehouses are sponsored during daytime hours for greater participation by the College community.

The Fencing Club meets weekly and is made up of students, faculty, and staff. Foil, epee, and saber fencers are represented with skill levels ranging from novice to intermediate.

The Outing Club was formed by students for the purpose of taking nature trips to the forests and lakes in the area. It is open to all students, faculty, and staff who enjoy the outdoors.

The Running Club is an athletic organization formed to involve students and faculty in the appreciation of running. Members also provide technical assistance to those who need help and share knowledge with each other. The club creates activities to assist in these endeavors.

The Ski Club was established to unite the skiers of Utica College in a social and recreational organization. The club sponsors weekend ski trips and is open to all students.

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

VACUCS (Voluntary Action Club for Utica College Students) encourages student volunteerism in the community. It sponsors an annual Halloween Party for community youth that takes place on the Utica College campus.

Circle K was established on the UC campus in 1994. It is the Utica College student chapter of Kiwanis International. Circle K is involved in service projects on and off campus.

HONORARY FRATERNITIES AND SOCIETIES

Alpha Phi Sigma is the National Criminal Justice Honor Society. Here at Utica College, Alpha Phi Sigma recognizes students who are excelling in either the Criminal Justice or Economic Crime Investigation programs. The primary focus of this organization is to form a network of people across the United States who will soon become experts in the Criminal Justice field. Alpha Phi Sigma also serves the campus and surrounding community with various events and opportunities to improve our own quality of life and the quality of life of those around us. Membership to this group is open to anyone with 12 CRJ/ECI credit hours and a minimum GPA of 3.2.

Alpha Sigma Lambda is a national honorary scholastic society for continuing education students. The Alpha Omicron Chapter was founded at Utica College in 1969. Its purpose is to honor the academic achievement of continuing education students.

Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha is a national debate society. Utica College students are eligible for membership in the Syracuse University chapter. Membership is awarded on the basis of excellence in the fields of debate, discussion, oratory, and extemporaneous speaking.

Lambda Pi Eta is the official communication studies honor society of the National Communication Association. An accredited member of the Association of College Honor Societies, Lambda Pi Eta has nearly 420 active chapters at colleges and universities worldwide. The chapter at Utica College was founded in 2004.

Phi Alpha Theta is a national honorary fraternity for students and teachers of history with chapters in some 90 colleges and universities. The Utica College chapter, Gamma Xi, was installed in the spring of 1950. Members of the fraternity receive the quarterly, *The Historian*, and are represented at the annual convention held at the same time and place as the American Historical Association.

Psi Chi is the national psychology honor society whose purpose is to advance the science of psychology while encouraging, stimulating, and maintaining the scholarship of individual members in all fields, especially psychology. The membership consists of three types: active, alumni, and distinguished member.

Sigma Tau Delta is an international English honor society whose purpose is to confer distinction for high achievement in English language and literature studies, to promote interest in literature and the English language, and to foster the discipline of English in all of its aspects, including creative and critical writing. The Alpha Delta Chi chapter extends invitations of membership to students whose academic achievement meets the high standards set forth in the constitution and the local bylaws.

Tau Mu Epsilon is a national honorary-professional public relations fraternity, whose Beta chapter was founded at Utica College in 1952. Its purpose is to promote the profession of public relations and to honor outstanding students in this field.

Hazing in New York state is against the law and against the rules of Utica College. Hazing of any type is not tolerated.

Specifically, the law prohibits “acts which recklessly or intentionally endanger mental or physical health or involve the forced consumption of liquor or drugs for the purpose of initiation into or affiliation with any organization.”

Generally, it is a violation of the law and Utica College’s rules whether or not participation in these acts is voluntary.

FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES

Fraternities

Alpha Phi Delta is a national fraternity whose Beta Iota chapter was founded at Utica College in 1949.

Chi Kappa Delta is a local service and social fraternity founded at Utica College in 1994.

Phi Beta Sigma is an international fraternity whose Omicron Alpha chapter was established in 1984.

Tau Kappa Epsilon is a national fraternity whose Lambda Lambda chapter was established in 1968.

Sororities

Chi Beta Sigma is a local sorority organized in 1946.

Gamma Sigma Sigma, Gamma Eta chapter, is a national service sorority established at Utica College in 1968.

Omega Phi Beta is a national sorority whose Tau chapter was established in 2004.

Phi Sigma Sigma is a national social sorority whose Epsilon Omega chapter was established in 1990.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

The Edith Langley Barrett Fine Arts Gallery, located in the Library Concourse, offers exhibits featuring original works of visual art in the areas of drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, graphic design, mixed media, art photography, book arts, fiber arts, installation art, and ethnological/historical/cultural exhibits. The gallery serves individual artists and small professional artist groups within central New York, as well as Utica College students, visiting artists, and local school students and teachers.

The Micro-Art Gallery, located in Strebel Student Center, provides the Utica College community with an opportunity to exhibit original works of art, works in progress, part of their art collections, or other displays of interest to

the College community. The Micro-Art Gallery encourages first time exhibitors, non-professionals, and all students willing to display their artistic efforts.

The Playwriting Contest is sponsored each year by the drama department. All are eligible to submit a short unpublished script. Winning entries receive cash awards and are produced in the spring semester.

FILM@UC is a weekly film series – sometimes thematic, sometimes eclectic – that challenges our assumptions about and enhances our appreciation of motion pictures. FILM@UC presents critically acclaimed independent, foreign language, experimental, and classic films throughout the semester, and regularly features distinguished filmmakers discussing and showing their work. Events take place in Macfarlane Auditorium and are free of charge. Students, faculty, staff, and the public are welcome to attend.

The Utica College Theatre Department presents two major productions each year. All full-time students are eligible to participate in theatre activities including acting, costume, make-up, set construction, painting, and lighting. (Academic credit may be received.)

The Harry F. and Mary Ruth Jackson Lunch Hour Series presents a series of musical and literary programs each semester. Performances are given in the Library Concourse. All programs are free of charge and are open to students, faculty, staff, and the public.

The **Nexus Seminar Series**, a set of presentations by the College's faculty describing their research and scholarly pursuits, provides an opportunity for participants to explore new findings and viewpoints and share ideas among faculty, students, and the local community. The series is free and open to the public.

Geotalk lectures provide opportunities to learn about world geography in an interesting way. The series is free and open to the public.

MEDIA

Ampersand is the campus literary magazine. Students are invited to submit their poetry, artwork, photography, and short stories. It is published once a year.

The Legacy is the Utica College yearbook. Students are needed to help with photography, layout, writing, proofreading, and artwork.

The Tangerine is the student-produced weekly newspaper. There are many opportunities for students to participate in both the editorial and advertising areas. Students of all majors are welcome to interview for staff positions as writers, editors, layout designers, reviewers, and photographers, and in advertising sales.

WPNR-FM, the Utica College radio station, is a student-run, fully operational, non-commercial, educational facility. The station's two studios and administrative offices are located on the second floor of the Strebels Student Center. WPNR-FM, 90.7, broadcasts to the greater Utica area on a regular schedule during the academic year. Students serve as managers, directors, and disc jockeys. Programming is varied and includes music, sports, and special-interest shows. UC students can apply for all positions on the staff.

ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

Intercollegiate Athletics

The College sponsors men's varsity teams in soccer, football, basketball, swimming and diving, ice hockey, lacrosse, baseball, and tennis. Women's varsity teams compete in field hockey, soccer, volleyball, tennis, basketball, swimming and diving, ice hockey, lacrosse, softball, and water polo. Varsity golf is open to both men and women.

Utica College is a member of the Empire 8 athletic conference along with conference rivals Hartwick, Ithaca, Elmira, Alfred, Saint John Fisher, Nazareth, and RIT. UC teams also compete against other regional non-conference opponents as scheduling allows. UC is a member of Division III of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC), and the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association (NYSWCAA), providing post-season tournament opportunities for teams that qualify.

Intramural/Club Sports

The intramural sports program is an integral part of the total educational environment. It includes programs in flag football, basketball, water polo, volleyball, floor hockey, softball, indoor soccer, racquetball, bowling, tennis, wallyball, table tennis, wiffleball, and 8-ball pool.

Club sports teams in cross country, fencing, cheerleading, dance, and karate provide additional opportunities for students to participate in athletic activities.

Facilities

All indoor and outdoor recreational facilities are available to all students throughout the academic year. Indoor facilities in the Harold Thomas Clark Jr. Athletic Center include:

- a large gymnasium with two full-length basketball courts and a main court;
- racquetball courts;
- a 25-yard by 25-meter swimming pool;
- saunas in the men's and women's locker rooms;
- a fully equipped free-weight room;
- a fully equipped fitness room and an aerobics room for modern dance and exercise.

Outdoor facilities include:

- The Charles A. Gaetano stadium, a multi-sport stadium with artificial turf and seating for 1,200;
- tennis courts and a sand volleyball court;
- fields for soccer, lacrosse, flag football, and volleyball;
- softball and baseball diamonds.

Utica College plays its men's and women's hockey games at the nearby Utica Memorial Auditorium.

Selected facilities can be reserved for use by a group or an organization. To make a reservation, contact the director of physical education and athletics in the Physical Education and Athletics Office. Hours for gym facilities during the academic year are as follows:

- The gym and weight rooms are open from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday through Sunday, unless classes, events, or team practices are scheduled.
- The pool is open from noon to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on alternate Saturdays and Sundays, unless it is reserved for other activities. Pool hours may vary for holidays and athletic events.

Gym lockers are available to all students on a space available basis for the entire academic year. A \$5 deposit is required for each locker assignment. The student will receive a College lock to place on the locker and a towel for personal use. The towel must be returned each time to receive a clean towel. To obtain a locker assignment, go to the Athletic Office in the Harold Thomas Clark Jr. Athletic Center.

Philosophy for Utica College Athletic Department

1. The Athletic Department supports the College's academic mission by insisting on academic success to be eligible for participation in athletics. Athletics supports the Utica College mission to "create a community of learners with diverse experiences and perspectives..." Athletics enhance the liberal education of men and women by exposing them to cultural, ethnic, and individual differences. Student athletes learn to appreciate diversity in an environment of equality and mutual respect.
2. The Athletic Department supports the College's mission of "encouraging lifelong learning, and ... promoting scholarship in the belief that the discovery and application of knowledge enrich teaching and learning." Participation in athletics at Utica College gives student athletes opportunities for positive and realistic self-appraisal. The student athlete learns citizenship and ethics, develops social skills and leadership potential, and gains a stronger sense of independence.
3. The athletic program enriches the life of the campus and enhances the sense of community.
4. Intercollegiate sports participation is encouraged for as many students as possible.
5. The Athletic Department strives for broad participation through intercollegiate, club, and intramural sports. The department also emphasizes competitive excellence, sportsmanship, and positive attitudes.

6. The majority of scheduling is conducted with other Division III colleges in the Empire 8 Conference (Alfred, Hartwick, RIT, Nazareth, St. John Fisher, Ithaca, and Elmira) as well as non-conference opponents in Utica College's geographic area.
7. Appropriate facilities, competent coaches, and competitive schedules are available to Utica College student athletes to assist them in reaching their athletic potential.
8. Emphasis is given to in-season competition; however, teams and individuals are encouraged and supported through post-season championships.
9. The athletic program is controlled, financed, and staffed through the same general procedures as other departments of the College.
10. Sports for men and women are given equal emphasis and the desired quality of competition is similar in all sports.