

5. STUDENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND POLICIES

The University expects each student to act in a mature manner and to exercise good citizenship and good judgment in conducting his/her personal life both on and off campus. The student who voluntarily enrolls at Hardin-Simmons University should expect to become a part of the total campus environment and should realize that this University is a unique institution in terms of its traditions, policies, goals, and regulations. In becoming part of this institution, the student agrees to uphold these characteristics. While at Hardin-Simmons University, the student is expected to obey the laws of the United States and Texas, Abilene city ordinances, and the rules and regulations of the University. The student is responsible for being aware of University policies.

A copy of the HSU Student Handbook, containing various policies and procedures relating to the activities of the student, is made available to each student.

Residence Approval - Unmarried undergraduate students taking more than six hours in a regular term, and not living at home must stay in residence halls as long as space is available. This stipulation applies unless the student turns 21 years of age during the time of that semester, has lived on campus for four long semesters, or has completed 60 credit hours. Exemption is also given to a student living with a close relative. All student residences must be approved by the Office of Student Development. Information concerning available off-campus student housing may be obtained from the Moody Center Office.

Automobile Registration - The privilege of operating an automobile and of keeping it on campus is conditional upon proper registration on or before the fifth class day of each semester and upon observance of all traffic and parking regulations thereafter.

STUDENT SERVICES

Among the services available to students are student activities, library privileges, student publications, student health services, counseling and testing, and career services.

Student activities include intercollegiate athletic contests, productions of the Van Ellis Theatre, lectures, and student publications including The Brand, a student newspaper; and the Corral, an annual literary magazine.

Health Services - The University maintains an outpatient clinic staffed by a registered nurse in Moody Center, Room 208. Free treatment at the clinic is limited to first aid and dispensing of non-prescription medications. The University does not supply prescription drugs or personal nursing care. Students requiring regular injections may receive them in the clinic with a physician's authorization and a signed release. There is a minimal syringe fee per semester.

The staff of each residence hall and the HSU Police Department are supplied with emergency first aid equipment, are certified in CPR and are available when the clinic is closed. Students desiring further medical services may go to the physician of their choice and will be given assistance in selecting a physician and making appointments. Emergency treatment is also available at Hendrick Medical Center, two blocks from the campus. The University is not responsible for any medical bills.

Emergency Care - The University cannot assume responsibility for a student's medical care, but, in an emergency, reserves the right to seek medical attention for that student. In the event of serious illness, the University may require the removal of the student to a private hospital. An examination by a physician, which includes tests, to determine and certify the student's physical and mental condition and ability to continue to function in the University setting may be required at the discretion of the University. The expenses for such private medical or hospital care shall be borne by the student.

Immunizations and Health Forms - Students are to complete a Health Form with proof and dates of immunizations. The Health Form is turned in with other registration forms. Health Forms are filed in the Student Health Office.

The Texas Department of Health defines proper immunization for those born on and after 1/1/57 as having the following: (1) initial series of DPT and oral polio; (2) two doses of MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) vaccines or proof of immunity to measles, mumps, and/or rubella. A booster of Diptheria/Tetanus should have been received within the last 10 years. The Meningitis Vaccine is available at cost in the Student Health Office.

TB Testing - If a student has had close contact with anyone who is ill with Tuberculosis or has lived in a country within the past 5 years where TB is endemic, that student will need to have a PPD (TB Test) no earlier than 12 months prior to beginning classes. It is easier to identify countries of low rather than high TB prevalence. Therefore, a student should undergo TB testing if arriving from any country **EXCEPT** those on the following list: Canada, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, USA, Virgin Islands (USA), Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, San Marino, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, American Samoa, Australia, or New Zealand.

International Students - Any student living outside the USA must have proof of a negative Mantoux TB test or chest x-ray taken within the three months prior to admission, a completed health form and immunization record.

Student Insurance - It is important for students to have their health insurance information to facilitate any need for medical attention. For students who do not have insurance coverage and who wish it, HSU will put students in contact with a health insurance representative.

Military coverage - Military coverage is limited to medical services performed at a military base hospital. The student must be at least 18 years of age to receive treatment at Dyess AFB Hospital, or the student must have a signed affidavit from his/her parents releasing responsibility. Non-emergency medical services rendered by a civilian doctor and/or hospital will not be covered unless the student has prior authorization from the military service.

Testing and Counseling Services - The University provides testing and counseling services for all students. Both individual and group counseling programs are available. The Director of Testing and Counseling coordinates these programs and is assisted by other faculty and staff who are professionally trained in the area of counseling. Students are encouraged to see a counselor for personal, social, academic, or other problems of concern to them. Testing is an integral part of the counseling program. Tests of intelligence, personality, vocational interests, and special skills are available to students who need or desire such information.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

No college or university is complete without the numerous special activities that provide for individual development physically, socially, and spiritually. Hardin-Simmons University offers students a wide variety of activities.

Athletics - State and national recognition has come to HSU because of her athletic teams. Intercollegiate athletics are sponsored in six sports for men and six for women. Men's sports include football, basketball, baseball, soccer, tennis, softball, and golf; whereas sports for women include volleyball, basketball, softball, soccer, tennis, and golf. All sports are non-scholarship and all students who wish to try out for any team are encouraged to do so.

Athletic Participation Requirements - All students who represent the University in athletics must be concurrently enrolled in at least 12 semester hours and making satisfactory progress toward graduation. They must have attained at least a 1.60 GPA if they have attempted 12-32 semester hours, a 1.80 GPA if they have attempted 33-48 semester hours, or a 2.00 GPA if they have attempted 49 or more semester hours.

In order for a student to continue to represent the University, a student must have completed twenty-one hours in the last academic year. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that athletes are also making satisfactory progress toward a degree. Hours that are taken during May Term, Summer I and Summer II will be counted toward the calendar year. A list of all athletes is required to be turned to Registrar's Office. The Registrar will approve all athletes for participation.

Student-athletes who qualify for championship-level play which conflicts with finals week should be given the option of taking their final exams either before or after completion of the athletic event. It is the student-athlete's responsibility to notify their professors of the conflict, to work with their professors to schedule an alternate date for the exam, and to complete any necessary university-related paperwork prior to leaving for the athletic event.

Intramurals

All students are encouraged to participate in the intramural program. There are a variety of both team and individual sports available throughout the school year. Students may participate as part of their club organization or enter a competition by organizing an independent team.

Sport Clubs

Sport Clubs are recognized student organizations that exist to promote and develop interests in a particular sport or physical activity. A club may be instructional, competitive, recreational, or may involve any combination of these. Sport Clubs are open to all students.

Fitness Center

The HSU Fitness Center, located on the second floor of the Mabee Athletic Complex is available to all HSU students. The Fitness Center includes a wide variety of cardiovascular machines as well as numerous weight machines.

Distinguished Speakers Series - Programs by well-known personalities are presented, usually two per year, in order to provide intellectual stimulation of national and international scope. These events are often funded by the Cullen Fund for Faculty Enrichment.

Institutional Services - In keeping with the responsibilities of the University to maintain its position as the cultural center within its own area of influence, HSU provides a number of non-credit academic opportunities for professional and non-professional leadership through conferences, clinics, exhibits, institutes, lectures, seminars, tournaments, and workshops.

Through such activities, information, instruction and encouragement are provided for special community groups as well as for the student body, staff and faculty.

Music Ensembles - Membership in ensembles is open to all students by audition. Auditions are held during the first week of each semester. Music organizations include the Brass Ensemble, Concert Choir, Cowboy Band, HSU Chorale, Simmons Classic, Percussion Ensemble, Piano Ensemble, String Ensemble, University Concert Band, Abilene Collegiate Orchestra, Woodwind Ensemble and Abilene Collegiate Opera. Annual tours are made by several of these ensembles. For additional information see School of Music section, Ensembles.

Baptist Student Ministries - All activities and projects of a religious nature are coordinated through the Office of Student Ministries.

The Director of Student Ministries gives direction and coordination to the program of Student Ministries. A Baptist Student Ministry (BSM) Leadership Team is selected by a nominating committee. The Leadership Team promotes the student religious work of the campus.

The program involves student affiliation with local churches, participation in mission work, extension services to churches, campus devotional services and personal witnessing. Evangelistic emphasis, rallies, and special weeks provide opportunities for students' involvement and commitment.

All students are encouraged to participate in the religious activities of the campus. Baptist Student Ministry activities are coordinated with the mutual objectives of Christian maturity and development of Christian ideals.

Affiliation and cooperation are maintained with the Center for Collegiate Ministry of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Student representatives participate in denominational conventions, assemblies and general meetings designed for Baptist Student Ministry.

Speech Activities - The HSU Student Communication Association, sponsored by the Department of Communication, is open to all students. Awards for excellence in public speaking are given to students annually.

Theatre Activities - The Van Ellis Theatre provides for both the students and the community in its program of drama, including classic revivals, current successes, experimental productions, and original scripts. Any regularly enrolled student is encouraged to participate in theatre activities.

THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Student Association is organized to provide for and to maintain the general welfare of the student body and to further the growth and development of the University as expressed through the Student Congress, which includes representatives from each class elected by popular vote.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Membership in over 50 clubs and organizations is available to students. These include departmental, honor and service fraternities and societies and social groups.

Alpha Epsilon Omega - The purpose is to provide an information network and mutual support system among students who are considered "nontraditional."

International Club - Open to all foreign students and others on campus to help foster cross-cultural communication and understanding.

DEPARTMENTAL CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP) - Students interested in computing can join the national AITP as student members through the parent professional chapter of Abilene. This organization hosts monthly student and professional meetings providing current computing information from local and professional meetings providing current computing information from local and global businesses. Scholarships are awarded annually, based on funding, to allow students to attend computing conferences and programming contests.

The Computer Club is open to majors and minors in computer science, formed for the purpose of promoting communication and understanding between individuals interested in working with computers. The club is locally organized and run by its student members. Membership in the above AITP student chapter is not required.

AINSA-Intercollegiate Student Nurse Association - To aid in the maximum personal and professional development of those preparing to enter health care fields.

American Chemical Society - An organization dedicated to the scientific advancement of chemistry.

Criminal Justice Club - Purpose is to foster understanding of the opportunities in the criminal justice field. Open to all interested persons.

Geology Club - A local organization to foster interest among students of geology, open to anyone on campus who is interested.

Law and Politics Club - Open to any interested students. The purpose is to foster and promote an interest in political, legal, and civic affairs.

Mathematics Club - Open to majors and minors in mathematics. The organization assists the department in areas such as student recruitment.

Moot Court Team - Open to any interested student. Participates in intramural and intercollegiate competitions simulating the type of argumentation which occurs at the appellate court level in American law.

Music Educators National Conference, Student Chapter #61 - makes available to members opportunities for professional development, acquaints students with the privileges and responsibilities of the music education profession, provides for its members opportunities to become acquainted with leaders in the music education profession, assists the school in various projects throughout the year, and provides opportunity for contacts with MENC student members of other schools. Membership is open to any student interested in the teaching of music.

National Student Nurses Association, Texas National Student Nurses Association, School of Nursing Chapter - The pre-professional complement to the American Nurses Association. Adjunct membership is open to pre-nursing students who have not been admitted to the School of Nursing. Full membership is open to nursing students admitted to any program in the School of Nursing.

National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Hardin-Simmons University Chapter - An organization dedicated to the advancement of the field of speech-language pathology and audiology. Membership is open to any student interested in normal and disordered human communication.

Phi Sigma Rho - is open to all fitness and sports sciences majors and minors. Its purpose is to foster professional growth and fellowship.

Pre-Physical Therapy Club - is organized to provide guidance, support and education to all students who wish to pursue physical therapy or occupational therapy careers. Mechanisms of information sharing include student and professional presentations, product demonstrations and community tours.

Social Work Club - Promotes social and community service activities for social work majors.

Students in Free Enterprise - Team members conduct business-related campus and community educational projects. SIFE is open to all majors and does not require rush or dues. Members are able to interview with representatives from the 150-plus corporate sponsor organizations.

Texas Student Education Association, Jefferson Davis Sandefer Chapter - is open only to students who are actively preparing to teach.

ETHNIC ORGANIZATIONS

Black Student Fellowship - is open to all students to foster an understanding of Black culture.

Collegiates for Racial Harmony - is open to anyone to facilitate better understanding between individuals of varied ethnic backgrounds.

Latin-American Club - is open to Spanish-speaking students, or any student of a Spanish background. The purpose is to enhance and promote the common fellowship of Latin-American students of HSU.

United Mexican-American Students (UMAS) - is open to all students and fosters an understanding of the heritage of the Mexican-American culture.

HONOR & SERVICE FRATERNITIES AND SOCIETIES

Several organizations with local, state, and national affiliation are open to students at HSU, membership in which is earned by achievement or standing. A description of each follows:

Alpha Chi - national scholarship society, encourages a high quality of scholarship. Membership is open to the upper ten per cent of the junior and senior classes.

Alpha Kappa Psi, Eta Kappa Chapter - national professional business fraternity is open to qualified business majors and minors.

Alpha Mu Gamma, Gamma Zeta Chapter - is the national collegiate foreign language honor society. Students in French, German, Greek and Spanish with at least two A's and one B in one of the languages and an over-all grade point average of C are eligible.

Alpha Phi Omega - is a national service fraternity associated with the Boy Scouts of America. Membership is open to all undergraduate, graduate and non-traditional college men and women who have 12 or more hours and a minimum grade point average of 2.00. The fraternity seeks to develop leadership, to promote friendship, to provide service, and to further the cause of freedom that is our national, educational, and intellectual heritage.

Alpha Psi Omega - national honorary dramatics fraternity is open to qualified students and faculty.

Beta Beta Beta, Delta Psi Chapter - national biological honor society, requires 12 hours of biology, evidence of an interest in the subject, a biology grade point average of 3.00, and an overall grade point average of 2.75 for active membership. Associate membership is open to those with a biology grade point of 2.50 and an overall grade point of 2.25.

Epsilon Pi Alpha - is a service organization for women, with the goal of bringing Hardin-Simmons University coeds together in the spirit of service to humanity. Members engage in numerous service projects on and off the campus each year.

Gamma Beta Phi - is a national honor society and service organization open to students within the top 20% of their class.

Kappa Delta Pi - Xi Sigma Chapter, is a national honor society in education open to juniors, seniors, graduate students, and faculty in education. Membership is based on scholarship and high personal standards.

Kappa Mu Epsilon, Texas Eta Chapter - is a national mathematics honor society open to qualified students who have completed at least three semesters of college coursework and three semesters of college mathematics including one semester of calculus. Members of the chapter are automatically members of the Mathematics Club.

Kappa Pi, Beta Chi Chapter - is the national honorary art fraternity.

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International - Houses one of its undergraduate chapters at HSU. Membership is open to any student interested in law and law-related studies.

Phi Alpha Theta - is an International History Honorary Society.

Phi Epsilon Kappa - is the national honorary fitness and sport sciences fraternity.

Phi Mu Alpha-Sinfonia, Theta Lambda Chapter - is the national professional male music fraternity. Any second semester male freshman having a grade point average of 2.20 may pledge upon invitation.

Pi Gamma Mu, Texas Theta Chapter - National social science fraternity is open to juniors, seniors, and graduates. Membership includes qualified students having 20 semester hours in one or more of the social sciences - economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, and sociology,

Pi Kappa Delta, Texas Theta Chapter - is the national forensic fraternity.

Pi Kappa Lambda - is a national music honor society.

Sigma Alpha Iota, Gamma Phi Chapter - an international professional fraternity for women in music, organizes its activities around broad musical & cultural objectives which include service to the local campus and community; promoting the cause of music, especially through emphasis upon contemporary music of the Americas; rehabilitation through music around the world; contributing to the stature of music as a profession; development of the potential for leadership of its members; strengthening the highest possible academic standards; and inculcating worthy ideals for living. Women music majors & minors who have completed at least one semester at the University and who qualify academically and musically are eligible for membership.

Sigma Delta Pi, Beta Sigma Chapter - National Spanish honor society, requires 18 semester hours of Spanish with a B average and an over-all grade point average of 2.75.

Sigma Tau Delta, Xi Epsilon Chapter - National literary fraternity, is open to English and journalism majors and minors of junior or senior rank who have exceptional scholastic records.

Speech Honor Society - Requires at least nine semester hours in speech communication courses with a 3.75 grade point average and an overall grade point average of 3.00.

Student Communication Association - Is open to all students interested in the study of communication and practice of communication skills.

SOCIAL CLUBS

Social clubs promote leadership and character, sponsor service projects, emphasize social involvement and promote scholastic excellence. Close friendships are made among club members. The eight social clubs include four for women and four for men.

Basic requirements for membership: an invitation from the club to pledge, completion of twelve semester hours, enrollment in at least twelve semester hours, a GPA of 2.00, and freedom from scholastic or disciplinary probation.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND BOARD OF YOUNG ASSOCIATES

The Hardin-Simmons Alumni Association is composed of all former students. The Alumni Association Executive Board consists of the officers, officers-elect, past president of the Association, and the Director of Alumni Relations. Officers are elected yearly at the official meeting of the Association.

All gifts from alumni are administered through the University Office of Advancement Services. The operating budget of the Association is appropriated by HSU.

The annual Homecoming Luncheon is the official meeting of the Association. Other annual events sponsored by the Association include Homecoming Weekend (with over 60 events), Distinguished Alumni Awards Luncheon, Alumni Service Awards Luncheon, Golden Reunion (50-year class), Founders Day observance, Faculty-Staff Appreciation Event, and regional alumni gatherings and meetings, and the Official Ring Rally and Presentation Ceremony, and is involved with New Student Orientation.

The Range Rider is the official publication of the Association and is published through the Office of Alumni Relations, in cooperation with the Office of University Communications.

The Alumni staff maintains records and communications with alumni, administers alumni business and projects, and assists in the formation and coordination of regional HSU Alumni chapters. The Association works closely with the offices of development, marketing, media relations, student recruitment, career services, and athletics as well as the various colleges and schools within the University.

The Board of Young Associates, comprised of Alumni under the age of 40, sponsors the Cowpoke Posse Kids' Club for children 0-14, hosts the Outstanding Young Alumni awards ceremony, and awards the *Tomorrow's Leaders Today* scholarship.

CAREER SERVICES

The University provides comprehensive career preparatory services for prospective students, current students, and alumni. These services include postings and applications for Work-Study jobs, part-time jobs and full-time jobs. Career Counseling and career interest inventories are provided for those who are still deciding on a career or who desire to make a career change. A computer lab and library of job search and career related materials are available on the second floor of the Moody Center.

The Career Services staff seeks to educate students and alumni about field-specific information through involvement with the community and other HSU Alumni. It also schedules interviews with prospective employers from businesses, governmental agencies, and educational institutions. The staff work with students on specific skills such as resume writing, interviewing successfully, writing cover letters and thank you letters, and any other necessary skills needed to be prepared for full-time employment and life beyond college.