

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

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The Division of Student Affairs comprises departments promoting the intellectual, cultural, personal, social, moral, financial, physical and psychological development of Virginia Commonwealth University students. The division provides administrative support for key policies of the university, including the VCU Honor System and the University Rules and Procedures. Visit the Division of Student Affairs online for updated information throughout the year at [students.vcu.edu](http://www.students.vcu.edu) (<http://www.students.vcu.edu>).

Departments and offices

Disability Support Services

This department welcomes and serves VCU students with documented disabilities who are registered for classes on the Monroe Park Campus. Visit their website for more information at [students.vcu.edu/dss](http://www.students.vcu.edu/dss) (<http://www.students.vcu.edu/dss>).

Office of Multicultural Student Affairs

The OMSA features cultural programs, discussion groups, student organizations, scholarship opportunities and much more in an effort to strengthen the university's sense of community through cultural appreciation. Visit [omsa.vcu.edu](http://www.omsa.vcu.edu) (<http://www.omsa.vcu.edu>) for additional information.

Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity

This office supports the educational mission of the university by educating students about appropriate behavior and fostering a community supporting academic success. Visit their website for more information at [students.vcu.edu/studentconduct](http://www.students.vcu.edu/studentconduct) (<http://www.students.vcu.edu/studentconduct>).

Recreational Sports

Recreational Sports offers a range of programmed and informal recreational, fitness and sports activities for VCU students and faculty/staff/alumni/plus one members. Visit [recsports.vcu.edu](http://www.recsports.vcu.edu) (<http://www.recsports.vcu.edu>) for more information.

Residential Life and Housing

This unit provides safe, inclusive and well-maintained facilities where intentional communities are built to empower residents in their academic excellence, citizenship and personal growth. Visit their website for more information at [housing.vcu.edu](http://www.housing.vcu.edu) (<http://www.housing.vcu.edu>).

Student Media Center

The Student Media Center is dedicated to the support and encouragement of responsible, independent student media to connect, explore and enrich the lives of the university's many constituencies. Visit

studentmedia.vcu.edu (<http://www.studentmedia.vcu.edu>) for more information.

Technology Support Services

Technology Support Services provide technical support and services to the Division of Student Affairs staff through the DSA help desk and VCU students through the Resnet help desk. Visit their website for more information at servicedesk.vcu.edu (<https://servicedesk.vcu.edu>).

University Counseling Services

UCS creates an environment that fosters student growth, development and psychological well-being through direct clinical service, education and prevention. Visit [students.vcu.edu/counseling](http://www.students.vcu.edu/counseling) (<http://www.students.vcu.edu/counseling>) for more information.

University Student Health Services

USHS provides quality outpatient medical care and public health services, which also includes health education programming that empowers students to become full participants in their health care. Visit their website for more information at [students.vcu.edu/health](http://www.students.vcu.edu/health) (<http://www.students.vcu.edu/health>).

University Student Commons and Activities

The facilities, services and programs of USCA bring together all members of the VCU community and contributes to intellectual, emotional and social growth through informal interaction. Visit [usca.vcu.edu](http://www.usca.vcu.edu) (<http://www.usca.vcu.edu>) for more information.

The Wellness Resource Center

The Well maximizes student success by fostering a healthy campus environment and is the public health outreach branch of University Student Health Services. Visit their website for more information at [thewell.vcu.edu](http://www.thewell.vcu.edu) (<http://www.thewell.vcu.edu>).

VCU Career Services

Career Services is committed to providing support to VCU students and recent alumni (one year or less) in the lifelong career development process. Visit their website for more information at [careers.vcu.edu](http://www.careers.vcu.edu) (<http://www.careers.vcu.edu>).

VCU LEAD

VCU LEAD is a living-learning program for undergraduate students of sophomore status or above, focused on developing graduates who can successfully lead professional and civic organizations within their respective fields. Visit [students.vcu.edu/vculead](http://www.students.vcu.edu/vculead) (<http://www.students.vcu.edu/vculead>) for additional information.

Student government associations

The **Monroe Park Campus Student Government Association** is an elected body of students from the Monroe Park Campus who are organized into three branches — executive, legislative and judicial — with various committees. Nonelected, at-large members are encouraged to join most of these committees. All meetings of the senate are open to the public. Visit [vcusga.org](http://www.vcusga.org) (<http://www.vcusga.org>) for more information.

MCV Campus Student Government Association officers are elected from each of the health science schools. MCV Campus SGA meetings are held monthly from September through April and are open to all students. The MCV Campus SGA sponsors several social functions including the MCV

Campus Winter Ball and study breaks. More information can be found at mccampusga.com/home (<http://mccampusga.com/home>).

The **Joint Student Government Council** is the union of the two student governments on the Monroe Park and MCV campuses. A student-led governing body for VCU the JSGC works to represent the voice of all students. The council is especially concerned with joint matters, which consist of the desires, concerns and ideas that affect students on both of VCU's campuses. JSGC's body consists of delegates from the Monroe Park Campus SGA, the MCV Campus SGA, the Graduate Student Association and the student representatives to the Board of Visitors. More information can be found at students.vcu.edu/dos/jsgc (<http://www.students.vcu.edu/dos/jsgc>).

The **Graduate Student Association** serves as an advocate for graduate students at VCU. It sponsors events such as meet-and-greets, monthly socials and the annual Graduate Research Symposium (<http://graduate.vcu.edu/research/symposium.html>) that are designed to enhance academic skills, provide professional development opportunities and facilitate an active social environment. The GSA and the Graduate School work together to assist students with travel costs for academic conferences. The GSA places students on campuswide committees to ensure concerns of graduate students are heard. Visit graduate.vcu.edu/life/association.html (<http://www.graduate.vcu.edu/life/association.html>) for more information.

University policies and procedures

A number of policies and regulations at VCU affect students, and many of these are printed in the general information chapters of this bulletin. Three policy documents are of particular interest to students.

- **VCU Rules and Procedures:** outlines the rights, responsibilities and privileges of each member of the university community and describes cases when disciplinary action, including separation from the university, may be taken against a member of this community as a result of prohibited behavior as outlined in this document
- **VCU Honor System:** defines academic dishonesty and provides a procedure for judging alleged violators of academic integrity
- **Grade Review Procedure:** outlines the process whereby students may appeal grades that they feel have been assigned unfairly

Each student is responsible for being familiar with the provisions of all university policies and regulations. The three policy documents described above are available in the VCU Policy Library, which is made available online at policy.vcu.edu (<http://www.policy.vcu.edu>).