



Student Life

The Student Life department at North Central University seeks to provide a holistic co-curricular program that will help students reach their full potential in Christ. Student Development programs and activities work alongside the University's academic endeavors by challenging students to strengthen their competence and maturity in every area of their lives including the spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social, vocational, physical, cultural and aesthetic aspects while providing a supportive environment where failure can also be a growth-producing experience. Intentionally designed leadership, residence life, student services, spiritual formation, student activities and disciplinary programs will be used as tools to facilitate students' self-discovery of their God given talents and abilities.

Covenant Standards – The NCU Way

North Central University is a Pentecostal educational institution in which students, administration, faculty and staff work together to achieve a Christ-centered community. The standards of the NCU way, although neither easy nor simple in our day, are a vital concern of North Central University. We are a community emphasizing the holistic development of the students in preparation for ministry to the church and to the world and we must not neglect the importance of a Christ-like lifestyle.

The University recognizes that while the Scriptures do not provide specific teaching regarding all social practices, they do advocate self-restraint in that which is harmful or offensive to others. The North Central community has chosen, therefore, to adopt certain standards that will best contribute to the spiritual and educational environment it seeks to maintain.

New Student Orientation

All entering freshmen and transfer students participate in welcome days prior to the beginning of classes. Activities during this time provide an opportunity for students and parents to interact with the president, college officers, faculty, staff, student leaders and other new students. Some of these activities include an overview of campus life and student services, as well as an introduction to Minneapolis. All of these activities are designed to help students get acquainted with their new home at North Central.

Orientation is a comprehensive program in which new students of North Central University are intentionally integrated into our community through large group orientation, small group interaction, class time, co-curricular activities, and exposure to the NCU professionals and leaders.

Leadership Development

There are many opportunities for student involvement in the areas of Residence Life, Discipleship, NCU Ministries, Student Activities, Leadership Development, Student Senate and New Student Orientation. Students may also choose to become involved in various clubs and organizations.

All students are required to take the Foundations of Leadership class. The Student Life department also requires student leaders to take the Leadership Development I class and participate in various training seminars and retreats throughout their term of service. These classes and training sessions are designed to build student's leadership skills. Student leadership luncheons are also planned throughout the year, providing opportunities for student leaders to interact with faculty, administrators and guests to campus. North Central University offers a minor in Leadership Development to augment any of its majors.

Leadership Development Committee

The Leadership Development Committee is a student-led committee that trains, assists, and supports other student leaders. This group works alongside Student Life professionals to encourage student leaders to pursue excellence in all areas of campus life.

Student Ministries

Each year, numerous ministry teams are formed in which students have opportunities to minister. Involvement in ministry teams allows students to participate through preaching, teaching, children's work, drama, music, nursing home visitation and other church-related ministry. In addition, students have participated in street witnessing and mime teams, prison ministry and outreach through community organizations. Special ministry groups are formed on occasion for humanitarian outreach, witnessing opportunities and participation in summer urban outreach projects.

Student Ministry Board

The Student Ministry Board (SMB) is a student-led group that provides students of North Central University with regular opportunities to minister, reach and positively affect the Elliot Park neighborhood and surrounding communities. SMB's goal is to build bridges between the North Central University community and people in the surrounding neighborhood through service, volunteer work, outreach, evangelism and prayer.

Ministry Credits

All students are required to fulfill four semesters of ministry involvement before graduation. Transfer students, or students in the Associate of Arts degree, one-year, or three-year programs, are required to complete one semester of ministry involvement for each year at North Central. Registration of PRAC 201, PRAC 202, PRAC 203, and PRAC 204 is necessary and the passing credits are documented on the student's Degree Analysis sheet.

This involvement can occur in the local church or in the community. Some University-based projects may also be approved on a limited basis. Approval of ministry involvement assignments must be made by the Ministry and Volunteer Coordinator prior to the semester in order for credit to be received.

Summer Ministry Opportunities

Opportunities for summer ministry abound. Cross cultural ministries trips are available, and missions teams have gone to India, Ghana, Belize, Jamaica, Nigeria, Guyana, Philippines, Malaysia, England and Russia. Internships are usually accomplished during the summer between the junior and senior year. This provides students the opportunity to link up with churches or places related to the specific major.

Evangelism and Ministry Teams

Each year during Spring Break, groups of students travel to various parts of the world to participate in ongoing ministries. Recently, groups have gone to Uganda, Mexico, England, New York City, Thailand, and Jamaica. Students also participate in weekend trips and local street witnessing endeavors on the streets of Minneapolis.

Co-Curricular Activities

Fine Arts

Concert Chorus: Selected vocalists who represent the University on local and international tours

Women's Chorus: Selected female vocalists that minister in a variety of University and community events

Drama: Periodic productions performed and produced by students

Jazz Band

Mixed Chorus

Soulful Prayze: A mixed choir with a strong gospel music emphasis ministering in a variety of University and community events (non-auditioned and open to all students)

KNCU: Campus radio station with programming and production performed by students

Northern Light: Award-winning student newspaper

One Accord: North Central's premier musical touring group

Worship Live: Selected instrumentalists and vocalists who lead worship for various services

Iasis: Selected drama students

Athletics

Varsity Teams: North Central men and women compete as members of the National Christian College Athletic Association Division (NCCAA) II (no athletic scholarships). The Rams regularly compete against NAIA and NCAA II and III schools. North Central is a provisional member of the NCAA Division III (no athletic scholarships). Men's Varsity Sports: Soccer, Cross Country, Basketball, Baseball, Track and Field. Women's Varsity Sports: Soccer, Volleyball, Cross Country, Basketball and Track and Field.

Club Sports: Students compete on non-varsity intercollegiate teams in Women's Softball and Men's Golf.

Intramural Sports: Students participate in basketball, flag football, and other activities generated by student interest.

Student Organizations

Alpha Chi: Academic honor society that encourages scholastic achievement and community service.

Diversity Assessment Committee: This club is devoted to fostering understanding about ethnic and socio-economic diversity issues on and off campus.

Deaf Culture Fellowship: A resource for students interested in experiencing the Deaf culture and ministering in it.

Delta Kappa: A group dedicated to women's needs on campus and in the community.

Fifth Sacrament: Fellowship group for married students.

Kai Adelphai: A group committed to encouraging women who are called to preaching ministries.

Leadership Development Committee: A branch of the NCSA that exists to advance the leadership services of North Central University students.

Mu Kappa North: An organization for children of missionaries.

North Central Student Association (NCSA): Exists to represent the student body and foster communication between students and administration.

Psi-Chi: An organization for academically outstanding students in the Psychology major.

SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise): An international organization that helps business students develop skills through community projects.

Student Activities Committee: A branch of the NCSA that organizes social activities on campus.

Student Missions Fellowship: Student group dedicated to cross cultural ministry.

Student Ministry Board: A branch of the NCSA that organizes student ministries for students to the surrounding communities.

Student Relations Committee: A branch of the NCSA that advertises on campus happenings through different mediums.

Student Senate: Elected officers from each class who work with the NCSA to develop communication and positive change in the University community.

Tri Beta Alpha: A men's organization dedicated to purity and accountability.

Athletics

At North Central University, we recognize that athletics are an integral part of our society. We believe that athletic activities help students reach their full potential as individuals. The focus of athletics is more than merely playing games; the purpose is changing lives. In addition to competing in their chosen sport, athletes are given opportunities for: fellowship at athletics luncheons; leadership in team captain positions; outreach through community sports programs; and growth both competitively and spiritually.

North Central's men and women compete as members of the National Christian College Athletic Association Division II (no athletic scholarships) and are in the process of becoming mem-

bers of the NCAA III (no athletic scholarships) The Rams regularly compete against NAIA and NCAA III and II schools.

Varsity sports: Varsity sports are funded by the University and compete in full-length schedules throughout the season. Men's Varsity Sports include Soccer, Cross Country, Basketball, Baseball and Track and Field. Women's Varsity Sports include Soccer, Volleyball, Cross Country, Basketball and Track and Field.

Club sports: Club sports compete against other colleges' varsity squads. They do not receive financial support from North Central, thus members must raise their own funds. No guarantees are given that a club team will exist from one year to the next. Currently, club teams are fielded in Women's Softball and Men's Golf.

Intramural Sports: Students participate in Basketball, Flag Football, and other activities, as interest exists.



Chapel

The center of spiritual life on campus and the center of all life at North Central University is the chapel. Chapel provides an opportunity for students, faculty and administration to gather at one time for the purpose of worshipping God and seeking His guidance and power for the task of equipping His servants. Chapel services are utilized for special emphases such as missions, community outreach, relationship seminar and special lectureship series. Student-led chapel services provide interested students with hands-on experience in leading worship and preaching. The services also allow students to participate in constructive learning from their peers.

Because chapel is such an integral part of campus life at North Central, services are held at 11 a.m. each day of classes and attendance is required. If you choose to attend North

Central University you therefore choose to attend the required amount of chapel services. Exceptions to the policy are not made for work or other issues except in extreme circumstances. Students are given an appropriate allowance for missing chapel for unplanned conflicts such as illness or out-of-town travel. These should be used wisely to avoid fines and possible disciplinary action.

Every Friday immediately after chapel, students, faculty and administration are encouraged to participate in a time of reflection and worship to God through prayer and fasting. Communion is offered during the prayer and fasting time. Our desire is to see our community experience greater spiritual depth and development as Pentecostal leaders through the chapel experience.

Student Services

The North Central Student Association: The North Central Student Association (NCSA) is a student-led organization that oversees Student Activities, NCU Ministries, Student Leadership Development, Student Relations, and the Student Senate. The NCSA exists to represent the student body and foster communication among students, faculty, administration, staff, alumni, the surrounding community and other colleges. They also encourage cooperation in the University community and serve as a stepping stone for the advancement of campus programs, activities and outreach ministries.

Seminars: The following seminars are hosted annually on campus: Missions Convention, Illinois Chair of Pastoral Theology, Leadership Summit, David Irwin Chair of Islamic Studies, Spiritual Life Days, Relationship Seminar, Urban Ministries Emphasis and other events. These special days are among the highlights of our year.

Employment: Many students work part time to help pay for their education and various expenses. There are a number of quality jobs available in the Twins Cities area, many within walking distance. Job opportunities include retail, hotel, food, or business office employment. The Student Life office advertises job opportunities through job fairs, bulletins, and online listings. A jobs fair is conducted at the beginning of each semester to assist students in finding employment while completing their education.

Counseling Center: The Counseling Center at North Central University is a free service provided by the Student Life Office. This service is available to any student who is currently enrolled at North Central.

The counselor and student will discuss what is important and relevant to enable the student to grow towards greater freedom in making mature choices and taking responsible action with themselves, relationships with others, family and school responsibilities.

Among the most common concerns to bring to the Counseling Center are:

- Low self-confidence
- Finding, helping or losing a relationship
- Puzzling or distressing emotional states
- Self-defeating behaviors
- Studying more effectively
- Life purpose and direction
- Making better decisions

To set up an appointment time with a counselor, students should contact the Business Office. All appointments and information shared, in regard to counseling services, is kept strictly confidential. More information regarding the counseling services can be found under Student Service on the North Central University website.

Career Development: Seminars and luncheons are planned for students to learn skills to help them find positions after graduation. The career counselor is available to meet with students to explore questions about life calling and direction, or options for academic, ministry, and career goals. Other services in

Career Development include career assessments, resume compilation, and interview skills. Appointments to meet with the career development counselor can be made in the Business Office. The individual academic departments on campus handle post-graduate placement, current job openings, and interviewing information.

Residence Life

North Central University is primarily a residential campus. Research suggests that students who live on campus receive higher grades and are more likely to complete their undergraduate degree. The goal of the Residence Life staff is to provide a comfortable living/learning environment that will promote personal growth as well as encourage academic achievement.

Each living area is staffed with a full-time, professional Resident Director (RD). RDs provide oversight and supervision to their respective residence halls. RDs are available to their residents to assist with mentoring, prayer and support.

Each hall floor is staffed with a part-time, para-professional Resident Assistant (RA). RAs are upperclassmen who work under the guidance of the RDs to provide students with discipleship and friendship. Working along with the RAs are Discipleship Leaders (DLs). DLs assist the RAs in creating an atmosphere of Christian community through weekly discipleship meetings called LifeCore!. DLs are also available for prayer and mentoring.

Housing Options

Residence Halls: There are four residence halls at North Central University. Carlson and Phillipps Halls both offer separate floors for men and women. Miller Hall houses women only and Mensing Hall is available to students who are over 20-years-old. Students 22 and under are required to live on campus unless living with their parents, married, or taking 8 or fewer credit hours.

Honor Communities: In addition to the traditional floors, we also offer Honor Communities for men (Zimmerman House) and women (TJ Jones). The Honor Communities are designed to reward excellence in academics, leadership, ministry and community with additional privileges, while expecting more in terms of community involvement, GPA and personal character.

Mentoring Communities: Two Mentoring Communities, one for male and one for female students, are available for freshman students desiring the guidance and support that comes from an intentional relationship with an upperclassman. These floors are staffed by an RA and three to four selected upperclassmen mentors who are responsible for programming and facilitating mentoring relationships.

Apartments: NCU offers two apartment communities that are home to married students and single male and female students. The Orfield apartments are unfurnished efficiency and one-bedroom apartments. The Elliot East apartments are also unfurnished and are typically studio-style in layout.

Programming

The Residence Life staff works hard to assess the spiritual, social, and educational needs of our on-campus communities. These issues are often addressed through various types of co-curricular programs. The intent is to provide our residents with an opportunity to learn about and discuss the issues most pertinent to them.

Commuter Life

Students who qualify for off-campus living (age 23 or older, married, taking 8 credits or fewer) will find opportunities to be

connected to the campus and to each other by becoming involved in our Commuter Community. North Central University understands that commuters often experience unique challenges and have needs that on-campus students may not. The Student Development Department is committed to addressing and meeting the needs of the off-campus population. The Commuter Community hosts special events such as luncheons, coffee breaks, and chapel services designed to build relationships between commuter students and the NCU community. Commuter students should direct questions, concerns, and needs to the Commuter Coordinator.



Twin Cities Living

North Central University is in the heart of downtown Minneapolis. The Twin Cities offer resources to complement a relevant education. Minneapolis/Saint Paul is home to Minnesota Twins baseball, St. Paul Saints baseball, Minnesota Vikings football, Minnesota Timberwolves basketball, Minnesota Wild NHL hockey and the Lynx WNBA team. The Twin Cities also host a variety of national and international sporting events.

The thriving arts community includes: the Minnesota Orchestra, the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, the Minnesota Opera, the Guthrie Theater, the Walker Art Center, the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, the Minnesota Museum of Art and numerous community theaters.

The Minnesota Zoological Gardens, Como Zoo and Conservatory, the Bell Museum of Natural History and the

Science Museum and Omni Theater of Minnesota are educational and entertaining.

NCU offers students more because Minneapolis offers more. Just a few blocks away from North Central is the Minneapolis campus of the University of Minnesota. Many North Central students make use of its vast libraries and resources, as well as its cultural and sporting events.

Minneapolis is famous for its network of skyways that connect downtown establishments and protect pedestrians from traffic and inclement weather.

In 2004, the Twin Cities' mass transit network was supplemented with a light rail system. The light rail train connects downtown Minneapolis to the Twin Cities' international airport and the Mall of America, the largest mall in the United States.