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## STUDENT SERVICES

The Student Services Office, located in the Administration Building, is responsible for all non-academic aspects of student life. The office provides the following services: Career Development, Residence Life, Intramural Sports, Counseling, Student Activities, Testing, Disability Services, Veterans Affairs, Health Services, Athletics, Orientation and First-Year Studies.

### **Student Rights and Responsibilities**

The campus environment is intended to foster the personal growth and development of the students who choose to attend Pikeville College.

Students are entitled to the basic rights and privileges of U.S. citizens. Pikeville College students are expected to obey all federal, state, and local laws. In addition, they are expected to obey the rules and regulations established by the College. These specific regulations are contained in the *Pikeville College Student Handbook* which is given to all students during registration. It is the policy of the College that no student shall be excluded from participating in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in any program sponsored by the College because of gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, age, handicap, or national origin. In order to promote a broad learning environment, Pikeville College welcomes applications from individuals of diverse backgrounds.

### **Students with Disabilities**

Pikeville College is committed to providing students with disabilities the same educational programs and services offered other students, in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. Under Section 504, a student has a disability if that individual has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits major life activities such as walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, working, or learning. Section 504 further requires that institutions make appropriate and reasonable adjustments for students with disabilities to ensure accessibility to academic and nonacademic activities. Under ADA, all institutions of higher education must comply with government policies, procedures, and employment practices that impact the treatment of students.

Each student brings a unique set of strengths and experiences to the academic setting. Even though students learn in different ways, it is not necessary to dilute curriculum or to reduce course requirements for individuals with disabilities. Special accommodations may be needed, however, as well as modifications in the way information is presented and in methods of testing and evaluation. Faculty will be assisted in these efforts by drawing upon the students' own prior learning experiences, using available institutional resources and collaborating with the Student Services Counselor. An individual with a disability is not required to accept an accommodation if the individual has not

requested one and does not believe one is needed. However, if the individual refuses accommodation necessary to perform in that area of study and, as a result, cannot meet established requirements, the individual may not be considered qualified.

In order to be granted protection under Section 504 and ADA, students with disabilities must make the disability known to appropriate College officials (Student Services Counselor) and must provide current and comprehensive documentation concerning the nature and extent of the disability. A student with a disability may make known his/her disability and seek verification for it at any point in his/her academic career. Upon verification, the Disabilities Resources Office will work with the instructor and the student to determine reasonable accommodations. With the student's written permission, a written description of accommodations will be forwarded to the instructor by the Disabilities Resources Office. Students with verified disabilities should contact the Disabilities Resources Office and inform faculty very early in the semester if they wish to exercise their rights to reasonable accommodations. Accommodations necessary for ensuring complete access and full participation in the education process do not require the instructor to adjust evaluations of academic performance nor absolve the student from personal responsibility for class attendance, assignments and other course requirements. Rather, accommodations make it possible for a student with a disability to learn the material presented and for the instructor to fairly evaluate the student's performance.

Located in the Student Services Counselor's Office, the Disabilities Resources Office is under the supervision of the Office of the Vice President for Student Services. The Disabilities Resources Office maintains various publications regarding reasonable accommodations under Section 504 and ADA and serves both students and College employees with assistance in regard to appropriate services for students with disabilities.

### **Student Housing**

Page Hall, Condit Hall, Derriana Hall, Wickham Hall, and Kinzer Hall serve as on-campus housing. Each residence hall is staffed by a director and student assistants. Residents contribute to the governance of their residence halls through the yearly election of a student housing council. Residents are expected to obey all federal, state, and local laws, as well as rules found in the *Pikeville College Student Handbook* and the *Pikeville College Residence Hall Guide*.

### **Dining Facilities**

Pikeville College offers a meal plan for students. All residents are required to participate in the meal plan. The food service management is capable of meeting most special diets prescribed by a doctor. Therefore, exemption from

the plan due to special dietary needs will be granted only if the food service is incapable of complying with a doctor's instructions. The College Dining Hall is located in Wickham Hall. The Bears' Den, which serves snack items, is also located in Wickham Hall.

### **Health Services**

A registered nurse is on duty and/or on call during the regular academic semesters. The nurse is available for consultation, treatment, and referral. Students are not required to receive treatment from the College nurse; they are free to seek aid elsewhere at their own expense. Parents or guardians are notified in the event of a major illness or injury.

Pikeville College believes it is essential for students to be protected against unexpected accidents or illness and therefore provides an option for students to purchase a Student Sickness and Accidental Insurance Plan.

### **Career Development Services**

The Career Development Office is located in the Student Services Office. The Career Development Office assists students in career planning and helps graduates find full-time employment. The office provides a number of career-related services including: career counseling, free resume service, career planning workshops, and lists of part-time and full-time employment opportunities.

### **Campus Organizations**

The College offers a wide variety of social and academic-related clubs and organizations. A complete list of clubs and organizations can be found in the *Pikeville College Student Handbook*.

### **Honor Societies**

Qualified students are provided the opportunity to participate in the following honor societies:

- **Alpha Mu Gamma:** Alpha Mu Gamma is the nation's largest foreign language honor society. Founded in 1931 at Los Angeles City College, its mission is to promote scholarship in the field of foreign language study and to honor outstanding foreign language students for their work in the discipline. There have been more than 300 charters granted in the United States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Full membership in Alpha Mu Gamma is open to students who have earned final grades of 'A' in at least two college-level courses of the same foreign language. A candidate who is a native of a non-English speaking country may offer two final course grades of 'A' in college-level English or English as a Second Language (ESL). Members of Alpha Mu Gamma must also have an overall GPA of at least 3.0. Associate membership may be granted by the chapter to any student who has met part of the requirements for full

membership and has expressed an interest in eventually becoming a full member. Upon the completion of all the requirements, an associate member shall then be eligible for full membership. Honorary membership in a chapter is open to community and civic leaders recognized for their language ability, for their interest in the study and use of foreign languages, or for their demonstration of a sympathetic understanding of other peoples and cultures. An honorary membership may also be granted to any person who has performed significant service to the chapter. The Pikeville College chapter of Alpha Mu Gamma, Nu Chi, was re-instated in Spring 2007.

- **Lambda Pi Eta:** Lambda Pi Eta is the national honor society for communication scholars. As an accredited member of the *Association of College Honor Societies* it represents what Aristotle described in his book, *Rhetoric*, as the three ingredients of persuasion: Logos (Lambda) meaning logic, Pathos (pi) relating to emotion, and Ethos (Eta) defined as character credibility and ethics. Lambda Pi Eta focuses on simulating, fostering, encouraging, and rewarding scholastic achievement in communication studies.
- **Lambda Sigma:** Lambda Sigma is a national honor society for second-year college students dedicated to fostering leadership, scholarship, fellowship and service among its members as they promote the interests of the colleges and universities they represent. Candidates for membership are those first-year students who have placed in the top 35% of the class academically at the time of selection and who have shown strong evidence of leadership. Students meeting these qualifications are eligible for selection in the spring term following completion of at least one academic term. Members are selected in the spring and are active members during their second year. Membership consists of not more than 50 students nor fewer than 15 students.
- **Psi Chi:** Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology, was founded in 1929 for the purpose of encouraging, stimulating, and maintaining excellence in scholarship and advancing the science of psychology. Psi Chi has chapters located in more than 940 colleges and universities. The Pikeville College chapter was installed in the fall of 2000. Membership is open to psychology majors and minors who have completed 9 semester hours of psychology, achieved a cumulative and psychology GPA of at least 3.0, and ranked in the upper 35% of their class in general scholarship.
- **Phi Alpha Theta:** Phi Alpha Theta is a professional society whose mission is to promote the study of history through the encouragement of research, good teaching, publication and the exchange of learning and ideas among

historians. This honor society seeks to bring students, teachers and writers of history together for intellectual and social exchanges that promote and assist historical research and publication by members in a variety of ways. Members must have taken at least 12 hours in history and have an overall GPA of at least 3.0 and a history content GPA of 3.1.

- **Sigma Beta Delta:** Sigma Beta Delta is an international honor society that recognizes, encourages and rewards scholarship, accomplishments and character among students of business. A candidate for membership must have completed at least one-half of the degree program in which he or she is enrolled, rank in the upper 20% of the junior and senior classes, possess a GPA of at least 3.0 in both his or her major and overall and be selected by majority vote of the business faculty. The principles of Sigma Beta Delta are wisdom, honor and pursuit of meaningful aspirations. Membership is limited to those of high scholarship and good moral character.
- **Sigma Tau Delta:** Sigma Tau Delta's central purpose is to confer distinction upon students of the English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies. Established in 1924, Sigma Tau Delta provides opportunities for members to be recognized for their outstanding achievements, enrich their education, make wise career choices, and advance their careers. Students with a minimum of a B average in English and in general scholarship, and who have completed at least three semesters of college work are eligible to participate
- **Sigma Zeta:** Sigma Zeta is a national honor society that encourages and fosters the attainment of greater knowledge in the fields of science and mathematics and recognizes outstanding scholastic achievement through active, graduate and honorary memberships. The Beta Xi Chapter was installed in the spring of 1999. Membership is open to students who have declared majors in Mathematics, Computer Science and Natural Science, completed at least 15 semester hours in these areas with at least a 3.0 GPA and earned an overall GPA of 2.75.
- **Theta Alpha Kappa:** This Religion Honor Society is the only national honor society serving the needs of those involved in the study of Religion and/or theology at both the baccalaureate and post-baccalaureate levels of higher education. Honoring excellence in these academic fields is its purpose, and it currently hosts over 200 local chapters throughout the United States at institutions large and small, public and private. Undergraduate students who have been enrolled in an institution with a TAK chapter for 3 semesters, have completed 12 hours in Religion, have a 3.5 GPA in their Religion courses and a 3.0 overall, and are in the top

35% of their class qualify. The Alpha Eta Chapter was installed at Pikeville College in the spring semester of 2004.

### **Study Abroad**

To enhance educational opportunity and greater understanding of cultural diversity, the College works closely with selected agencies and organizations to provide students domestic and study abroad opportunities.

**Private College Consortium for International Study:** Pikeville College is a member of the Private College Consortium for International Study (PCCIS), a group of Appalachian College Association (ACA) institutions providing opportunities to study abroad. The London Program, utilizing Imperial College facilities, provides short-term and full-semester study and internship opportunities for students from member institutions. Colleges from the ACA may also collaborate to arrange short-term, focused travel to other international locations.

**Kentucky Institute for International Studies:** The College is a member of the Kentucky Institute for International Studies (KIIS), a consortium of colleges and universities providing study abroad programs in Argentina, Austria, Brazil, China, Czech Republic, Costa Rica, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Poland & Ukraine, Spain, and Turkey. The Institute offers students quality academic semester and summer programs with opportunities to examine international cultures, improve their command of foreign languages, travel abroad and engage in independent learning opportunities.

Additional study abroad opportunities are available through various other institutions and organizations. Students should discuss interests with faculty and staff and review opportunities posted on the information board located in the Registrar's outer office.

Academic credit may be earned for participation in the above programs in accordance with Pikeville College policies.

### **The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars**

The Washington Center Program provides students an opportunity to study for a semester in Washington, D.C. A combination of experiential learning and academic based curriculum, conducted within the nation's capital, exposes students to the various functions of government, provides leadership development opportunities, and allows them to experience the diverse culture of the city. Academic credit may be earned for participation, depending on the length, breadth and depth of the programs.

### **Frankfort Semester Internships**

The Frankfort Semester Internship Program is sponsored by the Association of Kentucky Colleges and Universities (AIKCU) and provides students an opportunity to spend a semester in Frankfort, working for members of Kentucky's General Assembly and participating in seminars focused on government and public policy issues. Students may earn credit for the semester in accordance with Pikeville College policies.

### **Intercollegiate Athletics**

Pikeville College offers opportunities for intercollegiate competition in men's baseball, golf, basketball, football, bowling, cross country, and soccer; women's basketball, fast pitch softball, volleyball, golf, bowling, cross country, and soccer. The Bears and Lady Bears are members of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and the Mid-South Conference. All students who are enrolled in four-year undergraduate degree programs are eligible and encouraged to compete for positions on the athletic teams.

### **Student Government Association**

The Student Government Association serves as the voice of the students at Pikeville College. It is responsible for planning and implementing activities of common interest to students, representing student opinion to the college community, and promoting a high standard of conduct. Elections for offices in the Student Government Association are held annually.

### **Religious Life**

The College stresses ethical and moral values, recognizes the inestimable worth of all persons, and respects various religious beliefs.

Campus religious life activities may include chapel, special services, Bible studies, discussion groups, and community service projects. A campus minister is on staff. Particular religious groups such as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Blessed Union of God (B.U.G.) and the Baptist Student Union meet under the sponsorship of the Office of Student Services.