

OFFICE OF STUDENT INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership Development ("OSILD") is located on the 2nd floor of the Student Center. The mission of OSILD is to support the goals of Worcester State University by providing a co-curricular program student experience to challenge and encourage students to become empowered, inclusive, and knowledgeable future community and global leaders. Coupled with their intensive academic program, the co-curricular program allows the student to get the most out of their university experience. Through participation in leadership training, student organizations, and a diverse array of social, cultural, and educational programs, the student benefits by getting real world experience in planning and implementing their own programs. These experiences allow the student to gain valuable life lessons such as time-management and event planning as well as other leadership skills.

Student Organizations

Students are encouraged to participate in at least one co-curricular activity during their time at WSU. There are over 40 active student organizations on campus including groups such as Student Events Committee, Intercultural Student Alliance, Student Government/ Student Senate, Equestrian team, Dance Team, Dance Company, Active Minds, Enactus, LGBTQ+ Alliance, Campus Ambassadors, Games Club, Cheerleading, Men's Lacrosse and many others. Leadership training is also provided and encouraged for all members of student organizations to improve their leadership skills and prepare for life after WSU. For more information check out our Student Organization page.

Student Center

The centrally located Student Center is both the heart of campus and the hub for student involvement, and students gravitate here to relax, socialize, study, work, attend meetings and events, and grab a bite to eat. The Student Center is home to a wide range of student services as well as the Information Desk, Resource Room, Bookstore, student organizations, living room lounge, and administrative offices. For more information regarding the Student Center check out our Student Center page.

Leadership Programs

To enhance skills needed by students for their career after WSU, our office offers an array of leadership programs for students involved in student organizations as well as to the larger WSU population. Our three tier leadership program, Circles of Leadership, allows students to partake in a progressive and immersive leadership experience through workshops and skill building sessions over their time as an undergraduate. OSILD also coordinates the annual Leadership Symposium, an event for students looking to expand their knowledge in many different areas of leadership, and provides leadership resources and shares stories of student leaders on <http://worchester.edu/campus-life/leadership-opportunities/>. Additional programs are offered specifically for student organization members as well including our Leadership Summit and our program planning and budgeting trainings.

Commuter Services

OSILD also provides many opportunities for commuters to get involved on campus. Commuter Services staff is dedicated to assisting students and serves as an advocate for commuter concerns. Students are welcome to contact Commuter Services to express any concerns that you may encounter as a commuter student at WSU. The office works in

conjunction with the Commuter Activities Board to support commuter students in addressing such concerns. The Commuter Activities Board ("CAB") is a major student organization supporting the voice of commuter students and plans fun and educational events for the entire campus community with particular emphasis on commuter students.

Orientation

OSILD also oversees the planning and implementation of the Orientation Program. The comprehensive program includes sessions for first year students, parents, and transfer students as well.

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