



“The Student Activities Center exists to enhance and support holistic student development through involvement in diverse experiences.”

The Student Activities Center supports the mission of Iowa State Memorial Union and Iowa State University by nurturing student life. We do this through:

- Offering hundreds of ways for students to get involved within our community;
- Coordinating leadership experiences;
- Providing numerous entertainment opportunities through events and venues;
- Supporting the efforts of over 650+ recognized organizations;
- Directly advising a variety of student organizations;
- Connecting students to our community;
- Expressing ourselves through creativity in The Workspace, fine arts and Galleries;
- Enhancing knowledge through the Browsing Library and educational programs and lectures; and
- Creating an atmosphere to socialize in the Maintenance Shop and Recreation Center.

Located on the ground floor of the Memorial Union in the East Student Office Space, we serve as collaboration central for information about numerous educational, social, intercultural and personal developmental opportunities at Iowa State.

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LIVING IT UP

INVOLVEMENT EVENTS

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Getting Involved

Being involved is one of the more important aspects of your college education. It enables you to mature personally, socially, intellectually, and spiritually. Involvement enhances your opportunities for career development exposing you to a various skills which will help you following graduation. Giving your time and talents to an organization will not only help that group, it will make your college experience a valuable and enjoyable one.

Before you get involved at Iowa State ask yourself how you will be able to maintain your academic standards. ***Your grades are important to us.*** Research has shown that a student's involvement can assist in one's connection to campus and in one's success in the classroom. The struggle for some students is balancing their campus and community involvement with their academic pursuits. Finding your balance between involvement, coursework and other responsibilities will help you to achieve all of your goals. To find out how you can stay balanced and get involved at Iowa State University go to:

<http://www.sac.iastate.edu>, click on ***Get Involved***

To help foster involvement the Student Activities Center coordinates three events a year for students to learn about involvement opportunities and to get involved within the community. The first Wednesday of fall semester brings WelcomeFest. This is an excellent opportunity for students to find out what goods and services within our community (Iowa State University, Ames, Story County, and beyond). There are samples galore, roving artists, and plenty of prize drawings. ClubFest is held twice a year (September and January) for students to meet and greet organization membership of over 180 of the 650 recognized organizations. This is an ideal way to learn about campus opportunities and discover how to make a difference within our community.

Enhancing Knowledge

The Browsing Library on the ground floor of the Memorial Union provides a living room atmosphere, background music, meditation chapel, daily newspapers, browsable popular culture magazines, and full service computer lab with internet and printing capabilities. Along with the Browsing Library the Student Activities Center and variety of recognized organizations provides lectures and educational programs to the campus community.

Coordinating Leadership Experiences

The word "leadership" means many things to many people. At Iowa State, we believe every student has the potential to be an effective leader. The overarching goal for the Iowa State University Leadership Development Model to serve as a touch stone for students who participate within the structured and unstructured leadership development experiences. Leadership is action—not position. To that end, the Student Activities Center strives to provide opportunities and experiences for students to develop their leadership skills. From joining a recognized organization to volunteering in the community, leadership skills are a necessity.

The personal development and growth that you experience will make you more organized, confident and capable of handling the responsibilities of college and your career. You will greatly enhance your ability to work in a more effective and efficient manner with a broader scope of people. Phases of students' personal leadership development include: decisive thinking; working effectively autonomously and in teams; gaining knowledge of work skills; understanding yourself; writing clearly and effectively; speaking clearly and effectively; understanding diverse cultures; personal reflection; developing ideals and moral principles; and contributing to the community (National Survey of Student Engagement Learning Outcomes). To accomplish these outcomes the Student Activities Center annually coordinates Leadership ISU (fall semester), Global Citizenship Symposium (fall semester), Multicultural Leadership Summit (spring semester), organization leadership training and multiple other leadership programs.

Connecting to the Community

The Student Activities Center directly advises Iowa State Dance Marathon, and ISU Student Volunteers. Iowa State Dance Marathon annually raises over \$135,000 for Children's Miracle Network and Children's Hospital of Iowa through a variety of family programs, events, and fundraisers. Student Volunteer Services acts as a liaison to all of the area community partners, and the Volunteer Center of Story County. We work collaboratively with the Volunteer Center of Story County and encourage students to find out about all the opportunities online at: <http://www.1-800-volunteer.org>.

Supporting Organizations

All of the 650+ recognized organizations are supported through the Student Activities Center with on-going advising, leadership resources, training and development. Roundtable discussions are held monthly for organizations: Exchange of Ideas: Student Organization Roundtables and Conversations: Student Organization Adviser Roundtables. Additional support includes: Student Organization Resource Manual (SORM), online training module, and organization workshops. In addition, the Student Activities Center staff directly advises many organizations including: Student Union Board, VEISHEA, ISU Volunteer Student Services, Freshmen Council, and Iowa State Dance Marathon.

Expressing Ourselves

The Workspace, located in the east basement of the Memorial Union, is one of the many components within the Student Activities Center. The Workspace is a group of open art studios designed to serve the creative needs for Iowa State students, faculty, staff and community members. There are many open studio hours along with up to fifty classes are taught each semester by a University Community member.

The Gallery and the Pioneer Rooms (located on the second floor) exhibit national, international, regional, and local artists that incorporates student and juried exhibits. A large collection of framed posters and original prints available for rent to the public and may be made any time during the year or at the Annual Art Lending Open House at the beginning of fall semester. Photographs of current works are available in the Student Activities Center.

Creating Atmosphere to Socialize

The Maintenance Shop and Recreation Center create an amazing atmosphere for the campus community to socialize. The Maintenance Shop (located at the west entrance of the Memorial Union) provides a full wireless study lounge space by day, and local, regional, and national talent programs by night (through Student Union Board). The Maintenance Shop is one of the only all ages music venues in the Ames area.

The Recreation Center (southwest entrance of the Memorial Union) provides relaxation and entertainment for students and the local community alike. Offering a wide variety of games including: 9 pool tables, 8 bowling lanes with automatic scoring, CD jukebox, darts, air hockey, foosball and pinball and over 25 arcade games.