

STUDENT LIFE AND ACTIVITIES

STUDENT LIFE

Williams Baptist College deliberately seeks to foster an atmosphere of student life that is conducive for students' personal and academic development. Student life is defined by the policies, curriculum, programs, and activities of the College. Students at Williams are encouraged to become participants in that aspect of campus life where they are best able to explore their talents, learn skills, develop relationships, form a personal value system, and discover a personal identity. All students are expected to conform to the policies and regulations of the institution.

OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

A Christian liberal arts college has dual responsibilities in faith and learning. At Williams Baptist College, Christian faith not only forms the foundation for education, but it is also a goal in itself. Fulfilling its mission as a "campus of Christian purpose," the College promotes and teaches Christian faith and values hoping to instill in students a commitment to serve God and man. The Office of Student Affairs oversees student life and is committed to the objectives of a Christian liberal arts college and seeks to provide a living-learning environment that will foster the individual growth and development of each student.

ORIENTATION

Williams Baptist College requires all students attending college for the first time to participate in orientation. The New Student Orientation program is a series of events designed to assist students in adjusting to college life. The program, which combines large and small group sessions, class registration, recreation, and entertainment, is intended to be an enjoyable and informative experience. Administrators, faculty, staff, and students combine their efforts to provide a positive experience for students who are new to the college. Students who have been properly oriented to the College have an advantage for success in the classroom, in the residence halls, and in extracurricular activities.

COUNSELING CENTER AND CAREER SERVICES

Williams attempts to help students develop holistically. Students needing assistance with personal problems should consult the Director of Counseling. The College offers a full-time counselor who provides personal and confidential counseling service to students. In addition, other faculty and staff are trained as ministers or counselors. The College has convenient access to local and regional mental health services. All students have access to a comprehensive array of vocation/career services provided through the Counseling Center.

LEARNING CENTER/TUTORING

The Learning Center serves students by providing assistance in improving study and listening skills, memory, and reading. Supplementary instructional materials and

individual tutoring are available through the center which is in the Sloan Science and Professional Studies Center. Tutoring is also available through the Counseling Center. The tutors work under the Director of Counseling to provide tutoring in math and English. Assistance in other disciplines may also be requested.

RESIDENCE LIFE

Studies reveal that living on campus positively affects academic performance and overall satisfaction with the college experience. Williams Baptist College therefore encourages all students to live on campus. Accommodations exist for both single and married students that are available to students on a first-come basis. Completed housing applications and security deposits are necessary in order to process applications. Married student housing is especially limited, so early applications are advised.

Single students are assigned to Southerland, Shell, or Cash-Wilson Halls. Trained staff administer a program of residential living to create an environment that is conducive for students' personal development. Educational programs and social opportunities are offered to resident students. Each residence hall has a council that oversees the coordination of these programs and the development and enforcement of residence hall policy.

Residence Requirement. All unmarried, full-time students who do not live at home with their parents or guardians are required to live in the residence halls. Students requesting authorization to commute, must fill out a form available either in the Office of Student Affairs or at registration verifying their residential status. This authorization must be renewed each semester.

In order to commute, students must be at least 23 years of age or older before the last day of classes of the current semester OR meet the following three requirements: 21 years of age or older before the last day of classes of the current semester, have 60 or more hours, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above. Students who fail to comply with this requirement are subject to dismissal from the College.

Residence Halls. Each residence hall has lounge areas and laundry facilities. Southerland and Shell halls are residence halls for women equipped with fully-furnished rooms and semi-private baths. Wilson Hall is a residence hall for men equipped with fully furnished rooms and private baths. Cash Hall is another facility for men with semi-private baths.

Apartments. Unfurnished two-bedroom apartments are available for married students. A description of these units is available in the Office of Student Affairs.

HEALTH SERVICES

The Health Clinic, located in the Mabee Student Center, is staffed by a registered nurse and is available for the following: health education and information, physician referral, assorted health screenings, B12 injections, allergy injections and personal consultations. The clinic is open throughout the school year on a part time basis.

In addition, Williams Baptist College is located close to many health providers in Walnut Ridge. In the event of emergencies, resident students who become ill or injured should notify the residence director who will either call 911 or arrange for transport to the Lawrence Memorial Hospital emergency room. The College assumes no financial responsibility for hospital, physician, or other medical charges. First aid supplies for

minor injuries are available in the residence halls, gymnasium, Student Center, health clinic and the Office of Student Affairs.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

The foundation of student life at Williams is the spiritual development of each individual. Many formal and informal opportunities exist for Bible study, worship, and other aspects of spiritual growth. Some of these opportunities include:

Campus Ministries. The Campus Ministries organization promotes the spiritual welfare of all students, regardless of their denominational preference. Numerous events, retreats, and mission opportunities are provided.

Chapel. Students are required to attend weekly chapel programs. A variety of presentations with a spiritual emphasis, including lectures, music, and drama, are presented each week.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes. An organization for any student who is interested in spiritual growth and service to Christ.

Moms & More. Moms & More is a ministry designed for students, staff, and faculty with children. The purpose of Moms & More is to provide encouragement, support, and opportunities for spiritual growth. Moms are invited to monthly luncheons, group outings with children, ladies' night out, and prayer groups.

Spiritual Emphasis Week. Each fall, Campus Ministries brings talented and respected Christian leaders to campus to speak, perform, lead discussion groups, and inspire persons to grow spiritually.

Ministry Team. Representatives of Campus Ministries, FCA, and other campus areas serve to advise, recommend, and implement plans to instill greater spiritual awareness on campus.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

A variety of activities and events are provided each year to promote leadership development, to supplement academics, and to develop interpersonal skills. Student take active roles in planning and implementing a diverse program of student events. The Office of Student Affairs oversees the student activities program.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Williams believes in the duty and responsibility of each individual to contribute to the needs of the community. To support this ideal, clubs and organizations that wish to be officially recognized by the College and to be eligible for awards, participate in some form of community service. Efforts to encourage the objective of service are continuously being reviewed and expanded.

CONCERTS

Several concerts featuring Christian contemporary artists are held each year. Rebecca St. James, Third Day, Tree 63, Building 429 and Paul Coleman are among recent past artists.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

SGA is a body of students elected by their peers who meet regularly to address various campus issues. All students are considered members of SGA and may vote and communicate their concerns to their representatives. SGA also sponsors several events that include Homecoming, Community Service Day, and Blood Drives.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD

Students must apply to be on this board. SAB plans campus-wide activities. The board meets regularly to plan and to coordinate events for entertainment and recreation.

CONVOCATIONS AND LECTURESHIPS

Each year, several chapel experiences are designated for special services and recognitions. Traditionally, Spiritual Emphasis Week guest speakers are scheduled to speak during a chapel service. Other traditions include:

Formal Opening. The Formal Opening is on the first Wednesday of the fall semester to signify the beginning of a new year. The address is usually by a faculty member.

Honor's Day. The last chapel of the spring semester is devoted to recognizing students who have distinguished themselves in leadership, service, and academic achievements.

Mondy-Carroll Lecture. Through the generosity of Dr. Nell Mondy, Professor Emeritus, Cornell University, the Department of Natural Sciences sponsors a lectureship/seminar series each year featuring a distinguished scientist.

Jim and Wanda Vaughn Lectureship in the Humanities. This endowed lectureship, funded through the generosity of the Vaughns, and sponsored by the Division of Arts and Sciences, brings distinguished speakers to the campus who represent excellence in scholarship in the humanities.

FIRST WEEK

The fall semester is initiated by a series of events designed to welcome new and returning students back to the campus. One of the highlights is FirstFair. This event brings in dozens of local businesses and campus-based organizations in a festival-like atmosphere.

SPRING FLING

Spring Fling is a series of events held each April sponsored by the Student Activities Board to celebrate the beginning of spring. The events include many outdoor recreational activities.

MISS WBC PAGEANT

The Miss WBC Pageant is held in the spring. Contestants are judged on beauty, poise, and talent. The pageant is directed by the Office of Student Affairs.

HOMECOMING

The homecoming celebration at Williams spans several days in November. Alumni, students, faculty, friends and supporters of the College enjoy receptions, basketball games, and the presentation of the Homecoming King and Queen and their court.

RECREATION AND INTRAMURALS

The Mabee Student Center and the Southerland-Mabee Convocation Athletic Center provide various forms of recreation and entertainment. Pool tables and a snack bar are among the amenities available in the Student Center. The Student Center can be reserved by student groups for parties and other events. The Convocation Center contains two racquetball courts, weight room, and indoor track, in addition to the gymnasium. Various sports are also offered through the intramural program with competitions in softball, volleyball, basketball, and flag football each year. Information about intramurals is available in the Office of Student Affairs.

ATHLETICS

Intercollegiate Sports. Williams holds membership in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and is a member of the American Midwest Conference. Williams sponsors teams in men's and women's basketball, baseball, golf, women's volleyball, women's softball, and men's soccer.

Intramural Sports. The Intramural program provides competitions in softball, volleyball, basketball, and flag football.

Cheerleading. This organization is sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs. Try-outs for the squad are held each spring.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Many organizations provide students with opportunities to enhance their personal, social, and academic development. These include:

Art Club - To promote the appreciation of the visual arts

Alpha Chi Honor Society - National Honor Society

Alpha Psi Omega - National Theatrical Honor Fraternity

Art Club - Student club for Art majors and minors

Beta Alpha Kappa - Religious Honor Society

Beta Beta Beta - National Biological Honor Society

Campus Ministries - Provides avenues for Christian leadership, fellowship, and missions

College Republicans - Republican Party Supporters

Fellowship of Christian Athletes - Christian Athletic Group

International Club - Promotes brotherhood and cultural awareness

Music Educators National Conference - National Music Education Organization

Mu Phi Epsilon – International Music Fraternity

Phi Alpha Theta - International Historical Honor Society

Phi Beta Lambda - Business Club

Pi Lambda Theta - Education Honor Society

Psi Chi - National Honor Society of Psychology

Professional Psychology Club - Promotes leadership in the field of Psychology

Sigma Beta Delta - Business National Honor Society

Sigma Tau Delta - English International Honor Society

Student Activities Board - Opportunities for student leadership and planning of student activities

Student Ambassadors - Students who serve as representatives of the student body for various campus functions

Student Government Association - Students elected to represent peers regarding various campus issues

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Students who have distinguished themselves in academics, athletics, service, and leadership are recognized in a variety of ways.

FOUNDER'S AWARD

Founder's Award recipients are selected by the faculty and administration as the best representatives of Williams Baptist College and its esteemed ideals of integrity, leadership, and intellect. Only graduating seniors are eligible. One gentleman and one lady are chosen each year as recipients.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT LEADER

Nominations from the Faculty and Administrators are accepted to give recognition to the student who has best exemplified leadership qualities.

WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

The faculty nominates students for this honor recognizing academic and extracurricular achievement.

OUTSTANDING CLUB/ORGANIZATION

This is awarded to the club/organization that has best demonstrated leadership, service, and the College's mission.

ACADEMIC AWARDS BANQUET

Each spring semester, at a formal banquet, the Faculty honors selected students for their conspicuous academic achievements. The event is sponsored by the Academic Dean's office.

ATHLETIC BANQUET

Students who achieved in athletics are recognized at this annual banquet. Also, athletes who maintain a high level of academic performance are formally recognized.

HEALTH INFORMATION AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

After fulfilling admissions requirements, certain prerequisites must be satisfied before being allowed to register for classes.

1. Immunization records. Arkansas state law requires every student enrolled in public or private school to be immunized against measles and rubella. A record of immunization must be submitted before registering for classes.

2. Health form. A completed form must be submitted to the Office of Student Affairs. This information is used in case of a medical emergency, so, it is vital that all the information requested be provided.

3. Health insurance. Students must have insurance coverage for accidents and hospitalization. International students must purchase a student health insurance plan specifically for internationals. Information about health insurance is available in the Office of Student Affairs.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASE POLICY

The College reserves the right to restrict campus access and on-campus activities of any student diagnosed as having a contagious disease or virus. Restrictions would be determined by the Dean of Students in consultation with a College-approved physician.

FOOD SERVICES

Sodexo Management Services operates the College cafeteria. All resident students are required to purchase the meal plan that offers 19 meals per week. (No Saturday breakfast or Sunday supper is served.) Students who commute may purchase individual meals at a reasonable cost whenever the cafeteria is open. The room and board fees are for actual days the College is in session and do not include holidays or between semesters.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Students may have vehicles on campus if properly registered in the Office of Student Affairs. A parking decal is issued for a fee of \$20.00 on an annual basis. Students are assigned to designated parking areas.

COLLEGE POLICY

As a Christian institution, the College seeks to provide an environment that best promotes and fosters the holistic development of each student. A student who enrolls at WBC, whether personally committed to Christian ethical and moral values or not, assumes an obligation to conduct him/herself in a manner that is compatible with the College's goals, purposes, and functions and to abide by the policies and guidelines that govern the institution. In addition, Williams Baptist College has the right and responsibility to provide an environment that is conducive to a student's freedom to grow and to learn and to take necessary measures to preserve that environment. To safeguard this freedom, the College defines and delineates a general statement of Standards of Conduct. Violations of the Standards of Conduct will be subject to disciplinary proceedings.

ADMINISTRATIVE INTERVENTION/WITHDRAWAL

Students who exhibit inappropriate behavior resulting from psychological or emotional difficulties or behavior that poses a potential threat to themselves, others, or property will be referred to the Dean of Students. The Dean, after consultation with the Director of Counseling and other appropriate personnel, may mandate counseling or another form of intervention. In extreme cases, the student may be administratively withdrawn from the College.

ALCOHOL/DRUGS

Williams Baptist College does not tolerate the use, possession, or distribution of alcohol and other drugs. It endorses the official position of total abstinence from these substances. Violation of this policy is handled by the Office of Student Affairs according to the disciplinary procedure described in the Student Handbook.

The College seeks to provide education and information about substance use and abuse to each student. Sessions are held during new student orientation, in several academic courses, and in special programs and events throughout the year.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Williams Baptist College is committed to providing its faculty, staff, and students with an environment free from explicit and implicit sexual behavior used to control, influence, or affect the well-being of any member of the College community. Sexual harassment by any person is inappropriate and unacceptable. Complete information about sexual harassment, reporting and procedural guidelines is available in the Office of Student Affairs or the Office of the Academic Dean.

DISABILITY POLICY

Williams Baptist College is an independent, non-profit, church related institution which does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of educational services. Although Williams does not provide separate programs for students with disabilities, accommodations for class presentation, evaluation, and access will be determined on a case-by-case basis once the student has disclosed a disability and appropriate documentation supporting the request for the accommodations has been provided to the College. For further information, contact Dr. Gary Gregory, Director of Counseling at 870-759-4178. All students, regardless of disability, must meet the same admission and graduation requirements.