



The Student Affairs Office provides programs and services in the areas of residential life, social and cultural activities, dining services, health and wellness, intercollegiate athletics, and recreational sports designed to help students achieve maturity in self-image, in relationships with others, and in their ability to deal with life's challenges.

Residence Life

The Office of Residence Life offers students the opportunity to be on campus in a dynamic, challenging and educational environment. While in residence, students have the convenience of easy access to the library, classrooms, recreational facilities, leadership opportunities and educational programs that take place in the residences. Social activity, both planned and spontaneous, frequently begins in the halls. Some students believe that their strongest interpersonal relationships are initiated in the halls.

The Office of Residence Life is staffed by a full-time professional staff member and 12 undergraduate student leaders. These student leaders are called resident advisors and are chosen by faculty, staff, administrators and other students through a rigorous application process. Resident advisors serve as personal, cultural and educational resources for students outside the classroom. The Office of Residence Life emphasizes programs and activities that promote a strong residential community and complement the academic mission of the college. The Residence Life staff strives to increase students' cultural, social, and academic awareness through its "On Common Ground" and community development programs. The residence life staff is committed to student safety and security as well as helping students develop a sense of community and their own potential.

Clubs at Unity

- Alpine Ski and Snowboard
- Archery
- Captive Wildlife Care and Environmental Education
- Climbing
- Community Garden
- Constructive Activists
- Conservation Law
- Comprehensive Recycling Action Program
- Composting
- Drama
- Emergency Response Team
- Fencing
- Fisheries
- Fly Fishing
- Future Farmers of America
- Ice Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Marine Biology
- Mountain Bike
- Music
- Northern Lights Student Newspaper
- Orienteering
- Outdoor Adventure
- PRIDE, People Really Interested in Diverse Environments
- Primitive Skills
- Rotaract
- Search and Rescue
- SGA, Student Government Assoc.
- Sugar Makers
- Trail Crew
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Weightlifting
- WE LEAD, Women's Environmental Leadership
- Wildlife
- Woodsmen
- Yoga



All students who enroll at Unity College on a full-time basis (12 or more credit hours) are required to live on campus. Exceptions to this policy include students who are older than 21 years of age, students who live with their parents and are within a commutable distance (50 miles or less) from the college, or are married or have children. Upon successful completion of 60 credit hours, or upon becoming 21 years of age, students may elect to seek housing off-campus when their current Campus Plan expires. Any request for exception to these requirements must be made in writing to the dean for student affairs.

Unity College respects and encourages the development of each student. Part of that development includes movement from the home environment to a campus residence. As students progress in their college careers, the desire to live in a traditional hall may be modified and they may wish to pursue a smaller cooperative living arrangement. The Office of Residence Life offers housing options that are tailored to accommodate that progression. Our three traditional residence options are designed for first- and second-year students, while the six cottages, Cianchette Hall, and Maplewood are designed for upper division and non-traditional students who seek a more cooperative and self-regulated environment. The cottages have cooking facilities, and cottage residents are given the option of not participating in the campus meal plan (all other campus residents are required to participate in the meal plan). Each resident of campus housing is required to abide by the provisions of the Campus Plan. The Campus Plan is described in the College's student handbook. The Campus Plan provisions are in effect for the entire academic year.



All residence rooms in the traditional residences are normally double occupancy and are furnished with a bed, closet, desk, and chair for each student. Each room comes with basic cable service, although students need to provide a television. Traditional residence lounges are furnished with couches, cable television, and soda/snack vending machines. Residents may personalize their rooms by providing linens, bedspreads, window coverings, rugs, and other items that provide the touches of home.

Campus housing is not available during extended breaks (i.e., Thanksgiving, winter and spring breaks). During these times, all students are required to leave the residence facilities by noon on the day after classes end. Generally, campus housing reopens at noon on the day preceding the resumption of classes. Students needing exceptions to this policy need to contact the director of residence life.

For additional information pertaining to residential living at Unity College please consult the “Residence Life” section of the college website.

Athletics

Unity College is a member of the United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA), and the Yankee Small College Athletic Conference (YSCAC). Unity College offers seven intercollegiate sports: men’s soccer, basketball, cross-country, and women’s volleyball, basketball, soccer and cross-country. In addition, Unity sponsors various intercollegiate club sports. Lacrosse, woodsmen, ice hockey, ultimate frisbee, men’s volleyball, men’s baseball, women’s softball, and indoor soccer teams compete with other college clubs throughout New England.

Intercollegiate Sports

Men’s

Basketball
Cross Country
Soccer

Women’s

Basketball
Cross Country
Soccer
Volleyball

Club Sports

Archery
Baseball
Ice Hockey
Indoor Soccer
Men’s Volleyball
Ultimate Frisbee
Woodsmen





Athletic Eligibility To be eligible to represent Unity College in men's soccer, basketball, cross-country, and women's volleyball, soccer and cross-country, a student must meet these United States Collegiate Athletic Association standards:

1. A first-time student must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours at the time of participation, must pass 12 credit hours in his/her first term of attendance, and must have achieved a minimum of a 1.60 grade point average the preceding term.
2. Thereafter, all students must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours at the time of participation, must have passed 24 credit hours the preceding two terms of attendance and achieved a minimum of 1.75 cumulative grade point average. After completing 48 credit hours the student shall have achieved a minimum of 2.00 cumulative grade point average.

Equity in Athletics Disclosure Report Each year on October 1, the college makes available the Equity in Athletics Disclosure report to students, potential students, and the public. This report may be reviewed upon request in the Registrar's Office.

Recreational Sports A full program of intramural activities is provided throughout the academic year. Students, staff and faculty take part in many recreational sports. Programs are offered in basketball, flag football, volleyball, and floor hockey. Yoga and fitness classes are offered throughout the year.

Recreational Facilities The Unity College gymnasium is home for the Unity College Rams and is open for student use during most hours of the day. In addition to the gymnasium, Unity's recreation facilities include a weight room, indoor climbing wall, soccer and lacrosse fields, cross-country ski trails, a nature trail, and the newly acquired Field of Dreams with basketball courts, a baseball field, and a walking/running loop.



Dining Services

Unity College Dining Services provides delicious and nutritious meals in our cafeteria and Student Activities Center operations daily. It is our goal to provide high quality food, a friendly atmosphere, and customer service to students, faculty, staff, conference groups and visitors. We offer a 19-meal plan for first-year students and a 13-meal plan option for upper class students. These meal plan options incorporate a declining balance that can be used at the Student Center. Students who live off campus can also purchase Unity dollars for food at the Student Center or cafeteria. The first meal of each semester begins with the Sunday dinner meal of the first week of classes and ends with the dinner meal on Wednesday of finals week.

Cafeteria

The cafeteria is an all-you-can-eat facility during any meal period and provides a four-week cycle menu with several entrée choices including vegetarian and vegan.

Our salad bar, soup bar, stir-fry bar, breakfast waffle station, Border to Border cooked to order and deli station and ice cream selection extend our menu along with our large assortment of beverages. We also provide a special event each month such as our Winter Fest meal in December and Hunters and Huggers theme in the spring.

Student Center

The campus Student Activities Center (SAC), is our retail food operation, and is located in the Activities building on the B-side. The SAC provides students a place to relax, socialize and is the primary venue for Student Activities programs. Food, live music, dances and a variety of special celebrations and events are regularly scheduled in this facility. Games such as billiards and foosball are also on hand.

Many students eat a meal or grab a quick snack with a beverage between classes paying cash or using their Unity or dining dollars. There are several menu options including a daily special. We also offer convenience store sundries so that students can purchase a selection of items such as microwave snacks, frozen entrees, candy, and chips.

Unique Facilities

- Adirondack Shelter
- Aquaculture/Fisheries Lab
- Art Gallery
- Computer Labs with
GIS Technology
- Eco-Cottage
- Field of Dreams Outdoor
Recreational Facility
- Fisheries Boats
- Greenhouse
- Indoor Archery Range
- Indoor Climbing Wall
- Maple Sugar Shack
- Nature and Cross-Country
Trails
- Outdoor Adventure
Equipment Center
- Outdoor Amphitheater
- Organic Community Garden
- Outdoor and Indoor
Ropes Course
- Unity Centre for the
Performing Arts
- Unity College Wetlands on
Lake Winnecook
- Woodsmen's Field

Student Health and Counseling Services

The Unity College Health and Wellness Center is open Monday to Friday during posted morning and afternoon hours.

The health center provides a wide range of services including daily walk-in clinics, a weekly physician clinic, a monthly reproductive health clinic, individual counseling and health education on an individual basis.

Student Health Services also provides a wide variety of health education programs and materials for the college community and has a loan cupboard where students may obtain thermometers, crutches, self-help cold kits, etc.

The Health and Wellness Center provides referrals for individuals with a variety of medical and psychological needs (i.e., evaluation and treatment of orthopedic injuries, cardiac studies, treatment for attention deficit disorder, treatment for chemical dependencies, etc.).



“I love being able to introduce folks to the wonders of the natural world and/or help them to discover it in new and exciting ways.”

Nicole Caruso, Director of Adventure Experiences

New Student Orientation-NOVA

All entering students are enrolled in the Unity Experience or the Unity Transfer Experience, a course that starts with a six day NOVA wilderness experience, followed by an orientation weekend (the Saturday and Sunday before classes start) and continues through the semester with weekly classroom and field experiences.

The NOVA wilderness trip is a unique experience utilizing the outdoor environment as a back drop for exposing incoming students to each other, to the Maine wilderness, and to issues relating to college life. The six-day small-group experience is offered in July, August, and January, before the start of each semester.

The Unity Experience course supports the transition to college life and encourages new students to become full participants in the College and broader communities. Through the activities such as backpacking, canoeing, and community service, students share in the experiences of group living and personal challenge.

Community-Based Learning

The College's Community-Based Learning program links classroom education to real world, professional practice by involving students in local, regional and national problem-based initiatives that effectively and appropriately respond to community-identified needs. These project experiences are typically part of the course curriculum and therefore afford students the opportunity to acquire practical experience in their chosen disciplines all within the safety of the learning environment. The program provides a diverse range of issues through which students can experience meaningful and challenging hands-on learning throughout their undergraduate careers.

The Vibrant Community Project (VCP) is one avenue through which students become involved in local problem-solving initiatives. Formed in 2002, this campus-community workgroup brings faculty, students and local community partners together to create lasting solutions to local problems through the integration of problem-based education and community action. The Community Service Learning Coordinator, a shared campus-community liaison, serves as the primary resource for arranging such community-based learning initiatives.

The Community-Based Learning Office is located in the Outdoor Adventure and Career Center. To find out more about this on-campus resource, call 948-3131 x273, or visit us online at www.unity.edu.

Religious Resources

Unity College seeks to respond to a variety of religious traditions and encourages independent religious involvement on the part of its students. There are Catholic, Islamic, Jewish, and Protestant services available in and around Unity. Area ministers are available for spiritual and personal counseling.

Public Safety

The Director of the Public Safety is responsible to provide a comprehensive program of police, security, crime prevention, fire safety, emergency medical, parking, and related public safety services on a 24-hour basis. To further meet this objective, the Department of Public Safety works toward the establishment of a partnership with students, staff, and faculty in the development of crime prevention, security assessment, response, and education. This partnership is the foundation of maintaining an environment which encourages mutual respect, caring, and safety for the campus community.

Public Safety maintains a working relationship with Waldo County Sheriff, Maine State Police, Unity Fire Department, and Unity Ambulance to ensure an immediate response in the event additional assistance is required to ensure the safety of students, faculty, staff, and visitors and to protect the property and facilities. Public safety officers are trained to assist, when necessary, the Emergency Response Team.

Federal regulations require the reporting of crime statistics each year by September 1. The Public Safety Report is now available on the college website at www.unity.edu. A printed copy of this report is available to anyone, at no cost, by contacting the Unity College Public Safety Office.

Student Activities

Student activities provides a diverse offering of events for the participation and enjoyment of students. These program opportunities are geared to expand students' academic experience and facilitate their social connection with the community around them. A quick look at the monthly calendar will reveal that there is plenty going on at Unity College, such as, entertainers, lectures, trips, parties, and dances. The student activities director and staff of work study students provide a variety of social, cultural and, educational programs throughout the school year. Students are strongly encouraged to recommend, help organize, and participate in student activities events.





Student Government

The Student Government Association is an active, highly respected, and influential voice on campus that helps to organize rewarding activities and non-academic programs. Funded by the student activity fee, the Student Government Association distributes funds each semester to the various student projects, activities, clubs and organizations.

Unity College's Student Government Association is made up of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, two senior class representatives, two junior class representatives, two sophomore class representatives, two in-coming class representatives, one commuter representative and one residence representative. The student government president is also the student representative to the Board of Trustees of the College. Many college committees include student representatives, who maybe appointed by the student government president with the approval of the Student Government Association. In addition to these committees, the Student Government Association forms its own committees to take action and make recommendations on issues related to the well being of the Unity College community.

Student Organizations/Clubs

Each semester the Student Government Association sponsors Club Night in the Student Center, where students may receive information on how to start or participate in a club. Clubs are reorganized every year and, therefore, may change to reflect developing interests. Active clubs in recent years have included Baseball, Conservation Law, Community Garden, Drama, Environmental Education, Fisheries, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Sugar Makers, Northern Lights Student Newspaper, Outing, Search and Rescue, Ultimate Frisbee, Weightlifting, Wildlife, Wisdom Circle, Women's Environmental Leadership (WE LEAD), Woodsmen Team, and Yoga.

Community Council

Campus judicial matters and complaints are handled by the college community through the Community Council. The council's chairperson is a student, as are most of its members. The administration and the faculty each have one representative. Peer judgment in such matters is the principle underlying the Community Council and the student disciplinary code, which was written primarily by students.

The disciplinary code for students is detailed in the student handbook, which is updated and distributed each year.