STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ACTIVITIES

The Office of Student Affairs is dedicated to making each university student’s undergraduate experience as positive and productive as possible. The office is located in Furst Hall, Suite 419, and can be reached by phone at 212-960-5480, and by email at osawilf@yu.edu. Student Affairs professionals are available to meet with students on a drop-in basis as well as by appointment.

Each student’s present well-being and plans for the future are primary concerns of the Student Affairs staff at Yeshiva University. Counseling and advisement services are designed to assist students in exploring personal concerns, fulfilling their potential, and achieving a close relationship with members of the university family. Orientation programs help incoming students acclimate to college life and develop skills needed for maximum achievement.

The Office of Student Affairs coordinates university programs in the following areas:
First-Time-On-Campus Advisement

To help first-time students make the transition from high school to campus life, the university offers direction and assistance in the form of individual conferences, which are held throughout the course of the year. Appointments are arranged and welcome letters are distributed by the Office of Student Affairs.

The H2h (Here to help) program is sponsored by the Office of University Housing & Residence Life and the Office of Student Affairs. H2h offers new students on campus an opportunity to meet peer mentors who are available to help them navigate the new world of university life. It also offers new students campus programming to meet others and enjoy the extended, fun-filled campus. For more info, please contact H2h@yu.edu.

THE OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE

The Office of University Housing & Residence Life is located in the Morris and Celia Morgenstern Residence Hall (2525 Amsterdam Avenue) and is staffed by the director and assistant director of university housing and residence life. The Office of University Housing & Residence Life can be reached by phone at 212-960-5249, or by email at wilfhousing@yu.edu.

Full-time undergraduate men are housed in Leah and Joseph Rubin Residence Hall (2501 Amsterdam Avenue); Morris and Celia Morgenstern Residence Hall (2525 Amsterdam Avenue), which borders the Danciger Quadrangle; Ruth and Hyman Muss Residence Hall (526 West 187th Street), which is a renovated wing of the institution’s historic main building, Zysman Hall; and independent housing (475 W. 186th St.).

Housing applications are available online for all incoming and returning students. After submitting the required registration materials/fees, incoming students can access the
application by going to www.yu.edu/myyu and clicking on “Faculty, Students and Staff.” Student can login using their Banner ID and P.I.N., then click on “Undergraduate Housing Application.” Returning students can apply for the following academic year during the middle of the spring semester.

University Housing & Residence Life encompasses residential life programming, counseling, and the selections, training and supervision of the resident advisers (RAs). Staff members help create a community within the university for students by offering educational and social programming. Each residence floor and building constitutes a unique community. Staff members are available to help you navigate college life and dormitory living and are accessible to meet with students individually as needed. The students’ growth and development are important to staff members of the Office of University Housing & Residence Life and the Office of Student Affairs, both of whom offer guidance regarding social and personal adjustment issues.

Residence hall facilities include study halls, laundry rooms, TV lounges, convenience stores, and snack vending machines.

The Furman Dining Hall, located in the Leah and Joseph Rubin Residence Hall (2501 Amsterdam Avenue), serves meals cafeteria style. All residential students are enrolled in the University Dining Club. The dining hall is generally open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner seven days a week when college is in session. They are closed during holidays, the summer, and intersession. Food vending machines and convenience stores also are available at various locations on campus.

**SHABBAT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**

Shabbat on campus is not to be missed. The Shabbat Enhancement Program is sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs. Prominent Roshei Yeshiva, scholars, YU administrators, and faculty, often with their families, join students for Shabbat on campus—sharing meals, delivering divrei torah, and creating a warm Shabbat atmosphere.

**ADVICEMENT**

**International Student Advisement**

The Office of Student Affairs is the coordinating center for international students. The Office of International Student Advisement prepares and issues documents necessary for the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and helps in interpreting federal rules and regulations. The office also offers guidance to international students in matters such as adjustment and cultural issues. To office can be contacted by phone at 212-960-5480, or by email at ethompso@yu.edu.
Mashgichim
Our mashgichim wear many hats based on their primary goal of developing meaningful relationships with students. They help students adjust to our challenging curriculum, support them in achieving balance in their busy schedules, and engage them in dialogue about personal and religious growth.

The mashgichim also arrange chavrusos, give chaburas on a range of topics depending on students’ interests, and initiate programs that enhance students’ religious experience.

To speak to a Sgan Mashgiach call 212-960-0150 or mashgichim@yu.edu and for the Mashgiach Ruchani, Rabbi Yosef Blau, call 212-960-5480 or yoblau@yu.edu.

COUNSELING CENTER—WILF CAMPUS

The college years are exciting and challenging, yet may also be stressful at times. The Yeshiva University Counseling Center is committed to supporting our students’ emotional well-being and general mental health.

The Counseling Center provides students with a wide range of services, including short-term individual psychotherapy, medication management, crisis intervention, referrals and psycho-education workshops. We help students who are dealing with a range of personal issues including adjustment problems, loneliness, depression, anxiety or any other problem that a student might be struggling with. All services at the Counseling Center are free of charge and confidential.

The Counseling Center is located at 116 Laurel Hill Terrace (bet 187 and 186 st.). To make an appointment with a counselor, please call 646-685-0112 or email counseling@yu.edu. For more information, please visit us online at www.yu.edu/counseling.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Beth Israel Medical Center administers the Undergraduate Student Health Program and offers care for episodic illnesses and minor injuries on campus, at no cost to the student and is open for walk-in care during regular business hours. The Student Health Center is located at 116 Laurel Hill Terrace, and can be reached at 646-685-0391. Should a student require emergency department services, specialist physician services or diagnostic testing, he will be referred through the Beth Israel Medical Center Student Health Services network of providers.

The Health Center staff reviews the health forms and immunization history of entering students. When necessary, corrective measures are taken through the student’s family physician.
All injuries and accidents to students taking part in an educational or extracurricular activity are reported to the Health Center and the Office of Student Affairs by the staff member in charge of the activity. Students are required to immediately report any other injury suffered on university premises to the Security Office. A detailed description of the procedure to be followed in case of accident or illness can be found on the Office of University Housing & Residence Life website.

OFFICE OF DISABILITY SERVICES

The Office of Disability Services coordinates reasonable accommodations and support services for documented and eligible students. Some of the disabilities accommodated include physical, emotional, LD, ADHD, hearing impairments and visual impairments. If you have a documented disability, or suspect that you may have a disability, we welcome you to come in and discuss it confidentially with ODS staff members. To schedule an appointment with Abby Kelsen please contact Ms. Judy Lopez at 646-685-0112 or contact Ms. Kelsen directly at 646-685-0118 or via e-mail at akelsen@yu.edu.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The academic transition to college may be challenging for some students.

The Office of Academic Support is available to help students improve study skills that are necessary for academic success. Students who would like to improve time management, reading comprehension, note taking, test preparation and other skills are encouraged to schedule an appointment.

The Office of Academic Support is located at 116 Laurel Hill Terrace and can be reached at 646-685-0109.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

The Yeshiva Student Union is the governing body which deals with events and clubs which are not specific to an individual school. Both Yeshiva College and Sy Syms School of Business have a Student Council, the chief body dealing with student, faculty, and administrative matters as well as the planning of extracurricular activities on campus. Each Jewish studies program has a student council which plans lectures, volunteer activities, holiday events, and outreach programs. The Student Life Committee works to enhance student experience on campus. This committee comprises student leaders, college administration, and supporting service administration.

In addition, Sy Syms School of Business and Stern College have student faculty senates that discuss issues of academic concern.

Students in all schools are represented on important school and departmental committees and actively participate in decisions regarding the educational and administrative aspects of their schools.
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Despite the heavy undergraduate course load, extracurricular activities are an important aspect of college life and encourage the integration of all aspects of the student’s education. All full-time students who are not on probation are eligible to participate in these activities. The university encourages students to take advantage of the unequaled cultural and recreational facilities of New York to further their particular interests, whether in the theater, music, art, sports, etc.

Athletics
Yeshiva University affords undergraduate students extensive opportunities to participate in intercollegiate, intramural, and recreational athletic programs. The university sponsors nine intercollegiate athletic teams that participate in Division III of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Colleges that belong to Division III, the largest division of the NCAA, offer no athletic scholarships and focus on providing the best possible experience for participants rather than for spectators.

The university sponsors intercollegiate teams in basketball, baseball, cross-country, fencing, golf, soccer, tennis, volleyball, and wrestling. Teams compete in various conferences, including the Eastern College Athletic Conference, the Skyline Conference, the Northeastern Collegiate Volleyball Association, and the Middle Atlantic Collegiate Fencing Association. Teams and individuals have excelled in local, regional, and national competitions. No athletic events are scheduled on Shabbat or Jewish holidays.

Yeshiva also offers an exciting array of intramural athletic events and tournaments, in which students compete against other Yeshiva University students. Generally held during the evenings, intramural activities include basketball, three-man basketball, softball, flag football, table tennis, swimming, roller hockey, soccer, and volleyball. All athletic facilities are available to students for recreational use on a scheduled basis.

The Athletics Office can be reached by phone at 212-960-5211, and by email at jbednrs@yu.edu.

Clubs
A number of clubs, some inspired by classroom work, meet regularly at each undergraduate location during the school year. A number of national honor societies have chapters at the undergraduate colleges. These include the Gamma Delta chapter of Eta Sigma Phi, in the classical languages; the Alpha Omega chapter of Pi Delta Phi, in French; the Psi Iota chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, in English; Psi Chi’s chapter, in psychology; Delta Sigma Rho, Tau Kappa Alpha’s chapter, in debating; Pi Mu Epsilon’s chapter, in mathematics; Pi Gamma Mu’s chapter, in the social sciences; New York Zeta chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta, in pre-medical studies; Sigma Delta Rho, in scientific research; and Chi Pi Chapter of Alpha Psi Omega, in dramatics. Additionally, the Dramatics Society’s presentations afford ample opportunities for onstage expression.
Departmental clubs feature speakers and symposia on topics of interest in various fields. Student councils, individual classes, and clubs co-sponsor social events. The Dr. Joseph Dunner Memorial Political Science Society holds regular forums and participates annually in the Model United Nations Assembly at Harvard University. Radio Station WYUR, a student-operated member of the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System, transmits programs of interest to dormitory residents on both campuses.

At Sy Syms School of Business, the Mildred Schlessberg Accounting Society, American Marketing Association, International Business Club, Max Investment Club, and Information Systems Society offer a full range of activities, including social affairs, forums with guest speakers, and tutoring services.

Publications
There are student newspapers at each campus. At the Wilf Campus, students publish *The Commentator*, with emphasis on general issues, and co-publish *Hamevaser*, with emphasis on Jewish studies.

In addition, several clubs issue publications. All publications are edited and published by the students themselves.