

Campus Life

As a Christian institution, Dordt College strives to be a community of faculty and students committed to learning in the light of the Bible. The life of this community is social and academic, and in both areas, all members of the Dordt College community seek to glorify God.

In accordance with the Christian aim of Dordt College, students are expected to express the Christian faith positively in their general conduct and lifestyle. It is not the purpose or intention of Dordt College to lay down minute regulations for the daily conduct of its students. By their applications for admission and their decision to attend Dordt College, students certify that they intend to live according to the Christian aims and policies of the college. Though admission to Dordt College is the rightful privilege of its constituency, that privilege may be readily withdrawn should the student fail to maintain proper standards of conduct or scholarship.

Students are expected to attend church services each Sunday. Students who are not able to attend their home church are asked to select one of the local churches as their church home.

All students are expected to attend chapel regularly, not out of compulsion, but out of recognition of the need for spiritual nourishment and refreshment. Chapel is held once a week to provide opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to join in meditation upon the Word of God.

Each school year begins with the college retreat at Lake Okoboji. This is followed throughout the year by Bible study groups, lecture series, mid-week praise and worship, residence hall devotions, etc. Recognizing the importance of spirituality as part of student life, the college also provides pastoral counseling for students. Members of the Student Services staff meet with and help students with questions and problems that may be troubling them. The college seeks to maintain and develop a vibrant spiritual climate on campus in the context of which the work of Christian scholarship may be effectively carried on.

Student Activities

Student Government Student Symposium is the student government organization on the Dordt College campus, consisting of 18 students who represent the student body. Each of these students serves on a college committee and participates in the major decision-making processes of Dordt College. Student Symposium meets regularly to discuss issues that concern the Dordt College community.

Athletics Dordt College is a member of the National Association of Inter-collegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC). As a member of the NAIA, Dordt College teams are eligible for post-season tournament play. Dordt plays a full schedule of games with colleges in Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, and South Dakota. Intercollegiate competition for men is scheduled in baseball, basketball, cross-country, football, golf, soccer, and track. Competition for women is scheduled in basketball, cross-country, soccer, softball, track, and volleyball.

Intramurals A year-round program of intramural sports gives all students an opportunity to take part in recreational activities. The intramural program is planned and supervised by the student intramural council. Recreation is provided through activities such as badminton, basketball, bowling, softball, volleyball, racquetball, soccer, golf, floor hockey, sand volleyball, and pool.

Club Sports Students have organized a number of sports clubs that supplement the regular program; some allow for intercollegiate competition. Soccer, hockey, volleyball, men's and women's lacrosse, and wrestling are examples of the types of club sports that have been organized in previous years. Additional clubs may be organized as student interest demands. The club sports program is supervised by the health and human performance department.

Clubs A number of clubs are organized to provide outlets for students with special interests. Student groups apply for club status and club funding by submitting applications to Student Symposium.

Social/Cultural Activities The college schedules a variety of activities throughout the year. Students are encouraged to participate in campus events as an important part of college life.

In addition to previously listed activities, various groups plan a number of social events. Students are encouraged to attend the fine arts festivals, the college-sponsored travelogue series, the annual music festival, the Christmas banquet, the Talent Extravaganza, the Spring Fling Festival, or many of the other school activities organized by student representatives.

Drama Several theatrical productions are performed each year. All Dordt students have the opportunity to audition for the mainstage productions, be involved in student-directed one-acts, or work on senior student productions. Opportunities also include technical aspects of theatre.

Musical Activities Music majors and non-majors participate in a variety of ensemble, community, and church performances, in addition to those provided by Dordt ensembles. Instrumental and vocal ensembles welcome students of all ability levels.

Campus Community Band—All new students, as well as upperclassmen may audition for membership in the Campus Community Band, an organization that studies representative symphonic band literature and performs several local concerts each year.

Chamber Orchestra—The Chamber Orchestra consists of string players who study chamber music literature, perform several local concerts each year, and tour extensively. Membership is by audition.

Chorale—All new students, as well as upperclassmen, may audition for membership in the Chorale, a group that studies representative choral literature and performs several local concerts each year.

Concert Band—Band members, chosen by audition, study representative symphonic band literature, perform several local concerts each year, and tour extensively.

Concert Choir—Each year the Concert Choir presents a number of local concerts and tours extensively. Membership in the choir is open by audition.

Ensembles—Various small ensembles are organized each year to perform small ensemble literature. A variety of performance opportunities is available.

Jazz Band—Membership is by audition. Unless other arrangements are made, all players must also be members of the Campus-Community Band or Concert Band.

Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra—Chamber Orchestra members have automatic membership in this large full symphony orchestra; membership is open to wind and percussion students by audition. NISO performs three concerts each year.

Women's Chorus—Membership is open by audition. The Chorus presents several local concerts each year.

Student Publications

The Diamond, the college student newspaper, published on a biweekly basis.

The Signet, an annual student publication—issued in the summer.

The Canon, the creative literary publication in the arts.

Student Services

Campus Ministries Each week, a variety of worship venues are offered, including campus-wide chapel every Wednesday, praise and worship every Thursday, and alternating GIFT and Wellspring worship services every Sunday. International and domestic short-term mission projects are offered over Christmas and spring break through programs like AMOR (A Mission OutReach) and PLIA (Putting Love Into Action). Pastoral care and guidance is always available. Plus, numerous opportunities for growth and learning are offered through Bible studies and small groups

Career Services Dordt College has a full-service career center that is dedicated to helping students and alumni develop critical career-searching skills. The Career Services office works to provide professional networking opportunities between students and employers. These connections help students find and obtain jobs and internships. Other resources offered by Career Services include assistance with résumé and cover letter writing, interviewing, and creating a professional portfolio. In addition to these services, Dordt College has partnered with College Central Network (CCN) to provide a password-protected online job board for students and alumni. View and apply for jobs and internships at collegecentral.com/dordt today.

Counseling The Dordt College counselors seek to support students who are facing emotional and relational distress by providing quality mental health care from a Christian perspective. The counselors' goal is to help students be successful in life, in their relationships, and in their callings. Dordt's trained therapists strive to provide services with respect for the unique needs of each client in a safe, confidential environment, seeking to glorify God in all that they do. Appointments can be made by contacting Campus Health Services by calling extension 6990 or sending an email to healthservices@dordt.edu. Referral services to off-campus agencies are also available through the counseling staff.

Housing

All unmarried students who are not 22 years old by September 1, 2011, are required to live in Dordt College housing unless they live at home with a parent or guardian. Those students who wish to live with other relatives must receive approval from the Associate Provost for Co-Curricular Programs prior to making other arrangements for housing. The student life committee may grant exceptions to this general policy where circumstances make it advisable. All requests for exceptions must be presented in writing to the Associate Provost for Co-Curricular Programs prior to the academic year. Mid-year requests will not be considered unless extenuating circumstances exist. Dordt/St. Luke's students in their first and second years in the St. Luke's program are considered full-time students with regard to the residency policy.

Rooms for incoming freshmen and transfer students are reserved in advance upon receipt of the \$100 enrollment deposit that all first-time students must pay. Rooms for returning upperclassmen are reserved in advance upon receipt of a \$150 security/damage deposit. These deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable. The enrollment deposit becomes the student's security deposit when enrolled. The security deposit will be refunded in June, 2012, if no fines have been levied, such as parking, overdue library books, room damage, and there are no outstanding bills such as tuition due the college.

While the college is responsible for housing all unmarried students, such students do have a measure of choice in regard to roommates. However, the college reserves the right to make housing adjustments when necessary. Married students are expected to make their own housing arrangements. Information about available apartments for married students can be obtained from Student Services.

Housing Regulations Rooms are furnished with beds, mattresses, desks, chairs, and dressers. Students provide their own bedding and bath supplies. Every room has a telephone connection, and all residence halls are equipped with network and wireless Internet connections in individual rooms. Computers and telephones are not provided. Students must register their computer in order to gain access to the campus computer network.

All students who apply for a room and pay the security/damage deposit are obligated to residency in college housing while in attendance at Dordt. Room contracts terminate at 8 a.m. on Friday, December 16, 2011, at the end of the fall semester and at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 4, 2012, at the end of the spring semester. Students must be out of their residence by that time. Graduating seniors must be out of their residence by 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 5, 2012.

The charges set by the college do not include Christmas and spring vacation periods, when the dining hall and the residence halls are closed. The college encourages students to either go home or to a friend's home during these vacation periods. Students who do not live in or near Sioux Center may make arrangements to pay an extra fee to stay in college housing over break.

Rooms of students in any college owned residence are open for college inspection at any time. The student is held responsible for any damage to his or her room, residence complex, or furnishings. Each residence hall is under the supervision of an area coordinator and resident assistants. Students are responsible to the residence life staff, and they are expected to abide by all college-determined housing regulations in addition to those listed in this catalog. For a more complete statement of policies regarding student housing and student conduct, see the student handbook.

Meals All students living on campus, except third- and fourth-year students assigned to apartment-style residences, are required to take their meals through college food service unless exempted by the college. Regular cooking is not permitted in the college residence halls.