

GETTING INVOLVED AT UVA

650+
CONTRACTED
INDEPENDENT
ORGANIZATIONS

70%
DO NOT REQUIRE AN
INTERVIEW OR
APPLICATION TO JOIN

56%
OF CIOS DO NOT
CHARGE DUES

58%
OF CIOS ASK FOR
LESS THAN 2
HOURS/WEEK TIME
COMMITMENT

TYPES OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Before you join a student organization, it is helpful to understand the different types of organizations that exist at UVA. Groups at UVA are defined based on their relationship with the University.

AGENCY ORGANIZATIONS: Agency Organizations act on behalf of the University performing duties the University would otherwise be obligated to perform on its own (e.g. student discipline, supervision of residence halls). Examples include University Programs Council, Honor Committee, the University Judiciary Committee, and Residence Life. Students act as University agents and are covered by the University's risk management plans in the performance of these duties. Students undergo University training and maintain close working relationships with designated University administrators.

SPECIAL STATUS ORGANIZATIONS (SSOS): SSOS act on behalf of the University performing certain delegated duties the University would likely choose to perform on its own (e.g., conducting tours of University Grounds and administering student elections). Examples include the University Guide Service, Student Council, Class Councils, and the University Board of Elections. Students act as University agents and are covered by the University's risk management plans in performance of their delegated duties. Students are required to maintain a close working relationship with a designated University advisor.



CONTRACTED INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATIONS (CIOS): The majority of student organizations at UVA are CIOs. These organizations act independently of the University and are not covered by the University's risk management plans. They offer educational, hobby professional, recreational, service, and/or social opportunities to their members and are recognized by the University through an approved annual agreement. At least 51% of a CIO's members are University students; all of a CIO's officers are full-time, fee-paying University students. Faculty, staff, alumni, and/or community members may comprise the remainder of a CIO's membership. CIOs are not required to have advisors, but are encouraged to find one. Active CIOs are eligible to request student activity fee funds, which are appropriated by Student Council, and use certain University facilities and resources.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

REACH OUT TO A CLUB OR ORGANIZATION:

Log into @UVA (atuva.student.virginia.edu) to explore different organizations. There, you can fill out the UVA Involvement Calculator on the homepage to indicate your interests, and we'll point you towards some options specific to you! You can also use the Sorting Hat, located under Campus Links, to sort through organizations by category.

CONNECT WITH SOMEONE NEW:

Join your class Facebook group to connect with other students and make a new friend before the school year starts! Start following the UVA social media accounts and commenting, connecting, & asking questions.

STAY TUNED FOR INFO ON THE ACTIVITIES FAIRS ACROSS UVA:

Student Council hosts the Activities Fair on the Monday before classes. Check out their website (uvastudco.com) for more specific details!

Stay tuned for the info on other fairs like The Source, hosted by the Black Student Alliance and Arts Grounds Day, hosted by UVA Arts Council.

RUN OR PARTICIPATE IN THE FALL ELECTIONS:

Self-nominations and voting begin in September! Be on the look out for more info at uvavote.com. It's also a great idea to get to know your first year or transfer representative once they are elected.

CHECK OUT UPC'S PROGRAM LINEUP:

University Programs Council aka UPC is hosting tons of programs over the summer and into the Fall. Be sure to follow them on Instagram (@uvaupc) to be in the know!

EXPLORE UVA:

Explore Grounds by taking a virtual tour offered by University Guide Service aka UGuides! You can also virtually tour 1515, out programming space on the Corner, through UVA's channel on Youtube.

TALK TO A PROFESSOR AFTER CLASS:

Take the opportunity to introduce yourself in person or through email to your professors after class. Faculty, just like staff, are here to provide support and help you navigate your time here at UVA.

DISCOVER WHAT SELF-CARE MEANS TO YOU:

Take a free fitness class online! Follow IM-Rec and other self-care accounts on Instagram. Learn about the Arts through the Arts Box Office. Take a break from studying to read, journal, take a walk, or reflect.

CONNECT TO CHARLOTTESVILLE:

Seek opportunities to serve the community. Connect with Madison House and other service-oriented CIOs! Check out different faith and spiritual communities. Explore all the hiking trails and parks around Charlottesville.

REMEMBER THE THIS IS NOT A FINITE LIST!:

There are many other ways to get involved and find community. Be open to new things and have fun in the process. Discover what works best for you and remember that there are plenty of resources across UVA!