Student Development

The Integration of Faith, Learning, and Living

At Evangel University, learning occurs both in and outside of the classroom. We are better able to impact the world for God when we integrate our Christian faith with our fields of study and develop mature lifestyles that glorify our Creator. As a body of believers, the Evangel community encourages students to develop and use unique God-given gifts and abilities.

Mission of Student Development

Student Development partners with students toward holistic development to engage in Christ-centered living.

Campus Life

Residence Life. Developing relationships and building community within the residence halls are valuable parts of the college experience. Informal interactions while living on campus complement academic discussions in the classroom and play an integral role in personal development. In residence halls, faith, learning, and living affect every aspect of student life.

Evangel treats each student as a whole person. The Residence Life staff, a group of highly trained and carefully selected professionals (Residence Directors) and students (Resident Assistants) strive to go beyond the academic arena to impact students in their development socially, personally, physically, and spiritually.

Living in a residence hall during the college years provides a unique experience of being around students of varying personalities, interests, and cultural backgrounds.

Because of the educational and social values gained through residence life, and to promote participation in campus life, all traditional, undergraduate, unmarried students under the age of 23 who are not living with parents, grandparents, or legal guardians are required to live in Evangel residence halls if they are enrolled for 10 or more credit hours. Off-campus housing information may be obtained from the Housing Director (X7335).

Commuter Life. At Evangel, commuter students are an integral part of the University community. This officially recognized group has its own Commuter Council advised by the Commuter Director. For single and married students who live off campus, the Council provides activities, including commuter luncheons, social activities, weekly devotional chapel opportunities and intramural sports. Between classes, commuters may enjoy the commuter lounge in the Joust Fireside Room. Commuter mailboxes and lockers are located on the first floor of Cantrell Student Union.

The University provides a limited number of housing accommodations for students who qualify to live off campus, including apartments, duplexes, and single-family homes. Contact the Housing Office (X 7852) for information about available rental properties.

Spiritual Life. Chapel services, a vital part of campus life for both resident and commuter students, provide times for praise and worship, instruction, edification, and prayer. Attendance is required for all
traditional, undergraduate students. Details of attendance requirements are published in the Student Handbook. The Directors of Spiritual Life for traditional, adult, and seminary students, are available for pastoral counseling. In the residence halls, discipleship leaders hold small group devotions each week. All Evangel students are expected to participate regularly in the services of a local church and are encouraged to be involved in various ministry opportunities coordinated by CROSSwalk Student Ministries.

**Student Activities.** Clubs and organizations enrich social and academic life, develop leadership skills, and provide practice in democratic procedures. Students are encouraged to involve themselves in new experiences as part of total learning. The Activities Board of Evangel Student Government Association and the Student Activities Office sponsor events such as Harvest Fest, Spring Fling, DVD Bingo, County Fair, Movie on the Lawn, bonfires, and coffeehouses.

Cultural events are an integral part of the University calendar. These include nationally known musicians, drama groups, lecturers, faculty and student music recitals, and campus theatrical productions.

**Athletics.** Intercollegiate sports at EU offer opportunities for both men and women athletes. Evangel fields intercollegiate sports teams for men in football, basketball, baseball, track and field, cross-country, golf, tennis, and soccer. Women enjoy volleyball, basketball, softball, track and field, cross-country, golf, tennis, and soccer. Apart from intercollegiate athletics, on-campus and commuter men and women participate in an active intramural sports program as well as club level soccer.

**Music.** Students interested in musical performance at Evangel may participate in a variety of instrumental and vocal ensembles, including marching band, university band, university chorus, university orchestra, university chorale, concert orchestra, jazz ensembles, hand bell choir, worship teams and other small ensembles. Some groups require auditions. Full information is available in the Music Department.

**Campus Services**

**Center for Student Success.** The Center for Student Success brings together key areas that support all students in their education pursuits; the Center includes the Honors College, Office of Retention, Academic Support Center, Leadership Development, and Career Services. Housing these areas together allows individual teams to work together as one team, serving the varied needs of Evangel’s student body. The Center focuses on:

- Academic support, assisting students in need of skills and tools to successfully thrive in the classroom.
- Student accommodations, equipping students diagnosed with learning and physical disabilities with required services and a least restrictive learning environment.
- Honors College provides an enriched learning experience for high achieving students.
- Student retention and completion, identifying at-risk students and advising them intentionally toward graduation.
- Leadership development, offering leadership curriculum as well as opportunities in mentoring, internships, and exploration to increase academic engagement.
• Strengths education, identifying signature talent themes and providing opportunities to develop them into strengths and increase academic engagement.
• Career services, providing students with counsel regarding career opportunities and ongoing preparation for vocational options available in their fields of study.
• Support, training, and student information for faculty advisor.

**Bookstore.** The Founders Bookstore, located in the Cantrell Student Union, makes available texts and other books, Bibles, music, University logo gifts and apparel, greeting cards, school and art supplies, electronics, and snacks.

**Conference Services.** The Conference Services Department coordinates internal and external campus events, including facilities and equipment to enhance the quality of university life and support educational experiences.

**Electronic Mail System.** The Evangel email system serves as the official channel of communication among faculty, staff, administration, and students. Students are responsible to check their EU email accounts daily for assignments, announcements, registration materials, etc. Students are accountable for all official communication sent via the system.

**Employment.** An online jobs database and bulletin board are maintained by Career Services to alert students to off-campus employment opportunities.

**Fitness.** The Mabee Student Fitness Center facilities are used for general student recreation and fitness and intramural sports programs. The center includes two basketball/volleyball courts, two racquetball courts, an indoor jogging track, an aerobics exercise room, an extensive collection of top-of-the-line exercise and weightlifting equipment. Additionally, a disc golf course is located across campus.

**Food Services.** Evangel provides excellent food service for students and employees through Aladdin Food Service, a professional food service provider serving many universities nationally. Dining facilities are in Dining Hall, located within the Cantrell Student Union.

**Health Services.** The Wellness Center in the Cantrell Student Union provides both counseling and health services. Services carefully protect students’ confidentiality and are available to students who pay the applicable general student fee.

Health Services provides primary health care services (diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic conditions) by a certified family nurse practitioner. Nominal fees are charged for immunizations, procedures, and laboratory tests. Referrals to physicians, specialists and emergency departments are made for serious injury and illness. Licensed, professional Christian counselors serve students through a short-term solution-focused approach, equipping and encouraging overall development through a professional relationship consistent with accepted ethical standards. Counselors provide individual, couples, and group counseling, along with seminars, referrals and general mental health programming.

**Information Technologies.** The Information Technologies department supports over thirty computer labs for student use. Wireless internet is provided in all residence hall rooms and most public areas across campus. The IT helpdesk is located on
the first floor of Riggs. Consult the student portal for complete IT information.

**Public Safety.** Evangel’s Public Safety Department provides high-quality services to the University community, promoting a safe and secure environment. Services provided include walking students to or from their car upon request, vehicle registration, traffic control, fire monitoring, campus video surveillance, building security and emergency assistance (X7000). The campus is patrolled 24/7, 365 days per year by uniformed and armed officers.

**Student Union.** The Cantrell Student Union houses the Dining Hall, Founders Bookstore, and Wellness Center as well as offices for the Evangel Student Government Association, CROSSwalk Student Ministries, Student Activities Director, and Commuter Services. On the second floor, The Joust provides a place for recreation and relaxation, provides computers, and offers grilled and cold sandwiches, lunch entrees, salads, pizza, pastries, beverages, fruit, and snacks for purchase.

**Student Organizations**

Student officers and faculty/staff advisors guide organizations and clubs in accordance with the purpose of the groups and within the framework of University policy.

**CROSSwalk.** Student-led, CROSSwalk provides opportunities for Christian witness both on campus and in the community. Traveling teams minister in churches, assist in foreign and home missions services and conduct ministry trips during fall, spring and summer breaks.

**Evangel Student Government Association (ESGA).** All registered students are members of the ESGA, which consists of two branches—Senate and Activities Board. By means of elected representatives, Senate provides a coordinated means for student initiative in enhancing University life and college policies. Activities Board (AB) plans and implements a wide variety of student social events. The ESGA Executive Committee, comprised of the executive officers from both Senate and AB, is chaired by the ESGA President, who is elected annually by the student body at large. Overarching goals of ESGA include facilitating student leadership development and promoting cooperative ventures between the student body and University administration.

**Student Media.** The University sponsors three publications: a weekly newspaper (The Lance), a yearbook (Excalibur), and an annual literary/art magazine (Epiphany). These publications provide excellent opportunities for students to use and develop journalistic skills and creative expression. The publications have consistently won national awards for excellence in their respective categories. The Lance and Excalibur are part of the Department of Communication. Content of Epiphany is selected by a panel of student editors which review entries. In addition, the University sponsors four electronic media outlets produced by students under the advisement of Communication faculty.

Evangel Cable Television (ECTV) broadcasts to campus and the City of Springfield via cable. KECC, the closed-circuit FM campus radio station, broadcasts music, news, weather, and sports. Crusadermedia.com is a student-designed website featuring all the student media; EU Films is the student film
organization that produces a feature film each semester. Students may apply to be on staff or volunteer with these student organizations.

**Department-Related Clubs.** In addition to general campus organizations, many academic departments sponsor clubs.

- Art Group
- Cinema Club
- Criminal Justice Club
- EU Nursing Society
- EU TESOL Club
- National Association for Music Educators
- Non-Profit & Social Enterprise Club
- Pre-Law Society
- Healthcare Society
- Social Work Club
- Student Missouri State Teacher’s Association
- World Changers Mission Fellowship

**Interest Groups.** Interest groups include:

- Christians for Biblical Equity
- College Republicans
- CROSSwalk
- Phi Beta Lambda
- Evangel Creators Club
- Evangel Student Gov’t Assoc. (ESGA)
- Evangel Student Veteran’s Association
- Students for Sustainability
- Evangel Chapter of Turning Point

**Honor Societies.** Students meeting requirements are invited to participate in Evangel chapters of honor societies.

- Alpha Psi Omega-Theatre honor society
- Kappa Mu Epsilon – national mathematics honor society
- Pi Alpha – national social work honor society
- Psi Chi – international psychology honor society
- Sigma Alpha Sigma – campus honor society
- Sigma Zeta – national science and mathematics honor society
- Society for Collegiate Journalists
- Theta Alpha – kinesiology honor society
- Alpha Epsilon-national religious studies & theological honor society

**Campus Standards and Regulations**

**Behavioral Standards.** Evangel recognizes the value of maintaining behavioral standards that contribute to the professional and Christian atmosphere on campus, foster fellowship among diverse populations and a wide range of Christians and strengthen Evangel’s Christian testimony to the community. Accordingly, the University establishes a standard of behavior for both students and employees. Standards are based upon scripture, safety, and community life. Details of standards are contained in the Student Handbook.

Evangel expects faculty, staff, and students to refrain from possessing or using alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and illegal drugs; from abusing prescription or non-prescription drugs, viewing pornography, using vulgar or profane language, gambling, and dancing as described in the Student Handbook. Faculty, staff and students are expected to abstain from attendance at or participation in all activities that tend to be morally degrading, including bars, clubs, and lounges. Individual decisions regarding movies, videos, television programs, video games, and other forms of entertainment, recreation, and social activities should reflect a mature Christian lifestyle.
**Dress Codes.** Details of Evangel’s dress code may be found in the [Student Handbook](#). Faculty may require students who are in violation of the dress code to leave class and return in appropriate attire. In such cases, a tardy or an absence may be assessed at the sole discretion of the faculty.

**Making Choices.** The essential role of individual judgment, discernment, and recognition of personal accountability to God throughout the Evangel community is paramount. Individuals should be guided by responsibilities to parents and commitments they have made to their local churches. Students who come to Evangel must exercise individual discernment in daily choices of thought, action, and lifestyle. Both on and off campus, everyone is required to make choices, to be self-disciplined, and to be held accountable by the community. Student Development staff and other members of the college community will confront a student who fails to live up to the above-stated behavioral expectations.

Evangel University reserves the right to discipline students who, in its judgment, does not conform either of the stated regulations governing student conduct or to the expressed principles, policies, programs, and expectations of the University.

**Public Safety**

**Vehicle Registration.** Students with motor vehicles must obtain permits for the operation and/or parking of vehicles on campus. Vehicle registration is part of the regular financial registration procedure and all vehicles brought onto campus by students, faculty, or staff must be registered and must properly display the official decal within three days.

Every student driver must maintain current insurance that meets the student’s home state requirements for minimum liability coverage and must provide evidence of insurance upon request. In addition to carrying adequate insurance, every student driver must abide by the laws of the state of Missouri. Drivers should carefully read the Missouri Driver’s Handbook. Laws of the City of Springfield and the State of Missouri are applicable to all vehicles registered at Evangel University.

Statements of specific Evangel regulations and penalties for violations are listed in the Motor Vehicle Regulations published by the Department of Public Safety.

**Insurance**

**Personal Property Liability.** Personal property is not covered by Evangel University insurance. Students with valuables such as an expensive bicycle, computer or stereo equipment should investigate coverage under parents’ homeowners’ insurance. If parents claim a student as a dependent on tax forms, a student’s property may sometimes be covered while attending college without an additional cost. Students who are not covered should consider personal-effect floater coverage or renters' insurance, which can be purchased through a local insurance broker.

**Health Insurance.** All students should obtain health insurance coverage if they are not covered by their parents’ health insurance. Students wishing to purchase health insurance should contact a local insurance agent. All full- and part-time students are strongly encouraged to carry
medical insurance coverage. International students are required to have medical insurance coverage.

Personal Rights and Human Values

Access to Student Records

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. These rights include:

1. The right to inspect and review personal records within 45 days after Evangel receives a request for access. Students desiring to view records must submit a written, signed request, stating the specific records desired, to the registrar, dean, academic department head, or other University official. The University official will plan for access and advise the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If requested records are not maintained by the official to whom the request was submitted, that official shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed.

2. The right to request the amendment to the student’s education records that the student believes is inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student’s privacy rights under FERPA.

A student who wishes to ask the school to amend a record should write the school official responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record the student wants changed and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested, the school will notify the student in writing of the decision and the student’s right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to provide written consent before the University discloses personally identifiable information (P2) from the student’s educational records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

The school discloses educational records without a student’s prior written consent under the FERPA exception for disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by Evangel University in an administrative, supervisory, academic, research, or support staff position (including, but not limited to, Public Safety and Wellness Center staff); a person serving on the Board of Trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary committee or grievance committee. A school official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of Evangel University who performs an institutional service or function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of P2 from education.
records, such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent; or a student employed or volunteering to assist another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record to fulfill his or her professional responsibilities for Evangel University. Upon request, the school also discloses education records without consent to officials of another school in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can be disclosed to outside organizations, as permitted by law, without prior written consent. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the University to include this type of information from educational records in certain publications. Examples include the annual yearbook, a playbill showing the student’s role in a drama production; Dean’s List or other recognitions; graduation programs and sports activity sheets, such as for intercollegiate football, showing hometown, weight and height of team members.

a. Evangel University has designated the following information as directory information: student’s name, address, telephone listing, electronic mail address, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, photography, dates of attendance, degrees, honors and awards received, and the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student.

b. If you do not want Evangel to disclose directory information from your educational records, you must notify the school by checking the appropriate boxes on the Consent Form via your online student portal.

c. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by Evangel University to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

FERPA permits the disclosure of P2 from student’s education records, without consent of the student, if the disclosure meets certain conditions found in §99.31 of FERPA regulations. Except for disclosures to school officials, disclosures related to some judicial orders or lawfully issued subpoenas, disclosures of directory information, and disclosures to the student, §99.32 of FERPA regulations requires the institution to record the disclosure. Eligible students have a right to inspect and review the record of disclosures. A postsecondary institution may disclose P2 from education records without obtaining prior written consent of the student.

To other school officials, including teachers, within Evangel University, whom the school has determined have legitimate educational
interests. This includes contractors, consultants, volunteers, or other parties to whom the school has outsourced institutional services or functions, provided that the conditions listed in §99.31(a)(1)(i)(B)(1) – (a)(1)(i)(B)(2) are met. §99.31(a)(1).

To officials of another school where the student seeks or intends to enroll, or where the student is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes related to the student’s enrollment or transfer, subject to the requirements of §99.34. §99.31(a)(2).

To authorized representatives of U.S. Comptroller General, the U.S. Attorney General, the U.S. Secretary of Education or State and local educational authorities, such as a State postsecondary authority that is responsible for supervising the University’s state-supported education programs. Disclosures under this provision may be made, subject to the requirements of §99.35, in connection with an audit or evaluation of Federal or State-supported education programs, or for the enforcement of or compliance with Federal legal requirements that relate to those programs. These entities may make further disclosures of P2 to outside entities that are designated by them as their authorized representatives to conduct any audit, evaluation, or enforcement or compliance activity on their behalf. (§§99.31(a)(3) and 99.5)

In connection with financial aid for which the student has applied or which the student has received, if the information is necessary to determine eligibility for the aid, determine the amount of the aid, determine the conditions of the aid, or enforce the terms and conditions of the aid. (§99.31(a)(4)

To organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of the school, to: (a) develop, validate, or administer predictive tests; (b) administer student aid programs; or (c) improve instruction. (§99.31(A)(6)

To accrediting organizations to carry out their accrediting functions. (§99.31(a)(7))

To parents of an eligible student if the student is a dependent for IRS tax purposes (§99.31(a)(8)

To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena. (§99.31(a)(9)

To appropriate officials in connection with a health or safety emergency, subject to §99.36. (§99.31(a)(10)

Information the school has designated as “directory information” under §99.37. (§99.31(a)(11)

To a victim of an alleged perpetrator of a crime of violence or a non-forcible sex offense, subject to the requirements of §99.39. The disclosure may only include the results of the disciplinary proceeding with respect to that alleged crime or offense, regardless of the finding. (§99.31(a)(13)

To the general public, the final results of a disciplinary proceeding, subject to the requirements of §99.39, the school determines the student is an alleged perpetrator of a crime of violence or non-forcible sex offense and the student has committed a violation of the school’s rules or policies with respect to the allegation made against him or her. (§99.31(a)(14)

To parents of a student regarding the student’s violation of any Federal, State or local law, or of any rule, policy of the school, governing the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance if the
school determines the student committed a disciplinary violation and the student is under the age of 21. (§99.31(a)(15))

Harassment
Evangel is committed to respect of human dignity of every student, employee, and guest. Harassment in any form is incompatible with biblical standards of conduct and academic integrity and is therefore prohibited. Students, employees, or guests who believe they have a basis for complaint should report such incidents without fear of reprisal. For a complete statement of the University’s Sexual Misconduct Policy and Procedure, refer to the Student Handbook. Violations of the policy will result in disciplinary action.

Multiculturalism
Evangel encourages students to understand and appreciate ethnic and cultural differences. Recognizing the principles of Scripture and the rich contributions that diverse cultures make to campus life, the University supports the biblical concept of multiculturalism (Galatians 3:28, Revelation 7:9) in which all people participate equally in the Kingdom of God regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, age, or socio-economic status.

Sanctity of Human Life
God has ordained marriage to bring a man and a woman together as the foundation for a new family. He empowers them, through their sexual union, to create new human life. The Bible is clear in its teaching regarding the sanctity of human life. Life begins at conception and is precious to God from that very moment. This facet makes the practice of abortion abhorrent in God’s eyes.

Although God’s heart is grieved when sexual union occurs outside of marriage, He extends redemptive grace to those individuals involved. When pregnancy results from that union, Evangel University, as an instrument of God, also strives to extend redemptive grace to those individuals, including the unborn child. Crisis pregnancy assistance designed to protect the expectant mother and her unborn child will be provided through the Office of Student Development.

Non-discrimination Policy
Evangel University does not discriminate in its education programs, admissions, activities, or employment practices on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, age, or disability. Inquiries regarding this policy may be directed to the Vice President for Business and Finance.