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Intercultural
Relations

Office of Intercultural Relations FAQ List

What is the purpose of the Office of Intercultural Relations?

The Office of Intercultural Relations (OIR) assists the University in promoting cultural diversity, awareness, and sensitivity throughout the campus community. Its programs, services and activities promote cultural identity and understanding within a multicultural environment.

What kind of resources and assistance does OIR provide for students?

The office can assist students with finding information about scholarships, internships, conferences and events that are of special interest to women, students of color, members of the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) community, etc. The Office also maintains and advertises cultural events taking place in the New Haven area.

Where is the OIR located? What hours is the office open?

The office is located on the top level of the Bartels Hall Student Center, to the right of the stairs. It's typically open during regular business hours—8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

I'm looking for information about Jewish culture (OR Latin American art OR learning disabilities OR bisexuality....) . Can your office help me?

Yes! The Office is in the process of developing a Diversity Resource Center which will feature books, DVDs, CDs, magazines, and journals where students, faculty and staff can find information on topics related to ability, race, gender, religion/spirituality, and sexual orientation.

What types of programs and events does OIR sponsor?

During the past year, OIR staff members have presented activities and workshops in classrooms and residence halls and co-sponsored programs with the International Services Office, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, and various student organizations. In the coming months, OIR plans to sponsor events such as guest speakers, movie nights, cultural craft nights, and poetry slams. If there's a specific event you'd like to see, please let us know!

Are there student groups which celebrate various aspects of diversity (ie religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation) (as of Spring 2008) ?

UNH has **many** clubs and organizations to choose from! Examples of student organizations include the following (see the complete list on the OIR website):

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| African-American and Latino sororities and fraternities | Caribbean Student Association | PRIDE |
| Ambassadors for Christ | Hillel | Reformed University Fellowship |
| Asian Student Association | International Student Association | Society of Hispanic and Professional Engineers |
| Black Student Union | Latin American Student Association | |
| | NAACP | |

Is OIR only for female or LGBT students, students of color, etc.?

No; **any** and **all** members of the University community, regardless of background are welcome and encouraged to stop by and chat with the Director, check out the Resource Center, and attend OIR events!

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Soak in the Culture of the New Haven Area

Check out these websites to discover what the New Haven area has to offer!

www.InfoNewHaven.com

Got a taste for Cuban *arroz con pollo*? Ethiopian *doro wat*? Jamaican jerk fish? Explore this site's extensive list of area restaurants.

www.VisitNewHaven.com

In addition to providing info about dining options and local cultural events, this site includes visitors' guides for gay and lesbian travelers and individuals interested in learning about New Haven's African-American history.

Here's a Sampling of Upcoming Fall Semester Events...

Club Fair

Tuesday, August 26
4 to 6 PM
Bixler/Botwinik Quad

Aloha UNH Dinner

Wednesday, August 27
4:30 to 7:30 PM
Bixler/Botwinik Quad



Build Your Own Kite

Thursday, August 28
12 to 2 PM
Upper Student Lounge



Voter Registration*

Thursday, August 28
5 to 7 PM
Bartels Hall

*Stay tuned for additional events related to voter education and registration!

Screening of *The Kite Runner* Movie

Wednesday, September 10 &
Thursday September 11

8:30 PM (Wed.) & 10 PM (Thurs.)
Alumni Lounge

Theme Dinner: Afghan Cuisine

Tuesday, September 16
4:30 to 7 PM
Echlin Dining Hall



International Coffee Hour: Kite Fighting

Thursday, September 18
3:30 to 4:30 PM
Alumni Lounge



Intercultural Relations' Diversity Thursdays

Specific dates TBD
4 to 5 PM
Bartels Hall Lobby

Undergraduate Admissions' College Retreat Program

Thursday, November 20
Stay tuned for more details about this program!