

Cultural Voices

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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 2009) ?

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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| Caribbean Student Association (CSA) | Latin American Student Association (LASA) | People Rejoicing in Diversity Everywhere (PRIDE) (UNH's gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans, and straight allies group) |
| UNH Elite Step Team | National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) | Historically African-American and Latina/o Greek-Lettered Organizations |
| Hillel | National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) | |
| International Student Association (ISA) | | |

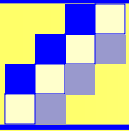
Is OIR only for female or LGBT students, students of color, etc.?

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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We're on the web!
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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 Events!

Club and Organization Fair

Tuesday, August 25th
4 to 7 PM
Bixler/Botwinik Quad

Diversity Thursday

Thursday, September 17th
Latin Dance Lessons
4 to 5 PM
Alumni Lounge



New & Transfer Student Dessert Reception

Wednesday, September 2nd
7 to 8 PM
Moulton Lounge
Bartels Student Center



International Coffee Hour

Wednesday, September 23rd
Eid Celebration
3 to 5 PM
Alumni Lounge

There's a New Program Coming This Fall!



This fall, the University of New Haven is initiating a program designed to support the needs of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered, and Questioning (GLBTQ) students. This program, called "Safe Zone" will train faculty and staff members on how to serve as allies for the GLBTQ community. After completing the training program, participants will receive a magnet and sticker to identify their work space as a "Safe Zone" to discuss issues impacting this community. Further information about the program can be found at

www.newhaven.edu/safezone.