

# Student Life

The Dean of Students Office seeks to empower our students through enhanced experiences and access to opportunities.

We serve as advocates, connecting students to resources, and support the academic mission to promote student success. To prepare students for life as Embry-Riddle Eagles, the Dean of Students Office provides services in the following areas.

- Work with individual students who are referred to our office or who need referral to resources
- Respond to situations and students of concern
- Mediate grievances and provide a sounding-board for daily challenges
- Oversee the University conduct process
- Manage the Honor Code
- Administer the academic integrity process in conjunction with faculty
- Open lines of communication for students to share their input

Also the Office verifies information for security clearance background investigations and employment references while adhering to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) to protect educational records based on the student's preferences.

Students have access to many resources throughout the Student Affairs division, many of which the Dean of Students oversees.

- Center for Faith & Spirituality
- Counseling Center
- Dean of Students Office
- Fitness Center
- Health Services
- Housing & Residence Life
- Intramural & Recreational Sports
- Student Engagement & Student Union

## Students Under Age 18

A student under the age of 18 is required to have a signature from a parent or guardian to participate in certain campus events such as field trips, recreational activities, and sporting events. Attempting to obtain a signature for each would be burdensome for both the student and the parent or guardian, possibly causing the student to miss activities normally associated with college life.

A waiver form may be signed one time by the parent or guardian and the student, giving consent for the student to sign in place of the parent or guardian for all activities and events that require written consent. Waiver forms are obtained during the Preview Day event and Orientation. Forms are also available in the Dean of Students Office. The waiver expires the day the student reaches the age of 18.

## Student Engagement & Student Union

Student Engagement & Student Union (or SESU for short) offers a wide range of programs to support a rich and meaningful campus life. The department's mission is to *facilitate learning* and *build community*. This is accomplished through:

- an active network of student-run organizations and student-led initiatives
- the growth of leadership skills
- socially enriching activities and opportunities
- experiences that enable appreciation of a diverse world.

The department also runs the Mori Hosseini Student Union. The Student Union is a central space where students can dine, study, and relax. Students also help run the place - our student managers lead an

Operations Team that supports all events in this busy building. The Welcome Desk staff provide directions to both students and visitors and help students access study rooms and gaming resources.

Embry-Riddle has over 260 registered student organizations (RSOs). By getting involved in an RSO, you can learn new skills, try new hobbies, put your classroom knowledge to the test, and have fun! With everything from skydiving to robotics, anime to a Capella, our RSOs offer a broad range of opportunities for you to pursue your passions. The Union has a Student Organization Resource Center on the 2nd floor just for you! We have computers, work space, and staff dedicated to your support.

Student Engagement is also the point of contact for the Student Government Association and its divisions – the student programming board (Touch-N-Go Productions), the WIKD 102.5 FM radio station, the Avion newspaper, and the Emergency Response Team (ERT).

In all these ways, the Student Engagement & Student Union team supports students to make a difference for themselves and others. Additional information can be found online at the SESU ERNIE pages or by emailing Student Engagement at [dbsesu@erau.edu](mailto:dbsesu@erau.edu).

## Student Government Association

The Student Government Association (SGA) is responsible for providing a link between students and the faculty, staff, and administration. In addition to representing the voice of students through its branches, the SGA provides many services and is actively involved with student programs. SGA services to students include a shuttle service to and from neighboring apartment complexes; a free beverage service; free notary service; free laminating and faxing; Safe Ride, which provides a free taxi ride to students who need transportation to doctor's appointments or pharmacies; parking citation appeals; and free first aid support from the Emergency Response Team. The SGA also serves the student body through its four divisions: Touch-N-Go Productions, the Avion, WIKD 102.5 FM, and the Emergency Response Team. SGA members also participate on almost every committee on campus, and the president of the SGA is a member of Embry-Riddle's Board of Trustees. Direct questions, comments, or concerns to [sgapres@erau.edu](mailto:sgapres@erau.edu) or call 1-386-226-6039.

## Student Government Association Leadership Program

The Student Government Association (SGA) at each residential campus offers partial tuition waivers for elected officials of the organization. The amount of the waiver varies depending on the position held. The goal is to stimulate interest in holding elected office and to recognize the commitment student leaders make in such positions.

For information about the criteria students must meet to run in an SGA election, or for other information about the program, contact the Student Government Association in the Student Leadership Suite on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Student Union.

## International Student Programming

The International Student & Scholar Services Office runs International Student Orientation, which is a requirement of the Department of Homeland Security. The purpose of this orientation is to inform students of their F1 obligations and provide them with the information they need to successfully maintain their F1 status while on campus. In addition, the office provides programming for international students and offers an International Ambassador program.

International students are also encouraged to join the International Student Organization, which plans and implements educational, cultural, and social programs for all students. For more information or to join the organization and receive updates, visit the International Student Organization's page on Campus Groups.