
The Office of Student Development

In collaboration with students, faculty, staff and families, the Office of Student Development facilitates students' transformation and enriches their educational experience by embracing their goals, dreams and aspirations. OSD offers opportunities for engagement in educationally purposeful activities, challenges students to develop academically and personally, provides the support necessary for them to do so, and advocates for their needs.

Student Leadership

Student leaders play a vital role in shaping campus life. While our leadership opportunities are diverse, each position carries the common goal of promoting academic excellence and purposeful engagement within and beyond the Woodbury community. Student leaders are able to effect change on campus through mentoring, advocacy, peer education and program planning. They experience the fulfillment of service, as well as the added benefit of marketable skills such as communication, conflict resolution, and time management.

Student Leader Commitment

When you make a commitment to a campus leadership position, you are making a commitment to serve your fellow students. You will be expected to make the integrity and the needs of the campus community a priority in your daily life by conducting yourself with high ethical standards, developing a thorough understanding of campus policies and procedures, and taking your role as a student advocate seriously. You will be provided with tools necessary to do this during Fall & Spring Training and in-services (2 per semester). Participation in each of these opportunities is required.

The Role of the Resident Advisor in Our Community

Resident Advisors strive to challenge and support students living in the residence hall community. Resident Advisors challenge students to expand their experiences and explore new perspectives in the way they interact with and live within the larger global community. Resident Advisors provide support for students by acting as a positive role model, directing students to appropriate resources, helping them develop new coping skills as needed, examine their roles within the community, and encourage students to take healthy risks. Through these types of interactions, the Resident Advisors should be actively building a sense of community within the residence halls.

Specific Resident Advisor Responsibilities

- Encourage involvement in the community, including actively building a sense of community within the residence halls.
- Establish rapport with all residents in the community.
- Utilize an "open door" policy when appropriate.
- Mediate conflicts between members of the community.
- Uphold and enforce all policies and procedures as outlined in the Student Handbook or otherwise posted.
- Plan, publicize, coordinate and evaluate programs for the residence hall community each semester.
- Attend weekly staff meetings as well as individual meetings with supervisor.
- Duty on a rotating schedule, including one or more weekends per month. While on duty, a Resident Advisor shall remain on campus and carry residence hall cell phone and answer all calls immediately.
- Required to remain in the residence halls three weekends a month (which includes mandatory weekend duty).
- Fully participate in the Resident Advisor selection and Room Selection processes during the Spring semester.

Qualifications

- Maintain a verifiable cumulative and semester GPA of 2.5 or above and be in good standing with the University.
- Enroll and attend classes with a minimum of 12 units and no more than 18 units, unless permission is received from their supervisor.
- Completion of PPDV 222 Leadership in Community Building course with a B or better.
- Cannot hold a concurrent position in the Associated Student Government Executive Board, Fraternity and Sorority Council, Community Honor Council, Program Board, International Peer Advisor, or as a SOAR Peer Advisor.
- Cannot work more than an additional 10 hours per week without the prior approval of the Coordinator of Residential Communities.
- Required to sign a work agreement and a Woodbury University Housing License Agreement.

Rewards for Resident Advisor Service

RAs receive a housing fee waiver for an assigned single room chosen at the discretion of the Office of Student Development, an A or B meal plan, and a book voucher for \$100 per semester at the Campus Bookstore.