STUDENT AFFAIRS

Participation at all levels of the college’s operation is an important part of the student experience at Canisius. Student involvement is a valuable part of each individual’s learning process and to the college as a whole, enabling the institution to draw upon the creativity, innovation and leadership of its students in its efforts to serve them better.

Students discover that education takes place both inside and outside of the classroom. In keeping with the Jesuit ideal of educating the whole person, students learn and develop a complete sense of self through participation in such experiences as life in the residence halls, co-curricular activities, organizational membership and leadership, social involvement in the community and membership on the various college committees. Through such involvement in the entire life of the college community, a student’s years at Canisius will be a time of intellectual growth, advancement in self-knowledge and an improved knowledge of others. Additional information about many of these programs is available at the Student Experience website (https://www.canisius.edu/student-experience).

The vice president for student affairs determines all student affairs policies and procedures for the college, subject to the approval of the president.

Assistance to students is provided by the following offices within the division of student affairs:

- ALANA (African American, Latino/a, Native American, Asian American) Student Center (p. 1)
- Athletics — Division I Intercollegiate (p. 1)
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ALANA Student Center
(ALANA = African American, Latino/a American, Asian American, Native American students) A genuine, pluralistic campus fosters respect, equality and understanding of a mosaic of cultural heritages. Such a campus recognizes the interdependence of cross-cultural student communities and the integrity of each individual. The college aims for all individuals to feel a sense of inclusion in the college’s mission and activities, particularly those who have been historically marginalized in America primarily due to the color of their skin.

The ALANA Student Center (https://www.canisius.edu/student-experience/student-support-services/alana-student-center) assists the college in providing services for ALANA students while educating the entire student population about ALANA cultural patterns and trends in higher education. The staff assists students concerning racial perspectives, self-concept issues and participatory involvement within the framework of the campus.

Although primarily co-curricular focused, the ALANA Student Center also serves students as a referral and support unit with respect to other collegiate matters. The Center provides a place for students to share and discuss cross-cultural experiences and to interpret those experiences. By way of this service, and other support services campus-wide, Canisius College provides students with tools essential for their success in school and in the greater community.

Athletics
Canisius College conducts an extensive NCAA Division I athletics program for both men and women and is a member of the MAAC Conference.

Men’s Sports
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross-country/indoor/outdoor track
- Golf
- Ice hockey
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Swimming and diving

Women’s Sports
- Basketball
- Cross-country/indoor/outdoor track
- Lacrosse
- Rowing
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming and diving
- Volleyball

Campus Ministry
Campus Ministry (https://www.canisius.edu/faith-and-service/campus-ministry) supports the spiritual and religious life of the campus with activities open to students and staff of all faiths. Campus Ministry seeks to empower students, faculty, administrators, staff and alumni as persons of faith “for and with others” in the Catholic, Jesuit tradition.

In addition to providing for a vital Roman Catholic liturgical and sacramental life, the campus ministry team:

- offers opportunities for spiritual retreats
- organizes opportunities for prayer and small faith communities
- promotes opportunities for service to those in need, both locally and through domestic and international service immersion trips
- promotes ethical values and educates and organizes around issues of social justice and peace
- provides pastoral counseling and spiritual direction

Campus Programming
Campus Programming encourages and promotes involvement and enhances student learning through co-curricular programming opportunities. To help achieve this mission, Campus Programming
allows students the opportunity to get involved on campus. Students may choose from a variety of clubs and organizations, including the Undergraduate Student Association (USA) which is comprised of the entire student body and is represented by an elected group, the Student Senate. The purpose of the Senate is to assist, finance and integrate all student organizations and to represent the views of the student body to the college administration. The Commuter Student Association (CSA) represents all of the commuter students, and the Residence Hall Association (RHA) is the student governing body for the resident students at Canisius. Additionally, there are over 90 student clubs and organizations at Canisius. These organizations provide students with an opportunity to explore an academic subject informally yet deeply, gain familiarity with the arts or with differing cultures, provide service to the college or to the community, develop a wide range of leadership skills, or simply socialize with other students. Various honor societies give recognition to student excellence in numerous areas, and the student-run media on campus, such as the college newspaper (The Griffin) and the campus radio station (WCCG), provide students with opportunities to explore communications media while keeping the college community informed and entertained.

Club Sports and Intramurals
The currently active club sports are listed below. Additional club sports can be added based on student interest. Club sports are played at a more competitive level than intramurals and often involve team travel. Students are responsible for additional fees associated with most club sports.

Co-ed club sports
- Bowling
- Cheerleading
- Endurance
- Field hockey
- IHSA (Equestrian)
- Mixed Martial Arts
- Rifle
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Ultimate Frisbee

Men’s club sports
- Men’s Rugby
- Men’s Soccer
- Men’s Volleyball
- Men’s Ice Hockey

Women’s club sports
- Dance Griffs
- Women’s Soccer
- Women’s Volleyball

Intramurals
All intramural sports are currently co-ed and provide an opportunity for students to engage recreationally for fun, health, and wellness. Current intramural sports:
- Basketball-open
- Basketball-pickup

- Volleyball
- Floor Hockey
- Indoor Soccer
- Outdoor Soccer
- Flag Football
- Handball
- Dodgeball
- Whiffle ball

Counseling Center
The Counseling Center (https://www.canisius.edu/student-experience/student-support-services/counseling-center) is committed to developing the personal and academic potential of Canisius College students by providing comprehensive counseling services and outreach education to support the emotional and mental health of our students. Professional counseling services are available to all registered students, at no additional cost, to address concerns that may interfere with a student’s academic success and personal growth.

Students who access counseling services are assured confidentiality, unless it is apparent that a student may do harm to others. A student’s privacy and confidentiality are carefully guarded and protected. No information about participation in counseling becomes part of any official record. Students may schedule appointments by calling the Counseling Center at 716-888-2620. Appointments may also be scheduled in person. The Counseling Center is located in Bosch Hall Room 105, directly off the lobby of Bosch Hall. Enter via the quad side entrance of Bosch. The Counseling Center offers many educational programs and workshops throughout the academic year for the Canisius College community. Refer to the Counseling Center website for the most current information on programs and services, including online screening programs and self-help information.

The Griff Center for Academic Engagement
The Griff Center (https://www.canisius.edu/student-experience/student-support-services/griff-center) represents a collaboration between the Office of Academic Affairs and the Office of Student Affairs. A complete description of the Griff Center and the programs and experiences it provides are available in the Griff Center section of the catalog (http://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/academics/griff-center), which is published in the academics section of catalog.

International Student programs
Canisius College welcomes international students and appreciates the cultural diversity they bring to our student body. Currently our international students are from approximately 30 countries including areas as diverse as Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, South America and Australia. The Office of International Student Programs advises international students and assists them with their adjustment to Canisius College and American culture by organizing educational and social programs. To further encourage cultural understanding within the Canisius community, the International Student Programs Office also arranges community families and peer mentors for our international students. Other services for international students include an extensive
orientation for new students, assistance understanding immigration regulations and workshops on practical training benefits. Global Horizons, a student organization for American and international students, plans additional activities to promote cultural awareness on campus. An example of this is Global Fest, an annual event celebrating different cultures through food tasting, music, performances and crafts from around the world! International students are required to complete an online semester SEVIS registration form at the start of each semester. This form ensures that ISP properly registers them for the semester in the SEVIS (Student Exchange and Visitor Information System). All international students studying on an F-1 or J-1 visa are required by the college to purchase a health insurance plan offered by Canisius College. This plan is designed and written specifically for the health care needs of international students studying in the United States. Information about the required health insurance plan is available in the Office of International Student Programs.

Office of Event Services
Members of the Canisius Community or the public looking to reserve non-classroom space (including athletic facilities) for meetings and events should contact the Office of Event Services. Office staff will assist with room selection, securing appropriate technology, and facilitating connections with Chartwells food service when requested.

Public Safety
The Department of Public Safety, located in the basement of the Bosch Residence Hall, is open 24 hours a day, providing around the clock protection and services to the campus community. The department was established to protect the educational environment of Canisius College, keeping the environment free from the threat of physical harm, property damage and disruptive activity. Departmental objectives include aiding in the enforcement of federal, state and local laws; preventing crime; regulating non-criminal conduct and preserving the peace. Uniformed Public Safety Officers, all of whom are sworn peace officers, are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Their primary responsibilities include patrolling the campus area on foot, on bicycles and in vehicles; security services; emergency response; and requests for assistance involving members of the campus community.

Public Safety also provides a variety of support services that are tailored to meet the needs of the campus community. These services include conducting crime prevention and personal safety programs, dispatching the campus shuttle system, providing Canisius ID cards, and providing assistance to campus motorists experiencing minor mechanical problems.

For a comprehensive summary of the activities and services provided by Public Safety, visit the Department of Public Safety website (https://www.canisius.edu/student-experience/student-support-services/public-safety).

Crime Statistics
Canisius College complies with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act by providing available information on campus security and personal safety. This information includes crime prevention, public safety, law-enforcement authority, crime reporting policies, disciplinary procedures and other important matters regarding campus security. Statistics are available from the three previous calendar years on reported crimes that occurred on campus, in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by Canisius College, and on public property within or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus. Upon request, the Canisius College Advisory Committee on Campus Safety will provide all campus crime statistics as reported to the United States Department of Education. This information is available on the Public Safety website (http://www.canisius.edu/student-experience/student-support-services/public-safety). A printed copy may be obtained by calling the office of student affairs at 716-888-2130.

Residence Life
Residence Life promotes the personal growth of resident students as they adjust to college life and interact with others in the residence halls and the college community.

Canisius College believes that the experience of living on-campus contributes to the development of a well-rounded individual. Residence Life creates an environment where students can live, learn and develop leadership skills, and become men and women for and with others.

There are several housing options available to resident students. Bosch and Frisch halls are traditional residence halls for freshman students. They include double rooms, suites and social lounges with kitchens and lounges on each floor. Dugan Hall, our newest traditional residence hall for sophomore students includes double rooms, suites and social lounges with kitchens on alternate floors. The George M. Martin Honors Hall offers students in the College Honors Program a unique opportunity to live in an educational learning environment. This residence hall features single and double rooms with community bathrooms, kitchen and two social lounges. This hall’s environment stresses academic excellence, social interaction, and fosters community values and trust among its residents. The Delavan Townhouses, built in 2002, feature one-, two-, three-, four-, and five-person apartments with single-person bedrooms. These apartments also have living rooms, kitchens, bathrooms and air conditioning. The Village Townhouses feature four- and five-person apartments. These apartments are equipped with some single and double bedrooms, kitchens bathrooms, and air conditioning. Additional information including virtual tours, pictures, floor plans, cost and the application process can be found on the Student Life webpages (https://www.canisius.edu/student-experience/student-life-and-housing).

Student Health Center
The Student Health Center (https://www.canisius.edu/student-experience/student-support-services/student-health) is committed to providing students high-quality health care that is easy to access, individualized and effective. Our staff views each visit as an opportunity to provide needed medical and nursing care and to educate students to become informed partners in medical decisions. Providers assist students in identifying behaviors, perceptions and habits that are beneficial for current and future health.

The Center is staffed by physicians, a nurse practitioner, and registered nurses. Appointments are recommended and can be made 24/7 using My Canisius Health, the student online scheduler. Students can also “walk in” to schedule an appointment. Students who are sick or injured may be treated at MASH Urgent Care when the Student Health Center is closed. Through a unique agreement, MASH Urgent Care will provide free round trip van service to a MASH Urgent Care Center 7 days a week. MASH vans pick up and return students to any of the college’s regular shuttle stops. Although the ride is free, care provided is billed to student’s health insurance plan. It is important to bring your health insurance card and photo identification to your MASH visit.
MASH Urgent Care Center  
3980 Sheridan Drive  
Amherst, New York 14226  
Phone: 716-929-2800

Medical emergencies on campus are handled by Public Safety. Officers are trained in first aid and CPR and respond to the scene of on-campus medical emergencies.

Student Health also offers an on-call nurse service 24/7 by calling 1-800-850-4556. Visit the Student Health Services webpage for more detailed information about the center.

Health and Accident Insurance
Canisius College strongly recommends that all students have health insurance.

• Students should carry their health insurance card with them and know how their plan coverage works when they are at college.
• Canisius offers students registered for 6 or more credits a sickness and accident plan designed for the healthy college student. Enrollment periods occur in September and January.
• All full-time undergraduates have accident and accidental death coverage through the college. This coverage is limited.
• Details about the sickness and accident plan are available on the Student Health Center website.

Immunization Requirements for Class Attendance

Measles, Mumps, Rubella
New York State law requires all students taking six or more credits, attending any classes on campus, and born on or after January 1, 1957 to provide proof of immunity against measles, mumps and rubella to the Student Health Center prior to class attendance. Students must submit proof of two doses of measles (rubeola) vaccine, one dose of rubella (German measles) vaccine and one dose of mumps vaccine, given on or after their first birthday and after 1967.

Meningitis Requirement
All students registered for 6 or more credits and attending class on campus, regardless of birth date, are required to receive information about the risk of meningococcal disease and the benefit of vaccination. Students are required to read the information and either obtain the meningitis vaccine or sign a vaccine refusal statement within thirty days of first class attendance.

Submission Dates and Non-Compliance
Health requirements, including immunization records, must be submitted before the first day of class. Non-compliance with these health requirements results in registration cancellation, removal from college housing, and inability to register with the college for future semesters. If registration is cancelled, a student may be re-registered once the health forms are submitted and deemed complete. Canisius may charge a fee for re-registration. Compliance with these health requirements is strictly enforced across the campus.

Students who are only taking online courses are generally exempted from these requirements, although some online programs have established stricter immunization requirements prior to matriculation or course enrollment and these requirements are detailed in the program descriptions in the catalog.

The Student Health Center website (https://www.canisius.edu/student-experience/support-start/student-health/services) has detailed information about health requirements and links to the required forms.

Study Abroad programs
Canisius College students who study abroad say it is a life-changing experience which significantly expands their personal and professional horizons. The college offers diverse study abroad opportunities in 13 countries and 22 cities. While several Canisius majors require an international experience, students of all majors should consider study abroad.

Students who study abroad:

• Get jobs. They acquire marketable skills which are sought by potential employers in this global economy. According to an article in the Huffington Post, four out of five business leaders say that if similar candidates were before them and one had study abroad experience and one didn’t, they’d almost always hire the one with study abroad experience.
• Become more fluent in a foreign language when they immerse themselves in the culture and live among native speakers (however, some locations have no language requirement).
• Develop valuable life skills such as independence, flexibility, cross-cultural awareness/communication and problem-solving.
• Enhance their knowledge of global relations and deepen their knowledge of cultural and societal differences.
• Travel and meet new people and gain confidence.

Additional information about Study Abroad and other international experiences is available at the Global Opportunities website (https://www.canisius.edu/global-education).