STUDENT AFFAIRS

Our Mission

The division of Student Affairs at Canisius College intentionally cultivates an environment where students are expected to be attentive to their experiences, reflect upon the meaning of those experiences, and develop a lifelong habit of discernment in order to encourage purposeful action.

Our Values

The values of the Student Affairs division at Canisius College are consistent with those stated in the College’s Strategic Plan, and we emphasize the following values:

- Diversity and inclusivity
- Care and respect for every person
- Spiritual development
- Healthy lifestyle
- Teamwork
- Collegiality
- Kindness
- Humor

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:

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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 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference and the Atlantic Hockey 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
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 to address concerns that interfere with a student’s functioning, well-being and academic success. In addition to individual and group counseling, counselors are available during and after college business hours for crisis intervention and mental health emergencies. Counselors are also available for consultation and referrals to community resources.

Students who access counseling services are assured confidentiality, unless it is apparent that a student may do harm to others. No information about participation in counseling becomes part of any official record. The Counseling Center is located in Bosch Hall Room 105, directly off the lobby of Bosch Hall.

Refer to the Counseling Center website for the most current information on programs, services and scheduling appointments.

The Griff Center for Student Success

The Griff Center for Student Success (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 that provides comprehensive programs, services, and resources to support student academic and career success and a transformative learning experience grounded in our Catholic, Jesuit mission.

The mission of The Griff Center for Student Success is to serve our transformative learning community in the spirit of cura personalis, care for the whole person, through opportunities and services which develop and empower students to achieve academic and career success.

This Griff Center is made up of a dedicated team of academic and career coaches committed to student retention and persistence. There are three distinct groups of student development experts working within the Griff Center for Student Success: Academic Achievement Team, Career Development Team, and Support Services Team. Each team is housed together in three locations to effectively serve our students based upon their respective function.

Academic Achievement (Old Main 013)

The Academic Achievement supports students through academic support of freshmen, still deciding students, transfer students, and student-athletes. Additionally, the team is responsible for working with students to set academic goals and assist with their academic success. The Academic Achievement team provides the following services to students:

Freshmen Course Scheduling: Collaborate with academic departments to ensure new students have a positive academic transition from high school to college by creating a schedule based on their academic goals. Canisius has a faculty advising model where beginning in their first semester, faculty within their respective department serve as their academic advisor. For students who are still deciding, a member of student success serves as their advisor.

Academic Support for Transfers, Still Deciding Majors, and Student-Athletes: Responsible for an additional layer of academic support for students who are transfers, still deciding on a major, and Division I NCAA student-athletes.

Career Development (Horan O’Donnell 014)

The Career Development assists students with their career goals through strategic partnerships with employers and our Canisius faculty. This team supports our students through one-on-one career coaching, alumni connections, on-campus recruitment, and career events. The Career Development team provides the following services to students:

Career Coaching: Available for all students seeking assistance in exploring and defining their career interests. Students can work with their dedicated career coach to review resumes, cover letters, and LinkedIn profiles; practice interviewing skills; learn how to effectively job and internship search, gain networking opportunities, and more!

Handshake: Canisius’ exclusive online job board available to all students and alumni. To access full-time, part-time, and internship postings, as well as information on career events and resources, go to your MyCanisius student portal and find Handshake under “My Applications.”

Alumni Career Services: As a benefit of being a graduate of Canisius, alumni can utilize the services of the Career Development team to assist in the job search process at any time.

Support Services (Old Main - 3rd Floor) Tutoring Center (OM 315)

Tutoring services are available for all Canisius students and provide a variety of opportunities for them to achieve their own academic success in their current coursework. Group tutoring sessions allow students to receive academic assistance from peer and/or adjunct professor tutors. Tutors are available in the majority of academic disciplines and employ various academic strategies to help address individual student needs. Students are limited to 3 sessions (total of 3 hours) of tutoring services per week and must be currently enrolled in the courses for which they are receiving tutoring.

Study Center (OM 311)

Open to all Canisius students, Study Zone provides students with an opportunity to focus on academic work in a quiet environment conveniently located near Tutoring Center where additional assistance may be sought.

Scuba Zone: Academic Mentor Program (OM 318)

This program presents students with an opportunity to meet one-on-one with an academic mentor on a regular basis to assist with better time management, prioritization of responsibilities, study skills, and assistance needed to achieve academic success.

Student Accessibility Services (OM 317)

Committed to creating equal access for all Canisius students with disabilities, Accessibility Support helps meet individual needs and oversees the administration of reasonable accommodations and proctoring exams. Academic and non-academic accommodations are determined on a case-by-case/course-by-course basis after review of a student’s official documentation.

Testing Center (OM 317)

The Proctor Site assists in proctoring make-up exams for the campus community. Students must determine the feasibility of a make-up exam with their professor prior to making arrangements with the proctor site.
Veterans Resource Center (OM 320)
The Griff Center provides an environment that helps student-veterans achieve their academic and personal goals. Our staff is committed to creating a supportive and friendly atmosphere where students feel comfortable seeking assistance concerning both academic and non-academic issues. In addition, there is a lounge designated for student-veterans where they may study and relax between classes.

International Student Programs
Whether you are an international student who will study on an F-1 student visa, a visiting student who will be studying abroad for one semester, or an incoming student who did not grow up in the United States, the Office of International Student Programs (https://www.canisius.edu/global-education/international-student-programs/) is here to support you. The Office of International Student Programs (ISP) at Canisius College supports the needs and development of the global student community through advisement and cultural support, in order to assist them in achieving their academic, personal, and professional goals. 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. Information about the required health insurance plan is available here https://www.canisius.edu/student-experience/student-support-services/student-health/student-health-insurance/). The ISP also provides assistance in obtaining an SEVIS registration form at the start of each semester.

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. 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 (https://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.

Student Health Center
The Student Health Center (https://www.canisius.edu/student-experience/student-support-services/student-health/) staff strives to provide high-quality care that is easy to access, individualized and designed to treat common sicknesses and injuries that slow down healthy college students. Staffed by doctors, a nurse practitioner and registered nurses, each visit offers an opportunity to feel better and to learn to optimize good health for success in college and beyond.

Students can select either a virtual visit over the computer or a face-to-face visit. In some cases, Student Health may recommend one visit type over the other based on the student’s health needs.

To ensure the safety of our students and staff, appointments are required. Students wishing to schedule an appointment should call Student Health.

All students must wear a mask when they come to Student Health even if fully vaccinated. Student Health will not allow visitors, family or friends to accompany students into Student Health. There is a waiting area outside Student Health for that purpose.

When Student Health is closed, students can visit one of the urgent care centers in Western New York. A list of those centers is located on MyCanisiusHealth. These urgent care providers also provide virtual visits.

In the event of a medical emergency on campus, students should contact Public Safety or dial 911.

MyCanisiusHealth (https://canisius.medicatconnect.com/home.aspx) is a web based confidential health portal designed specifically for Canisius students. The portal provides students 24/7 access to self care tips for common illnesses and injuries, health care resources both on and off campus and receive confidential messages from Student Health medical staff. A link to MyCanisiusHealth is also located on the student portal.

Student Health does not write medical notes for missed classes or work. Health Center appointment verifications are sent via college email from noreply@medicat each evening. Student Health recommends students share the email verification notice with faculty or employers if proof of a doctor’s appointment is needed.
Student Health requires that students bring copy of their health insurance card to their appointment. Students contact member services at their health plan to learn how their coverage works while at school.

The Student Health Center web site (https://www.canisius.edu/student-experience/student-support-services/student-health/) provides detailed information about Student Health services, hours, staff, location, health requirements, health insurance, medical notes and more.

**Health Insurance**

Canisius College recommends all students have health insurance to ease the fiscal burden associated with sickness or injury. Students needing health insurance, who are US citizens, should visit www.healthcare.gov (http://www.healthcare.gov/).

International students, studying on a F1 Visa, are required to purchase the international health insurance plan designed specifically for them. Information about the international student plan can be found at the Student Health Center web site.

**Accident Insurance**

All full time undergraduates and full time graduate students are covered under a college sponsored accident plan. This plan works with a student’s own health insurance to help cover some of the costs associated with an accidental injury. This plan also provide an accidental death benefit. Information about the student accident injury plan can be found at the Student Health Center web site.

**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**

Immunization records, must be submitted by July 31 for fall attendance and January 1 for spring attendance. Summer students must submit records before their first day of class. Non-compliance with health requirements results in registration withdrawal, removal from college housing, and inability to register with the college for future semesters. If registration is withdrawn, a student will be reinstated once the health forms are submitted and deemed complete. Canisius College charges an immunization reinstatement fee. To view the fee click here: https://www.canisius.edu/tuition-aid/student-records-and-financial-services/cost-attendance (https://www.canisius.edu/tuition-aid/student-records-and-financial-services/cost-attendance/). Compliance with New York State health requirements is strictly enforced across the campus.

Students taking online courses only are generally exempt from these requirements; however some online programs have established stricter immunization requirements. On line students should discuss health requirements with Admissions or their program directors.

The Student Health Center website (https://www.canisius.edu/student-experience/student-support-services/student-health/) 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 21 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/).

**Student Life (Student Involvement)**

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 (https://www.canisius.edu/student-experience/student-life-and-housing/student-involvement/clubs-and-organizations/), including the Undergraduate Student Association (USA) (https://www.canisius.edu/student-experience/student-affairs/student-life-and-housing/student-involvement/undergraduate/) 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) (https://www.canisius.edu/student-experience/student-life-and-housing/commuter-students/) 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 ([https://www.canisius.edu/student-experience/sports-athletic-facilities/club-sports/](https://www.canisius.edu/student-experience/sports-athletic-facilities/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 ([https://www.canisius.edu/student-experience/sports-athletic-facilities/intramurals/](https://www.canisius.edu/student-experience/sports-athletic-facilities/intramurals/)) and often involve team travel. Students are responsible for additional fees associated with most club sports.

**Co-ed club sports**

- Bowling
- Cheerleading and Dance
- Field hockey
- IHSA (Equestrian)
- Mixed Martial Arts
- Rifle
- Tennis
- Ultimate Frisbee

**Men’s club sports**

- Men’s Rugby
- Men’s Soccer
- Men’s Volleyball
- Men’s Ice Hockey
- Men’s Crew

**Women’s club sports**

- Women’s Soccer
- Women’s Volleyball
- Women’s Rugby

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

**New Student Orientation**

New Student Orientation is the beginning of the journey for new students that provide a welcoming, informative, and incredibly fun start to their academic careers at Canisius. The program highlights a variety of academic supports and campus resources through informational sessions and activities.

**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.

**Student Life (Housing)**

Student 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. Student 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 suites and social lounges with kitchens on alternate floors. 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 two 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-housing/](https://www.canisius.edu/student-experience/student-life-and-housing/student-housing/)).