

# Student Life

The friendly Wartburg spirit, easy to catch and impossible to forget, characterizes campus life. As a residential college, Wartburg offers a wide range of programs, activities, and services. Students participate in more than 80 campus clubs and organizations, 19 men's and women's intercollegiate athletic programs, and a number of music groups.

The college's emphasis on leadership and service is reflected in campus life, where students provide leadership for campus organizations and student government and get involved in a variety of service projects. Ethics and values shape the life of the community, and the living/learning environment supports a tradition of academic excellence.

## Residential Life

Residential life is an important part of the total educational program at Wartburg College. More than 80 percent of the student body lives on campus. Unless students reside at home, are married, have dependent children, or are over the age of 24, all students are required to live on campus.

Living on campus enhances classroom learning by providing an opportunity for students to learn more about themselves and others. Residential options include Hebron Hall (men); Vollmer and Centennial Halls (women); Clinton Hall (coed by wing); The Residence, Grossmann Hall, and Löhe Hall (special-interest housing, coed by suite); Founders Hall (coed by floor); Afton and Waverly Manors (upper-division students, coed by floor); and Knights Village (townhouse apartments for seniors). First-year students live in the Complex (Hebron, Centennial, and Vollmer Halls) or on one of the first-year floors in Clinton Hall.

Depending on building assignment and class year, students may choose from three- or four-person rooms, double-occupancy rooms, suite-style arrangements, townhouse living, and a limited number of single rooms. Professional and peer advisers assist students in achieving a living environment that complements the classroom experience, encourages positive, healthy relationships, and promotes personal growth. Residence halls close during major college vacation periods. Students whose homes are 500 or more miles from campus may remain on campus with permission and/or by paying a small fee, but they may be required to move to another building during the break.

### Meals

Students who live on campus dine in the Saemann Student Center. The Mensa Dining Hall serves three meals a day, Monday through Saturday, and two meals on Sunday. Four meal plans are available to upperclass students. The Den, a snack bar on the ground floor, serves sandwiches and other quick food items. On weekdays, students may transfer meal credits from the Mensa to the Den with a one-day advance notice. The Student Center Council helps plan menus, candlelight dinners, and health and diet programs.

### Student Health

Good health and healthy habits are primary goals of the Wartburg Health and Wellness Center, located in Old Main. Students trained as peer health

educators and the Student Health Awareness Committee plan and facilitate programs that include blood pressure screenings, health fairs, sexuality, AIDS education, and nutrition awareness.

A registered nurse directs and coordinates health consultation and education, treatment, and referral to physicians at a local clinic. Health services are available to all students who pay the student activity fee and submit a completed Wartburg health record, which includes verification of immunity to communicable diseases. New students must submit this record prior to moving into the residence halls. Because the college health plan does not cover hospitalization or emergency room services, personal health insurance coverage is strongly recommended.

### Alcohol and Other Illegal Drug Policies

The Drug-Free School and Communities Act Amendments of 1989, Public Law 101-226, requires that the college notify students and employees about campus policies, legal sanctions, and programs. Wartburg College students are expected to be positive, contributing members of the campus community. The possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs contradicts that commitment to community. Illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia are not permitted on the Wartburg campus. The college will cooperate with law enforcement agencies to enforce those laws. Violations of this college policy are considered serious, and sanctions can include dismissal from the college. Students who have attained the legal drinking age of 21 may possess or consume alcoholic beverages in their private living quarters. Alcohol may not be provided to students or guests under the age of 21.

### Motor Vehicles

Students may have motor vehicles, but the vehicles must be registered with the Security Office and parked in assigned college lots.

For further information about standards of conduct, legal sanctions, educational programs, or counseling and treatment opportunities, contact the Student Life Office or consult the Wartburg College *Student Handbook*.

### Responsibilities of Students

Students are expected to assume responsibility for their conduct and for making full use of educational opportunities. They are expected to observe established standards for scholarship, conduct, and campus life. Some standards exist because the college is part of a larger community governed by federal and state legislation. Other standards are unique to Wartburg and support an environment conducive to the learning and nurturing of Christian values. It is especially important that students observe academic honesty and integrity as described in the Wartburg College Honor Code.

### The Wartburg College Honor Code

As a matter of personal commitment, students, faculty, and staff of Wartburg College are expected to demonstrate four simple principles:

1. Submit only work that is your own.
2. When using the ideas of others, give full credit through accurate citations.
3. Ask for clarification if you are uncertain about the rules of citation on a particular assignment.
4. Maintain academic honesty on examinations and class assignments.

All are responsible for abiding by these guidelines and opposing academic dishonesty by reporting any act that goes against these guidelines.

When evidence of dishonesty is discovered, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. The Wartburg College *Student Handbook* outlines standards of conduct and regulations governing student life. Copies are available from the Student Life Office.

## Religious Life

As a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Wartburg views the religious dimension of life as crucial and believes that an education is not complete unless it deals with deeper issues of faith and life. Religious life at Wartburg celebrates both the unique heritage of the Lutheran tradition and the variety of peoples and faiths that come together on the campus. Wartburg welcomes students of all faiths and offers many avenues for worship, study, fellowship, service, and outreach.

The Wartburg Chapel serves as the center for campus worship and houses the offices of the campus pastors and Campus Ministry organizations. Morning chapel services, led by faculty, staff, students, and the college pastors, meet three times a week. A midweek eucharistic service is celebrated on Wednesday evenings. Sunday morning services offer both contemporary and traditional worship formats.

Waverly churches, including Lutheran, Catholic, Methodist, Episcopal, United Church of Christ, Baptist, Open Bible, Vineyard, and Church of the Nazarene, also welcome Wartburg students. Students plan an annual Spiritual Emphasis Week that highlights spiritual life on campus through worship services, special activities, and musical events. Campus Ministry organizations include Adopt-a-Grandparent, an outreach to the elderly; Catholic Knights; Faith Alive, an outreach ministry to churches; a worship and arts group; Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Amnesty International; Habitat for Humanity; and Spiritsong, a ministry of song and devotion.

The college pastors provide leadership in worship, counseling, and the teaching ministries, drawing upon the rich resources of the Wartburg/Waverly community.

## Activities

Student groups, with the assistance of professional staff, offer a wide variety of social activities. Comedy and variety entertainers, coffeehouses, dances, social activities, and special events that include Homecoming and Outfly are scheduled throughout the year.

### **Cultural Events, Convocations**

The Wartburg College Artist Series brings outstanding programs of music, drama, and dance to the campus community. Admission to Artist Series programs is free for students.

The Convocation Series offers speakers on a variety of academic, artistic, political, and social issues. Programs are generally scheduled on Tuesday mornings during a community time that is built into the academic schedule. Convocations are free and open to the public.

Wartburg regularly schedules extended visits by distinguished speakers or scholars-in-residence, who conduct classes and seminars, lead discussions, present lectures, and interact with students.

Further enhancing the campus cultural life are recitals and concerts by students, faculty, college music groups, and guest performers. The Wartburg Players present drama productions. The Waldemar A. Schmidt Art Gallery in the Fine Arts Center offers a series of touring art exhibits throughout the year and also displays the work of students and faculty. Student organizations, including the International Club, Black Student Union, and the Cultural Awareness Organization, sponsor a variety of cultural events throughout the academic year.

### **Publications, Broadcasting**

The opportunity to get hands-on experience in publications or broadcasting is open to all students through several campus groups.

**KWAR** Student-operated stereo FM radio station, 89.1 mhz, broadcasting

to a 30-mile listening radius locally and on the World Wide Web

**WARTBURG TELEVISION** Student-produced programming telecast to the college and community via cable access channel 8

**THE CASTLE** Student-produced literary magazine

**THE FORTRESS** Student-compiled yearbook

**THE WARTBURG TRUMPET** Weekly newspaper written and edited by a student staff

**THE WARTBURG TRUMPET ONLINE** Electronic version of the weekly newspaper accessed through the Wartburg Web site

### **Music Organizations**

Music is an integral part of campus life at Wartburg, and the college is known for the quality of its performing groups. The Wartburg Choir, Castle Singers, and Wind Ensemble make annual concert tours in the United States and travel abroad every three years during May Term.

**CASTLE SINGERS** perform vocal jazz; selected by audition; next international tour in 2009.

**CHAPEL CHOIR** provides leadership for campus worship.

**GOSPEL CHOIR** performs traditional and contemporary gospel music on campus and in the area.

**KNIGHTLITERS JAZZ BAND** presents concerts on campus and in the Waverly area.

**PEP BAND** performs at athletic events; led by a student director.

**RITTERCHOR** performs men's choral literature.

**ST. ELIZABETH CHORALE** performs women's choral literature.

**SYMPHONIC BAND** performs standard classical and contemporary band literature.

**WARTBURG CHOIR** sings a *cappella* sacred music and spirituals; selected by audition; has appeared twice at New York City's Carnegie Hall; next international tour in 2008.

**WARTBURG COMMUNITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** presents a five-concert season; comprised of students, area residents, and professional musicians; entertained on one-week Caribbean cruises in 1996 and 1998.

**WIND ENSEMBLE** performs standard classical and contemporary band literature; selected by audition; next tour abroad in 2007.

### **Recreation, Athletics**

Approximately 75 percent of Wartburg students are involved in intramural and/or collegiate athletic programs.

**RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES** A new Wartburg-Waverly Sports and Wellness Center will open on the Wartburg campus in the fall of 2007. It will offer fitness and recreational facilities for students and the community, including an indoor aquatic center.

Near campus, students enjoy biking and jogging along Cedar Lane and the Waverly Rail Trail, hiking the trails of Three Rivers Pond and Cedar Bend Park, and boating, canoeing, fishing, and water skiing on the Cedar River. Waverly has an outdoor swimming pool, two 18-hole golf courses, a golf driving range, a bowling alley, and a three-screen movie theatre.

**INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS** Wartburg competes in the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (IIAC). Other colleges in the conference are Buena Vista, Central, Coe, Cornell, Dubuque, Loras, Luther, and Simpson. As a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association

(NCAA), Division III, Wartburg does not award athletic scholarships. Men compete in intercollegiate baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, tennis, indoor and outdoor track and field, and wrestling. Women compete in intercollegiate basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, indoor and outdoor track and field, and volleyball. The Wartburg wrestling team won the NCAA Division III national championship in 1996, 1999, 2003, 2004, and 2006. The women's track and field team won the NCAA Division III national outdoor championship in 2005. Intercollegiate athletics are supported through the Lowell Walker Endowed Athletic Directorship.

**INTRAMURAL ATHLETICS** Students, faculty, and staff can participate in competitive and non-competitive sports and activities through Wartburg's intramural program. The intramural director works with students and the Athletic Department to plan a wide variety of programs and special events. Activities coordinated by the Intramural Office include three- and five-person basketball, indoor and outdoor volleyball, softball, racquetball, Frisbee golf, road races, badminton, tennis, golf, and ultimate Frisbee.

**RECREATIONAL GROUPS** Students are also involved in special-interest recreational groups that include Cheerleading, Cycling Club, Karate Club, Fitness Club, Women's Rugby, and Dance Team.

## Student Life Services

### *Student Diversity Programs and Services*

Wartburg is committed to enrolling and graduating American-ethnic students. The Student Diversity Programs and Services Office develops and promotes multicultural programming and activities that lead to an understanding and appreciation of differences.

The director provides academic, social, and personal advisory support to American-ethnic students. The director also serves as adviser to the Cultural Awareness Organization and the Black Student Union. The organizations promote cultural diversity on campus by sponsoring social events, educational forums, and community service projects.

The nearby Waterloo metropolitan area has the largest American-ethnic population of any city in Iowa, offering opportunities for interaction between Wartburg students and Waterloo groups. American-ethnic students also receive support from alumni. A Diversity National Advisory Board meets on campus to maintain rapport with students and respond to their needs. The committee works to improve recruitment and retention of minority faculty and administrative staff, who serve as role models for students.

### *International Student Programs*

Wartburg College welcomes international students. Students from more than 35 countries provide a valued international dimension to the campus community. The International Programs Office, located in the Saemann Student Center, offers support through orientation, personal and academic counseling, preparation of government reporting documents, and connections with local International Friendship Hosts. The Director of International Programs also serves as sponsor for the International Club and International Fellows delegates who represent Wartburg College in intercollegiate events. English language evaluation and intensive English training are coordinated through this office. The International Programs Office also supports and promotes events and workshops to facilitate intercultural and international training and understanding. The office serves as a liaison for international students on and off campus.