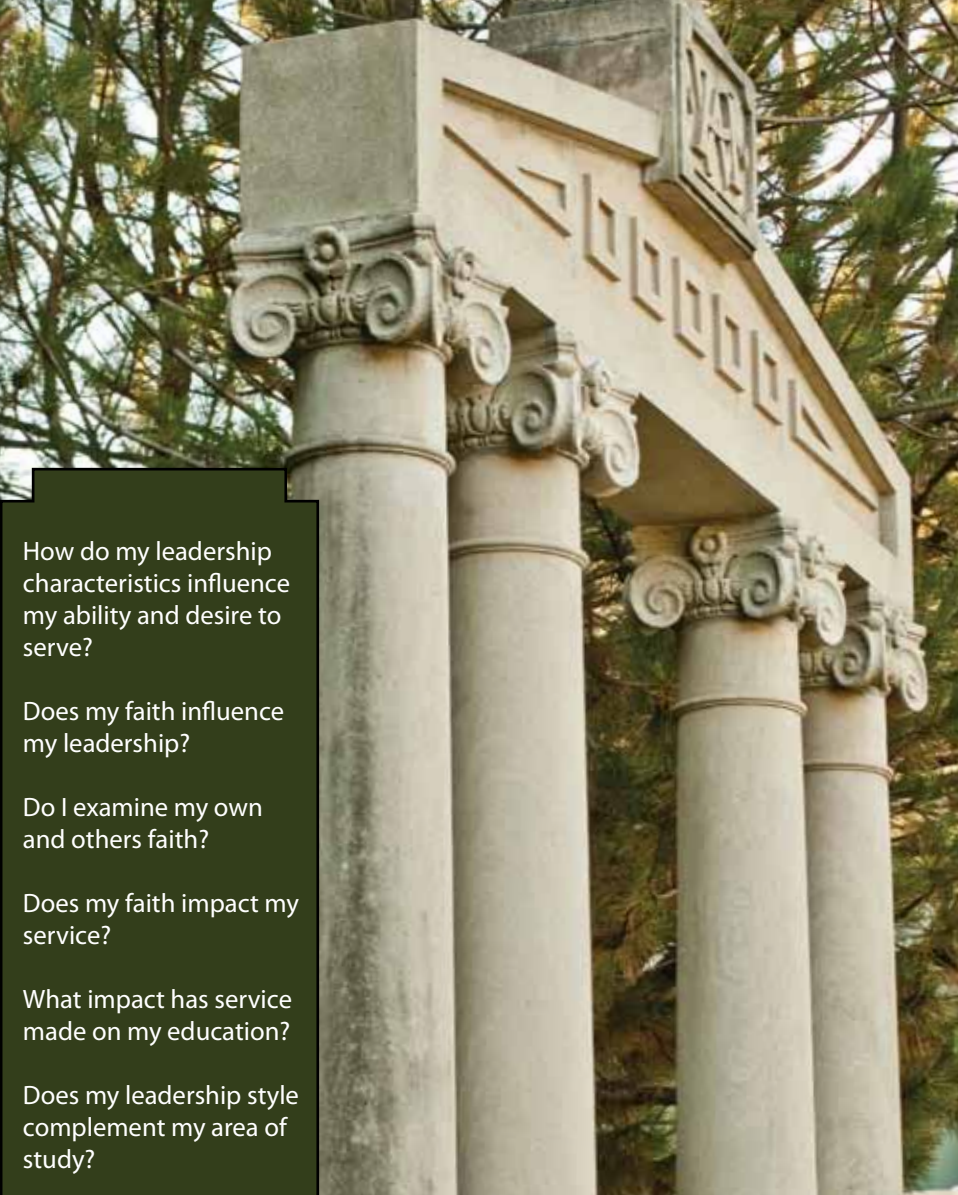


# Leadership • Service • Faith • Learning



How do my leadership characteristics influence my ability and desire to serve?

Does my faith influence my leadership?

Do I examine my own and others faith?

Does my faith impact my service?

What impact has service made on my education?

Does my leadership style complement my area of study?





RESIDENTIAL LIFE

Discover Your Calling!

Dear Student,

At Wartburg College, your education doesn't stop at the classroom door: It continues from the classroom onto the campus, the surrounding communities, and into the world. This handbook gives you a moment to consider your goals as you attend events and join clubs and organizations. Leadership, Service, Faith, and Learning are the pillars of our mission statement. Each section starts with some questions to help you reflect on your growth in developing these strengths. Some of the clubs, organizations, and programs that can help you develop these qualities are listed in the next sections.

Wartburg College offers a co-curricular record that we update for you at the end of each year. This can be a useful planning tool and an adjunct to your resume and academic transcript. Come into the Student Life Office to find out more. Visit with your academic adviser, the residence life and student activities staff, or the Pathways staff, and call or email the club advisers listed in the handbook for more information.

We hope your Wartburg experience will be fun, interesting, and challenging. This handbook offers another way for you to benefit from the many opportunities Wartburg College has to offer as you deepen your understanding of who you are and where your Wartburg experience may lead you.

Sincerely,

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and Dean of Students

# ***Leadership***

At Wartburg, leadership is defined as “taking responsibility for our communities and making them better through public action.” There are many opportunities available to you as a student here that give you a chance to grow into leadership roles and make an impact on campus and in your community. Through co-curricular involvement, you learn more about working with others, budgets, and developing events and programs. You confront differences in ideas and opinions, encounter different experiences that can help you determine your calling as well as simply getting the opportunity to socialize with others.

What has been my most significant leadership experience to date?

How has service played a role in my leadership development?

In what ways do I make the community better?

What skills or abilities have I gained or want to gain from being a leader?

## ***Leadership Activities to Engage in could include ...***

### **Leadership Certificate Program** — <http://www.wartburg.edu/leadership>

“Taking responsibility for our communities and making them better through public action.” The Leadership Certificate Program (LCP) provides formal opportunities and acknowledges efforts by Wartburg College students to demonstrate and reflect upon the Wartburg definition of leadership. Students completing the requirements for the Leadership Certificate graduate with a minor in Leadership Education.

### **Student Employment Opportunities** — <http://www.wartburg.edu/jobs>

As a student-employee, you will find that working on-campus can be a meaningful part of your educational experience. You will develop communication skills, meet new people, gain practical work experience, and earn money.

### **Become a Resident Assistant** — Visit with your RA or RHD.

RAs come back to campus before the academic year begins to receive training, attend weekly meetings, hold floor programs, develop community building activities and floor meetings, and ensure that all Wartburg policies are being upheld by their fellow students.

### **Become an Orange Excel Staffer** — Visit the campus programming director.

OE members are hired and trained to enhance the experience of incoming students. OE leaders manage the Orange Exceleration program during the opening days of the academic year. They have the opportunity to work with faculty, staff, and new students.

### **Attend Leadership Conferences** — [www.iacampuscompact.org/iugo.html](http://www.iacampuscompact.org/iugo.html)

Visit with your academic adviser, faculty, and staff in areas of interest to learn about conference opportunities. The IUGO Conference is an opportunity to gain networking with student leaders from other campus, prepare and perform conference presentations, and be on the cutting edge of new leadership initiatives.

### **Join /Develop a Club or Organization** — [www.wartburg.edu/orgs](http://www.wartburg.edu/orgs)

Being a part of a club and organization and taking leadership roles within those groups are great ways to enhance your leadership skills. You will work with budgets, manage personnel, and engage in important decisionmaking.

# *Service*

Service is an integral part of a Wartburg education. Through academic service-learning initiatives and co-curricular volunteering and service opportunities, Wartburg recognizes that service is both a pathway to vocation and the heart of vocation itself. Service is an opportunity to discover your strengths, passions, and the variety of ways that the call may be expressed in work or in communities.

How have I served the Wartburg community, the Waverly community and my home community?

How has service impacted my time at Wartburg?

Why do I choose to serve?

How do I define service?

What coursework integrated faith into the curriculum and how did that impact my education?

## ***Service opportunities to engage in could include ...***

### **Participate in a Service Trip — <http://www.wartburg.edu/servicetrips>**

More than 15% of Wartburg's student body participates in service trips. These trips are dedicated to providing opportunities that actively engage participants with communities through service, reflection, and learning. Our vision is to inspire participants to create social change by leading lives of continual learning and service.

### **Involve yourself in St. Elizabeth Week —**

St. Elizabeth Week honors Elizabeth of Hungary, who lived at the Wartburg Castle in Eisenach, Germany, during the 13th century. The wife of a Thuringian landgrave, she carried on an active ministry to the poor and sick during her years at the castle. After her husband's death, she became Germany's first female Franciscan nun and was canonized in 1235. The Wartburg social work department refers to St. Elizabeth as Wartburg's first social worker. Engage in service opportunities offered during St. Lizzy's Week.

### **Be aware and Involved in the VAC — <http://www.wartburg.edu/vac>**

The Volunteer Action Center is a student-run organization committed to inspiring students to form a lasting bond with the communities in their lives, while learning and living out the value and importance of serving others.

### **Make it a Day/Week On-Not Off: MLK Week —**

Numerous activities, service opportunities, speakers, and events will be held during MLK Week unifying the Wartburg community. Enjoy special chapel services, volunteer for service opportunities, attend a reflection walk, and don't miss out on the Unity Celebration.

### **Holiday Shoppe — <http://www.wartburg.edu/socwork/activities.html>**

Holiday Shoppe is an activity that the Social Work Club has done annually for nearly two decades. Every year the club raises funds for families on public assistance in Bremer County during Christmastime.

### **"The Res" Service Projects — [www.wartburg.edu/reslife/learning.html](http://www.wartburg.edu/reslife/learning.html)**

Join a residential community dedicated to serving others. Give six to 10 hours per month serving community partners and live in a like-minded environment. Reflection is a main focus of this program.

# ***Faith***

Faith at Wartburg goes much deeper than just defining one's religious identity. Discovering and exploring faith at Wartburg requires individuals to take a long look at their beliefs, morals, values, and truths. It challenges you to ask "why" and "how" questions so that through questioning one's faith you are able to find a deeper and more meaningful definition of what "faith" means to you.

What is my definition of faith?

How has my faith been challenged and/or reaffirmed?

What questions was/am I afraid to ask regarding my faith?

How would I describe my faith journey?

## ***Faith Opportunities to Engage in could include...***

### **Attend Chapel** — [www.wartburg.edu/campusministry/worship.html](http://www.wartburg.edu/campusministry/worship.html)

A 20-minute opportunity for worship and reflection. Senior students, faculty, staff, and pastors lead chapels. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:15 to 10:35 a.m.

### **Go to Eucharist** — [www.wartburg.edu/campusministry/worship.html](http://www.wartburg.edu/campusministry/worship.html)

Gather with friends for a lively celebration of God's grace around the communion table. You never know what to expect — drama, dance, evening prayer, camp songs, or request nights. Eucharist is a time for enthusiastic singing, quiet reflection, shared prayer and personal faith renewal. Eucharist is led and planned by students and messages are most often given by students or student groups.

### **Are you a Dancer? Then Psalm 149 may be for you.** —

<http://www.wartburg.edu/campusministry/groups.html>

Psalm 149 is a great way to express your faith through dance. This group performs both on campus and in congregations. There are many different Faith Expression Groups on campus to consider joining.

### **Feed My Starving Children** —

The Wartburg Feed My Starving Children pack event began in March 2008. It is hands-on and has a great educational component. Because 18,000 children die from hunger every day, Feed My Starving Children, a Christian organization, sends nutritional meals to children in 67 countries. You have an opportunity to help. Watch for publicity during Winter Term.

### **Utilize Peer Helpers** — [www.wartburg.edu/campusministry/sew.html](http://www.wartburg.edu/campusministry/sew.html)

Some would call it a “pastoral care” program. Its goal is to help build a deeper, broader, and more supportive community. Peer Helpers equips students to put their faith into action as they commit to reach out to their peers with careful listening, caring actions, consistent hospitality, and skilled communication. You can either seek out Peer Helpers to visit or consider becoming a Peer Helper yourself.

### **Get involved in your Hall** — Faith Programming by Res. Life

Resident Assistants will carry out programs and activities surrounding faith. Consider attending these programs as a way to get to know others in the residential community and learn more about questions surrounding spirituality and faith.

# ***Learning***

Learning occurs in many different capacities at Wartburg College. Both curricular and co-curricular learning helps shape your experience. In addition to the curriculum, traveling domestically and abroad, experiential and service learning, undergraduate research, close work with faculty and staff, programming in the residence halls, working within student organizations, and being a member of our diverse community will help shape your learning experience. Wartburg believes strongly in educating the whole person, and curricular and co-curricular experiences will help develop each student holistically.

How are curricular and co-curricular experiences at Wartburg enhancing my knowledge and education?

What do I hope to learn while at Wartburg College? What will I engage in to meet those goals?

What have I learned about myself and others? What is my worldview?

In what ways do/will I reflect about my Wartburg experience? How often?

What have been the most influential experiences thus far that have contributed to my growth?

How will what I've learned at Wartburg College impact me after college?

## ***Learning Opportunities to Engage in could include ...***

**Improve your Writing, Reading, and Speaking** — <http://www.wartburg.edu/pathways/wrsl.html>

The Writing, Reading, Speaking Lab is located in the Pathways Center on the third floor of the Vogel Library. Specially trained peer consultants are available to help students improve their writing, reading, and speaking skills as they transition to college-level academics.

**What is your Vocation?** — <http://www.wartburg.edu/careers>

Get involved in Career Services for “major” direction, career resources, Senior Year Experience, and more. Career Services is in the Pathways Center on the third floor of the Vogel Library.

**Want to get more from your classes? Supplemental Instruction** — <http://www.wartburg.edu/pathways/si.html>

The Supplemental Instruction Program offers regularly scheduled, out-of-class sessions in targeted academic courses. The sessions are open to all students enrolled in the course, and attendance is voluntary. Participants compare notes, discuss ideas, develop organizational tools, and predict test items. The sessions are led by students who have successfully completed the courses and taken special SI training.

**Attend Convocation** — <http://www.wartburg.edu/convo>

Take part as an audience member, question and learn from some amazing leaders, authors, storytellers, and influential people both within and outside the Wartburg community. Convocations are held four times per year and lead to great conversation and debate among students, faculty and staff and enhance personal intellectual development outside of the classroom.

**News! Student Media** — [www.wartburg.edu/catalog/commartsprog.pdf](http://www.wartburg.edu/catalog/commartsprog.pdf)

Get involved with KWAR-FM radio, Wartburg TV, The Circuit, the *Wartburg Trumpet*, *The Castle*, Wartburg Players, Tower Agency, and the Forensics team. All are fantastic opportunities to enhance your communication skills and learning.

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