ACADEMIC AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Community, Equity and Diversity

For information and resources on ways that UNH invites a diversity of experiences to its learning community, visit: https://www.unh.edu/inclusive/ as well as the four President’s Commissions websites as described below. Faculty, staff, and student volunteer commission members are appointed each year by the president to advocate for improvement of UNH policies and practices that create inclusive curricula and welcoming classroom, living, and work environments for all.

In addition, each year, one graduate student is selected to serve on the Community, Equity and Diversity Advisory Council to monitor and assess the progress of the commissions.

INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE INITIATIVES

Through educational programming, staff training opportunities, and academic research, our goal is to make the University of New Hampshire a more diverse, respectful community, one that communicates to all of its members that they are respected and that their contributions are valued.

COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE

Diversity is a community value at the University of New Hampshire. We are committed to supporting and sustaining an educational community that is inclusive, diverse, and equitable. The values of diversity, inclusion, and equity are inextricably linked to our mission of teaching and research excellence, and we embrace these values as being critical to development, learning, and success. We expect nothing less than an accessible, multicultural community in which civility and respect are fostered, and discrimination and harassment are not tolerated. We will ensure that underrepresented groups and those who experience systemic inequity will have equal opportunities and feel welcome on our campus. We accept the responsibility of teaching and learning in a diverse democracy where social justice serves as a bridge between a quality liberal education and civic engagement.

President’s Commissions

https://www.unh.edu/inclusive/presidents-commissions

The commissions work with other organizations, individuals, offices/ departments, and administrative groups at UNH to recommend policies and programs that promote diversity of culture, curriculum and ideas among students, staff and administration at UNH. The commissions provide a forum for discussion and assessment of diversity and inclusion related issues and opportunities that are relevant to the campus community. Each commission is comprised of staff, students, faculty and community member volunteers who meet monthly.

PRESIDENT’S COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER PEOPLE (LGBTQ+)

The UNH President’s Commission on the Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender People (LGBTQ+) facilitates the development of a University community that is equitable and inclusive of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions.

PRESIDENT’S COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF PEOPLE OF COLOR

The UNH President’s Commission on the Status of People of Color proposes, recommends, and evaluates programs, policies, and services aimed at fostering diversity on campus and ensuring a campus climate in support of people from under represented groups.

PRESIDENT’S COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The President’s Commission on the Status of People with Disabilities is to promote empowerment and inclusion of students, faculty, staff, and guests with disabilities and to develop universal access for a diverse group that includes individuals with visible and nonvisible disabilities. The commission provides a forum for discussion of disability-related issues relevant for the campus and larger community.

PRESIDENT’S COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

The UNH President’s Commission on the Status of Women creates equal employment and educational opportunities, through policy, advocacy, and education, in its promotion of an environment free of sexism and discrimination.

Commuter and Non Traditional Student Services

Commuter & Non-Traditional Student Services at the University of New Hampshire is here to help you get the most out of your college experience. Whether you are a commuter, non-traditional, military-connected, or graduate student, our primary goals include helping you stay informed, connecting you to valuable resources, and supporting you through targeted programming.

For more information call (603) 862-0303 or visit https://www.unh.edu/mub/commuter-services.

Health and Wellness

The University has a nationally accredited health and wellness program. https://www.unh.edu/health/

MEDICAL SERVICES

Health Services provides comprehensive, student-focused, primary medical care through a team approach. The clinical staff consists of board-certified physicians, physician assistant, nurse practitioners, nurses, and medical assistants who are committed to prevention and holistic care. Primary medical care is provided for a large variety of common concerns. https://www.unh.edu/health-services/services

OFFICE OF HEALTH EDUCATION AND PROMOTION

The Office of Health Education and Promotion coordinates health promotion activities on campus. Services provided include educational programs/workshops, individual and group health counseling, and support to promote healthy lifestyle choices. https://www.unh.edu/health-services/chep

STUDENT HEALTH BENEFITS PLAN

Health insurance is required as a condition of enrollment for full-time degree students at the University of New Hampshire. Some students have the option of waiving this requirement if they present proof of adequate coverage; alternatively, students can acquire an affordable health benefits plan sponsored by the University. For more information
about the University’s Student Health Benefits Plan, visit https://www.unh.edu/health/shbp.

**IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT**

Health Services requires proof of two Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccinations prior to attendance. Any student failing to complete this requirement may not be cleared to register for future classes. For more information on the requirement and completion of the online health form, visit https://www.unh.edu/health-services/incomingstudents

**Information Technology (IT)**

UNH Information Technology delivers networking and communications infrastructure, as well as provides IT services that support students, faculty & staff with learning & research. For a complete list of services and to learn more visit the UNH IT Service Catalog (https://www.unh.edu/it/services). For information on how to use the services, visit the Self-Help Knowledge Base (http://unh.edu/it/kb). For more information call (603)862-4242 or visit https://www.unh.edu/it.

**International Students and Scholars**

The Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) provides services to international students, faculty, staff and exchange scholars covering a broad spectrum, which begin before the international visitor arrives on campus and continue past the completion of their program. These include: Preparation of eligibility documents for visa issuance along with pre-arrival instructions and information; preparation of applications to U.S. immigration offices to secure appropriate work authorization for international faculty and staff; in-depth orientation programs for new students and scholars, covering a variety of issues such as immigration rights and responsibilities, adjusting to life in another culture, working in the U.S., adapting to the U.S. educational system, area attractions and services and much more; a variety of workshops and seminars such as immigration and employment workshops and career orientation seminars.

All international students are encouraged to maintain contact with the OISS and are required by law to report changes of address, academic program, or source of educational funds.

OISS also serves as a liaison between international students, faculty and staff and various other UNH offices and departments. For more information visit https://www.unh.edu/global/international-students or call (603) 862-1288.

**Center for International Education and Global Engagement**

https://www.unh.edu/global/about

The Center for International Education’s mission is to promote and facilitate global learning and responsible world citizenship. The center helps UNH students, faculty, and New Hampshire citizens gain international knowledge and experience in order to better understand the complexities of world affairs and effectively respond to the global issues affecting their lives and livelihood. International knowledge, intercultural competence, and global preparedness are at the core of CIE’s mission. CIE achieves its mission through its support of the Report of the President’s Panel on Internationalizing UNH and through the following programmatic activities:

- **International Affairs Dual Major**
- **To help students of every major develop critical global understanding, foreign language competency, and international experience**

**Study Abroad**

For a new perspective and valuable first-hand experience in countries around the world

**Scholarship Opportunities**

To make direct international learning available to students with financial need

**N.H. International Seminars**

By eminent UNH and visiting scholars to engage the community on important international issue

**Faculty Development**

To support faculty to explore research and collaborations abroad to enrich classroom teaching and the UNH community

**Library**

The UNH Library consists of the main Dimond Library and three branch libraries specializing in chemistry (Parsons Hall), physics (DeMeritt Hall), and computer science, mathematics, and engineering (Kingsbury Hall) and a natural science resource center located on Level Two in Dimond. All science libraries have reserve materials, reference and circulating collections, periodicals, and electronic resources specific to their fields.

The Dimond Library offers seating for 1,200, three grand (quiet study) reading rooms, The Connors Writing center, Zeke’s Café, and the Dimond Academic Commons (DAC) which is a “one-stop shop” for information needs including reference assistance, IT help, rich media equipment (with video and audio equipment to borrow), collaborative work spaces, computers, workstations, and laptops that can be borrowed for use in the Library. High-speed Wi-Fi is available throughout the building. Group study rooms can be reserved for groups of four to thirty.

In addition to more than a million volumes and access to 50,000 periodical subscriptions, the library has extensive collections of government documents, maps, sound recordings, CDs, videos, DVDs, and a Special Collections and Archives section with rare books, manuscripts, and University publications and papers. The UNH Library offers extensive electronic resources including Refworks, e-books, digital collections, indexes in many subject areas, statistical data sets, and databases supplying full-text periodical and newspaper articles. Library faculty and staff provide expert service to people seeking information or research assistance. Graduate students have additional privileges including access to recently renovated graduate carrels in room 441 on Level Four (please visit the Circulation Desk for the code) and extended borrowing. Graduate carrels have soft seating, individual study carrels, lockers, and Wi-Fi.

Through the UNH Library’s membership in the Boston Library Consortium (BLC), UNH community members are entitled to visit any of the other 17 research institutions (including MIT, Tufts, Williams, and Wellesley) or request material through a virtual catalog from a combined collection totaling more than 34 million volumes. Requestors will be notified by e-mail when the material arrives. In addition, journal articles and books not available on site or through the BLC can be delivered from libraries worldwide through interlibrary loan. Most journal articles are received within 24 hours. The UNH Library is a member of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts; free passes are available at the Circulation Desk.
Military & Veteran Services

The mission of Military & Veteran Services is to provide the highest quality service and support to Student Veterans, Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve Members, and their families who may attend UNH as their dependents, as outlined in the Principles of Excellence (http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/principles_of_excellence.asp) and The 8 Keys of Success (https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2470).

Military and Veteran Services (MVS) is the primary support (benefit, academic, personal or social) office for any military connected student. We are also the first line resource within the university community for information about educational benefits offered to support all military connected students. We also play a central role on campus in educating and raising awareness within the university community and beyond with all issues related to the success of each of the military connected students at UNH.

For more information call (603) 862-0643, visit www.unh.edu/veterans (http://www.unh.edu/veterans) or e-mail UNH.Veterans@unh.edu.

Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (OMSA)

OMSA creates opportunities for people to participate in an inclusive community and to explore and understand diversity, social justice, inclusion, and equity via educational presentations, workshops, professional development and leadership opportunities, retreats, brown-bag discussions, etc. We serve all members of the UNH community through these various opportunities and beyond.

Our work is grounded in an understanding of diversity that includes people of all abilities, ages, ethnicities, genders, nationalities, races, religions, spiritual traditions, socio-economic classes, and sexual orientations.

Providing support, advising, advocacy, and student development for African American/Black/African/Caribbean, Hispanic/Latino/a, Asian/Asian American/Pacific Islanders, Native American/Indigenous/First Nations, Arab/Middle Eastern/Middle Eastern American, Biracial/Multiracial students, and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning students, and First Generation College Students, as well as Ally students is at the heart of our work. For more information, please visit: www.unh.edu/omsa (https://www.unh.edu/omsa).

Office of Student Involvement and Leadership (OSIL)

The Office of Student Involvement & Leadership (OSIL) is the nucleus for student involvement at UNH. Working collaboratively with the MUB, the Office of Student Involvement & Leadership provides programs, resources and opportunities that promote student involvement in ways that positively affect the learning, growth and development of each student, while enhancing the quality of life at UNH and the greater community.

Primarily comprised of Commuter & Non-Traditional Student Services, Fraternity & Sorority Life, Leadership Programs, Student Activity Fee Office, and Student Organizations. For more information, please visit: https://www.unh.edu/mub/involvement-leadership.

Psychological and Counseling Services

Psychological and Counseling Services is the primary mental health facility on campus. We offer a variety of services that are designed to enhance students’ ability to fully benefit from the University environment and academic experience. This includes providing counseling and therapy for students who may be experiencing situational or ongoing psychological difficulties, providing programming to meet the developmental needs of the student population, and encouraging a University atmosphere conducive to personal and intellectual growth as well as psychological well-being. We are fully funded by student fees. An intake appointment is available to all students who have paid the js/cc fee. Ongoing services are a clinical decision.

The staff at the University of New Hampshire Psychological and Counseling Services believes that our role in a university setting is multifaceted. We see ourselves as specialists in developmental, clinical/remedial and preventative interventions with young adults and non-traditional age college students. As counselors, we facilitate student’s further development of their strengths so that they can overcome their challenges.

We also aim to serve the community while being part of the community. As community members with specialized training in work with the university population, we are knowledgeable about the special needs of students, faculty, staff, and the systems of which we are a part. A large part of our community work focuses on prevention; we believe that increased awareness of healthy ways to cope with stress can help the UNH community and its individual members achieve their professional and personal goals.

All information about a student’s visits to the Counseling Center is confidential and cannot be released without the written permission of the student. The University of New Hampshire Psychological and Counseling Services has been accredited by the International Association of Counseling Services since 1978.

For more information, call (603) 862-2090 or visit http://www.unh.edu/pacs.

Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention Program (SHARPP)

The Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention Program (SHARPP) is a crisis intervention center dedicated to providing free and confidential services for all members of the University community. SHARPP operates a 24-hour support line as well as in-person and online advocacy services to respond to the needs of survivors of sexual assault, sexual harassment, childhood sexual abuse, relationship abuse, and stalking. SHARPP also provides support and crisis services for those who are impacted by abuse experienced by someone they are close to. Additionally, SHARPP presents a wide range of educational programs to the University community and serves as a campuswide resource on issues relating to sexual and relationship violence. For more information about SHARPP, please visit www.unh.edu/sharpp (https://www.unh.edu/sharpp).

Student Accessibility Services

Student Accessibility Services (SAS) (formerly Disability Services for Students) is committed to establishing a community that ensures full participation for students, and providing assistance that will facilitate independence and academic progress. The office is responsible for determining and ensuring academic and housing accommodations. In
addition, we are a source of information and referral; a resource and collaborative partner for the campus community; and a point of support and advocacy regarding access issues in general.

Self-identifying with SAS is the first step in both gathering useful information—what SAS offers and what other resources exist—and establishing accommodations. You will need to provide documentation, make an appointment to review/discuss it, and identify appropriate accommodations. Creating a faculty accommodation letter is part of that process. Please see the Documentation Guidelines for direction on what to provide. If you are unsure, submit/bring whatever you may have so we can review and evaluate it.

There is no deadline to make contact, complete an intake, or provide documentation. The process of identifying and determining accommodations is an ongoing conversation. Students should provide additional documentation and/or talk with SAS as concerns and needs arise, or as the condition of the disability changes.

For more information call (603) 862-2607 (voice), 711 (TTY) or 800-735-2964 (Relay NH); (603) 862-4043 (fax); e-mail SAS.office@unh.edu (SAS.office@unh.edu?subject=SAS webpage inquiry); or visit http://www.unh.edu/studentaccessibility. Student Accessibility Services is located in Smith Hall, Room 201.

https://www.gradschool.unh.edu/