

# Student Involvement

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The University offers many diverse opportunities for participation in extracurricular activities and encourages the development of student interest groups and activities. The University Commons and Student Involvement Department (UCSI) coordinates all Campus Activity Board events, Homecoming activities, Argo Arrival (welcome week) events, student organization events including fraternity and sorority recruitment, and emerging leadership and community service programs. The department maintains a complete schedule of activities and is responsible for general management of the University Commons.

Involvement in extracurricular activities is a vital part of student life at the University of West Florida. The University officially recognizes over 160 registered student organizations that extend learning from the classroom into real-life situations as students learn to work in teams with diverse membership, plan events, develop budgets, promote activities, and have fun. Several organizations prepare teams and projects to participate in regional and national competitions in their fields of interest. Students may also start their own organization or student interest group by contacting the Student Involvement Office. UCSI maintains an online service called ArgoPulse (<http://uwf.edu/offices/student-organizations/>) that provides links to opportunities for student involvement.

The University also offers extracurricular activities in recreation, music, theatre, forensics, and various other organizations. In addition, there are many activities and events in which students may participate, assist, or organize. Please refer to the UCSI website at [uwf.edu/uccommons/](http://uwf.edu/uccommons/) for details and contact information.

## Intercollegiate Athletics

The intercollegiate athletic program comprises competitive teams in fifteen sports: men's teams in baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, and tennis; and women's teams in basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, and volleyball. Additional information may be found at [GoArgos.com](http://GoArgos.com) (<http://GoArgos.com>).

The Argonauts compete in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II, the Gulf South Conference (GSC), and the New South Intercollegiate Swim Conference (NSISC). Championship playoff opportunities are provided in each sport. Each team plays a full schedule of competition with schools throughout the southeastern United States. The Argonauts have won 92 total conference championships (90 GSC and two NSISC) and 26 GSC All-Sports Trophies. The Argonauts have won nine national team championships and 22 individual national championships.

The University sports facilities include a field house (1,000 capacity), twelve lighted tennis courts, a lighted baseball stadium (2,500 capacity), a lighted softball stadium (800 capacity), and a varsity soccer field (500 capacity). The Aquatic Center has an Olympic-size, heated swimming pool, with two 1M and one 3M spring boards.

## Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits discrimination based on sex and/or gender in federally funded programs or activities.

The University of West Florida does not discriminate on the basis of sex and/or gender in its educational programs or activities. The University's policies related to Title IX are the Sexual Misconduct and

Gender-Based Discrimination Policy (P-14.02-02/15 (<http://uwf.edu/offices/board-of-trustees/policies/>))("Title IX Policy") and the University Policy Prohibiting Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation (P-13.06-06/16 (<http://uwf.edu/offices/board-of-trustees/policies/>)).

In addition, most University employees (both faculty and staff) are considered Responsible University Employees under the Sexual Misconduct and Gender-Based Discrimination Policy. Responsible University Employees are defined as any employee with the authority to address student-on-student sexual misconduct, or any employee who a student may reasonably perceive to have the authority to address student-on-student sexual misconduct. Responsible University Employees are required to immediately notify the University's Title IX Coordinator in the event that a student or employee discloses any alleged sexual violence, sexual misconduct, or gender-based discrimination to him or her.

For inquiries concerning the application of Title IX and the federal regulations associated with the law, or to inquire regarding your status or responsibilities as a Responsible University Employee, please contact the Title IX Coordinator (contact information below).

Students or employees who believe that they are being discriminated against or harassed on the basis of sex and/or gender can seek advice, assistance, report incidents, and/or file complaints with any of the following individuals:

Karen Rentz, PHR  
Director of Equal Opportunity and Compliance  
Title IX Coordinator  
Building 20E  
(850) 474-2175, [krentz@uwf.edu](mailto:krentz@uwf.edu)

Brandon Frye, Ph.D  
Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students  
Deputy Title IX Coordinator  
Building 21  
(850) 474-2384, [bfrye@uwf.edu](mailto:bfrye@uwf.edu)

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Deputy Title IX Coordinator  
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Deputy Title IX Coordinator  
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Additional Information about Title IX can be obtained from the Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Department of Education. OCR's contact information is available through:

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html> or  
1-800-421-3481