The Office of Student & Community Relations (OSCR) provides resources and support to UVM students living off campus so that they will have successful experiences as both residents and renters. We work with stakeholders to make connections and build relationships that foster a shared responsibility in creating healthy, safe, and just neighborhoods.

An OSCR Practicum provides a unique opportunity to explore the intricacies of Town/Gown relations and to collaborate with both on campus as well as local city departments and organizations to improve the quality-of-life in our shared community. Join this new and exciting field of higher education and student affairs!

- Gaining experience in bringing theory to practice in Burlington’s diverse neighborhoods (Restorative Practices, Broken Windows Theory, and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) with the intent of creating healthier, safer, and more welcoming environments for all community members.
- Assisting with the “Neighborhood Grants Program” and associated community development projects within Burlington neighborhoods (e.g., creating community gardens; planning block parties; working with local schools on eco-projects; sponsoring art exhibits with local artists in the Davis Center)
- Creating and coordinating one new “Catamount Class” program with Student Life targeted at off-campus students and neighbors; these free life skills and stress relief classes are designed to create community among students and their non-student neighbors
- Assisting with the “Off Campus Living Workshops” for students transitioning to off-campus living by developing marketing strategies, organizing and carrying out tasks, and staffing the workshops
- Developing new residence hall programming in collaboration with Residential Life and the Inter Residence Association
- Participating in office programming (Babysitter Mingler, Have a Heart, Spring Move Out Project, Fraternity and Sorority Life New Member Orientation)