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UVM Honors College Student Handbook

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I. INTRODUCTION

Using this Handbook

Welcome! You will find information in this handbook on Honors College policies and procedures, the curriculum, and the University's support services for students. You can also learn about faculty members teaching Honors College courses and highlights from our history. Much of this information is also on the Honors College webpage:

<http://www.uvm.edu/~honcoll/>. Keep this Handbook as a reference you can turn to over the course of your undergraduate career. If you want to know something that is not covered here, a member of the Honors College staff will be happy to help you; our contact information appears on page 5. In fact, if you think we should add something to future editions of this handbook, feel free to give us your advice.

S. Abu Turab Rizvi
Dean

Honors College Mission

The Honors College supports the mission of the University of Vermont by providing an environment for the promotion of excellence in undergraduate scholarship and the stimulation of intellectual breadth, vigor, and responsibility throughout our university community. We share our university's commitment to diversity and cultural pluralism.

Brief History

- Honors programs at the University of Vermont have existed since the 1990s, when several colleges, schools, and departments developed special curricula, additional cultural and academic offerings, and events for their top students.
- In 1999, a Faculty Senate committee recommended that a university-wide honors program be established.
- When Daniel Mark Fogel arrived at UVM in July 2002, he made the development of the Honors College one of the top priorities for his presidency.
- By the end of 2002, the Faculty Senate and the Student Government Association had endorsed the concept of the Honors College, and the Honors College Council began meeting regularly to create the college's structure and develop the guidelines for its curriculum.
- In the spring of 2003, the Board of Trustees approved the university's development of the Honors College.
- With the approval of the campus' governance bodies, the Honors College Council forged ahead, requested proposals from the university's faculty for a first-year honors seminar and, in July 2003, named Bob Pepperman Taylor as the college's dean. Taylor, a professor of political science, had served as director of the College of Arts and Sciences' John Dewey Honors Program from 1998 to 2003, and finished his term as Honors College Dean in June 2007.

- In November 2003, after reviewing numerous proposals for the first-year seminar, the Honors College Council selected "Making Ethical Choices: Personal, Public, Professional," a course developed by Alan Wertheimer of the Political Science Department and Don Loeb of the Philosophy Department.
- In February 2004, the Faculty Senate approved the Honors College's structure and bylaws.
- In the fall of 2004, the college welcomed its first class, comprised of ninety-four first year students representing all seven undergraduate colleges and schools.
- In January 2006, the college moved into its permanent home in the beautiful new facilities at 50 University Heights, commonly referred to as University Heights North, or UNH.
- In May 2007, Bevin Cohen became the first Honors College graduate, or "Honors College Scholar", by completing all of her undergraduate and Honors College requirements. Bevin was able to accomplish this in three years.
- May 2008, the Honors College graduated its first full class of 90 Honors College Scholars.
- In July 2008, S. Abu Rizvi was appointed second Dean of the Honors College. Rizvi, an economist, served as Associate Dean and Interim Dean of the College as well as department chair of Economics and Associate Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences.
- Beginning Fall 2008, new first year students will take a new course. "The Pursuit of Knowledge: Disciplines, Universities, and Engagement", a course proposed by Joseph Acquisto of the Romance Languages Department and approved by the College's Curriculum Committee.
- In Fall 2008, 170 students comprise the Honors College class of 2012.

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II. Academic Policies and Procedures

Student Services Contacts

In addition to being a member of the Honors College, you are also a member of another college or school. The following Student Services professionals can assist you with questions about the degree requirements of these colleges and schools.

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Academic Calendar

Fall 2008

Event	Date
Labor Day Holiday	September 1
Classes Begin	September 2
Add/Drop Deadline	September 15
Last Day to Withdraw	October 31
Thanksgiving Recess	November 24-28
Classes End	December 11
Reading & Exam Period	December 12-19
Reading Days	December 13-14,17
Exam Days	Dec.12,15-16,18-19

Spring 2009

Event	Date
Classes Begin	January 12
Martin Luther King Holiday	January 19
Add/Drop Deadline	January 26
Presidents' Day Holiday	February 16
Town Meeting Day Recess	March 3
Spring Recess	March 9-13
Last Day to Withdraw	March 20
Honors Day	April 17
Classes End	April 29
Reading & Exam Period	April 30–May 8
Reading Days	4/30, May 2-3,6
Exam Days	May 1,4-5,7-8
Commencement	May 17

Enrolling in Courses

- When do you register? For the first semester at UVM, students sign up for fall classes during June Orientation. Thereafter, students enroll:
 - usually the first week of November for the Spring semester.
 - usually the first week of April for the Fall semester.
- Preparing to register: Choices about courses, instructors and class schedules should be made after careful review with your faculty advisor. When you have a tentative schedule written out and it is your time to register, register for courses using the Web by going to the Registrar's home page – <http://www.uvm.edu/~rgweb/> – click on “Student SIS Access” and follow the instructions.
- Honors students have priority registration for the next semester's classes. In addition, students will always be assured of a spot in Honors College seminars. Please note that priority does not guarantee that you will receive your first choice of the section of Honors College courses offered in any given semester. What it does mean is that you have an opportunity to register for classes before the majority of students on campus.

Requirements for Continued Membership in the Honors College

- A 3.2 GPA is required to remain in good standing in the Honors College. Students with a GPA below 3.2 are placed on academic probation and are given one semester to raise it to 3.2. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the HC.
- Students are subject to dismissal from the Honors College if they receive grades of C- or below for more than 8 credits of coursework.
- The Dean may take personal considerations into account prior to dismissal for low achievement.
- Students must make satisfactory and timely progress on the curricular requirements of the Honors College. For example, a student who is not taking required courses or who is either not eligible for or chooses not to write a senior thesis will be subject to dismissal.
- Students with an offense against academic integrity code as determined by standard University procedures, will be subject to dismissal from the Honors College.

Academic Integrity

- The University's Code of Academic Integrity tries to provide students with the opportunity "to learn, create, and share knowledge in a responsible manner. Standards of academic integrity are necessary for evaluating the quality of student work in a fair manner." Violations of academic integrity include plagiarism, fabrication, collusion, and cheating. It is the student's responsibility to know and adhere to this policy, which is found on the following webpage: http://www.uvm.edu/cses/code_ai.html.

Add/Drop

- The add/drop period extends through the first 10 days of classes. This is the time in which you can change your schedule simply via Web registration. If you decide to add a class, it is put onto your schedule and your transcript. Similarly, if you decide to drop a class, it is removed from your schedule and never shows up on your transcript. Before adding or dropping a course discuss this with your academic advisor. For deadlines, please see the Registrar's webpage: <http://www.uvm.edu/~rgweb/calendar/>.

Withdrawals

- If you want to withdraw from a course after the add/drop period, you may do so up until 4 p.m. on the Friday of the ninth week of classes. When you withdraw from a class, the course remains on your transcript with a grade of 'W'. To initiate a withdrawal, obtain a Course Withdrawal Form from the Honors College, from the Dean's Office of your home school or college, or from the Registrar's webpage (Student Forms). Before withdrawing from a course, discuss this with your academic advisor. For deadlines, please see the Registrar's webpage: <http://www.uvm.edu/~rgweb/calendar/>.

Late Withdrawals

- Late withdrawals (after the ninth week of class) are seldom permitted. You may withdraw late only for extraordinary circumstances that are documented in writing by the University's Director of Health and Wellbeing. This documentation is based on a recommendation from the Student Health Center, the Counseling Center, or the ACCESS Office. These offices provide a recommendation for action, but they cannot approve a withdrawal; responsibility for approving all late withdrawals rest with the student's home academic college or school.

Incompletes

- A grade of incomplete may be granted for a course in which work is not completed due to circumstances beyond the student's control. To receive an incomplete, you need to provide written documentation of the circumstances. Contact Patty Redmond in the Honors College for assistance.
 - Both the Dean's Office of the home academic unit and instructor must agree to grant an incomplete.
 - It is the student's responsibility to check with the Dean's Office to see if the incomplete has been approved.
 - It is the student's responsibility to meet with the instructor and determine the nature of the outstanding requirements and to set a deadline for completing these requirements. The deadline must be before the beginning of the corresponding semester of the next academic year.
 - It is the instructor's responsibility to verify with the Dean's Office that the reason has been documented and to complete an "Incomplete" card.

Declaring and Changing Majors

- To declare or change a major, minor, or concentration within your home college or school, contact your dean's office or use the forms on the Registrar's webpage (Student Forms). To transfer between colleges and schools, you need to meet with your advisor and have a GPA of C or better. (C+ or better to transfer into the College of Education and Social Services). Most academic units will not admit a student to a new major if that student is on academic probation.

Studying Abroad

- All Honors College students are encouraged to study abroad for cultural and language study benefits. In order to plan your study abroad, it is essential that you meet with your academic advisor to make sure that you can complete all requirements for your home academic unit as well as the Honors College. Study Abroad information can be obtained in the Office of International Education in B-162 of the Living/Learning Center, on the OIE web site: www.uvm.edu/oie, or by calling 656-4296.

III. The Academic Program - Curriculum Overview

First Year

- The Honors College experience begins with a two-semester seminar that introduces students to how knowledge is created and used in different disciplines and professions. In addition, students will explore what universities do, and what they ought to do with knowledge. Through reading a number of intellectual autobiographies, students will see how the acquisition and creation of knowledge fits into people's lives and, by extension, into their own lives.
- The course, HCOL 95/96 "The Pursuit of Knowledge: Disciplines, Universities, and Engagement," draws on the expertise of the university's faculty and visitors. It has plenary lecturers discussing areas such as artificial intelligence, journalism, neuroscience, history, sociology, music, medicine, and art. Students are required to attend plenary lectures on Thursday evenings, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Sophomore Year

- Each semester you will take a three-credit honors college seminar, HCOL 195/196, choosing from an extensive slate of offerings created for Honors College students by faculty from schools and colleges throughout the university. Special topics vary from year to year and draw on the rich and diverse interests of the faculty who teach them. Previously offered Sophomore Seminars, for example, have ranged from "Classical Texts and Transformations," to "Ethnobotany," to "Health Issues for the 21st Century," to "Global Warming," to "The Democratic Citizen."
- Faculty members from numerous academic disciplines teach the seminars, allowing you to meet scholars from a broad cross section of the university. The seminars are open only to Honors College students.
- Sophomore year is also a time to pursue academic opportunities outside of the classroom. You'll be strongly encouraged to apply for an undergraduate research grant. In addition, you may want to consider a study-abroad program or an internship for your junior year.

Junior Year (See pages 11-13 for specific college requirements)

- In your third year, your home school or college will provide honors coursework which focuses more intensively on your major field of study.
- Through a three-credit seminar (fall or spring) in your home college or school, many of you will begin the process of researching and narrowing down a topic for your senior thesis or project. You'll also begin fine-tuning your research skills in preparation for your senior year. You will be strongly encouraged to apply for undergraduate research funding that would allow you to work side-by-side with a faculty mentor.

Senior Year (See pages 11-13 for specific college requirements)

- In your final year, you'll work on a six-credit thesis, creative project, or practicum approved by your home school or college. Depending on your school or college requirements, the project may be research or service based.

- If you complete the six-credit project and all other Honors College requirements, in addition to your school or college requirements, you will graduate as a Honors College Scholar.

Electives

- **HCOL 31 Music in Live Performance**

The Honors College has teamed up with the Lane Series, the university's premier performing arts events program, to offer a one credit elective course in which students will study and attend concerts, operas, and plays. Pre- and post-performance talks with artists give the students an insider's view of the world of performance. This course is taught by Jane Ambrose, director of the Lane Series and a longtime music professor at the university. Note that participation in the course requires attendance in class and the corresponding evening performance. No text required. Lab fee: \$40.

- **HCOL 194 In the Artists' Studio**

This course provides the opportunity for students from all disciplines to witness artists in their studios with the tools and devices each uses to manipulate materials in creative and innovative ways. The experience of seeing paintings, for instance, both finished and in-progress, and being able to engage in inquisitive conversation with the artist will be a primary focus of the course.

The artists to be visited are a mix of established professionals with national recognition and younger emerging artists, several of whom are graduates of UVM. All have studios in the Burlington area, each with distinct purposes: painting, architecture, functional brass work, sculpture, jewelry, furniture design, printmaking, ceramics, film/video, photography. This course is taught by Professor Bill Davison, Faculty Emeritus from the Art Department.

- Other elective courses will be offered from time to time.

Honors College Junior and Senior Requirements by College

The following requirements should be discussed with your academic advisor.

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences:

- Junior Year:** CALS 196 – Junior Honors Seminar, 2 credits, spring
Each CALS Honors College student will also take one credit of Undergraduate research, special problems or special topics, According to their department requirements:
- Animal Science: ASCI 198 Undergraduate Research
 - Nutrition & Food Sciences: NFS 198 Undergraduate Research
 - Molecular Genetics & Microbiology: MMG 298
 - Undergraduate Research
 - Community Development & Applied Economics: CDAE 291
Special Problems
 - Biological Sciences: BISC 197/198 & 297/298 Undergrad Research
 - Environmental Studies: TBD

Senior Year: XXX 197, 198 or 297, 298 (department specific) Undergraduate Research (Total of 6 credits fall and spring)

Honors College Coordinator for CALS: Brenda.Tessmann@uvm.edu

College of Arts and Sciences:

Junior Year: HON 195 HC Special Topic Seminar – 3 credits – fall or spring semester
HON 101 HC Thesis Proposal Preparation Seminar – one credit – spring semester
HON 95: HC Spring Seminar – 1 credit – Spring semester
This class may be taken at any time during your four years.

Senior Year: HON 201 HC Thesis Seminar – 0 credits – fall AND spring semester
HON 2XX HC Honors Thesis – a total of 6 credits – fall and spring semester

Complete all seven A & S distribution categories

In order to be eligible to propose a Honors Thesis Proposal to the Committee on Honors and Individual Studies, a student must have a cumulative UVM GPA at the time the proposal is submitted of 3.40 or higher. However, students with a cumulative UVM GPA of 3.20 to 3.39 with a minimum of three semesters on the Dean's List will continue to be eligible to submit a thesis proposal as long as they entered UVM prior to the fall semester of 2007. Students who enter UVM in the fall semester of 2007 or after with cumulative UVM GPAs in this range will no longer be eligible to submit thesis proposals.

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School of Business Administration:

First Year:

- BSAD 40 and BSAD 60

Sophomore year:

- BSAD 120, BSAD 132
- Complete one of BSAD 141, 150, 173, 180
- Select Business Discipline Concentration prior to Junior year.

Junior Year:

- BSAD Honors Research Methods course (fall semester).
- Complete 3 or 4 BSAD Field Courses AND 1 or 2 BSAD Discipline Concentration courses
- Develop an approved honors proposal (Thesis or Project) with your BSAD faculty Honors Advisor.

Senior Year:

- BSAD 191 and any remaining BSAD field courses
- BSAD 298 HC Honors Project **OR** BSAD 299 HC Honors Thesis/Project– 6 credits **OR**
- BSAD 288 Finance Honors Seminar and BSAD 293 Integrated Professional Development (3 credits each)

Honors College Coordinator for BSAD: Susan.Hughes@uvm.edu

College of Education and Social Services

Sophomore Year – CESS Honors students will meet with their CESS Honors College Advisor to plan the junior year program. This meeting will take place in the early part of the spring semester.

Junior Year - 3 credits

The 3-credit requirement during the junior year is a designated Honors Course with a research (enhancement) component:

- EDFS 203: Social, Historical and Philosophical Foundations of Education **OR**
- SWSS 164: Introduction to Social Work Research **OR**
- HDFS 197: Independent Study; **OR** HDFS 291: Special Problems; **OR** HDFS 296: Field Experience **OR**
- EDEC 291: Special Problems; **OR** EDEC 296: Field Experience

Senior Year – 6 credits

Each student will work with a mentor who will guide him or her through this process. It may include:

- 6 credits of research resulting in a thesis **or**
- 6 credits of applied research **or**
- 6 credits of internship experience that result in an embedded research study.

Honors College Coordinators for CESS: George.Salembier@uvm.edu or Holly-Lynn.Busier@uvm.edu

College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences:

Junior Year: Unit specific junior level core course, 3 credits course identified as carrying “honors” designation at the course instructor’s designation. The course will:

- Identify a specific topic for the Senior Thesis
- Perform a thorough background and literature review on the topic
- Prepare a detailed, written thesis proposal document
- Assemble a thesis committee and successfully present the thesis proposal to the committee in a formal presentation setting

Senior Year: Unit specific Honors Thesis. A total of 6 credits fall and spring semesters. The student must deliver a written thesis document and successfully defend the work under examination by a formal thesis committee of faculty members.

Honors College Coordinator for CEMS: Stephen.Titcomb@uvm.edu

College of Nursing and Health Sciences:

Junior Year: NH 201 – HC: Health and Human Behavior Issues, 3 credits, fall semester
NH 251 Honors Project & Seminar, 3 credits, spring semester

Senior Year: NH 252 Honors Project & Seminar, 3 credits, fall semester

Honors College Coordinator for CNHS: Brian.Reed@uvm.edu

Rubenstein School of Environmental and Natural Resources:

Junior Year: NR 199 HC: Honors Seminar – 1 credit – spring semester
NR 298 HC: Honors Project Planning – 2 credits – spring semester

Senior Year: NR 299 Environmental Sciences Honors **or**
ENVS 203 – Honors Thesis **or**
FOR 299 – Honors **or**
NR 299 – Honors **or**
RM 299 – Recreation Management Honors **or**
WFB 299 – Wildlife & Fisheries Honors
(Total of 6 credits fall and spring semester)

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V. Honors College Membership Benefits

In addition to being able to take advantage of enhanced curricular offerings and graduating as University Scholars, members of the Honors College receive a number of other benefits.

Honors College Housing

- The Honors College moved into its new home in the UHN at 30-50 University Heights in January of 2006. This beautiful residence hall provides housing for Honors College students with a wide variety of suite options, as well as single rooms. The residential college includes office space for the Honors College administration and staff, office space for the Resident and Assistant Resident Director, and apartment space for two live-in faculty members. In addition, the complex has two seminar rooms, several lounges on each floor, a recreation room, and a multipurpose room for meetings, lectures, and dinners.
- All Honors College students are strongly encouraged to live in the Honors College residence. Priority is given by class level (seniors first, juniors next, and so forth). We expect to honor all or most student requests to live in the honors residence.

Priority Class Registration

- Honors students have priority registration for the next semester's classes. In addition, students will always be assured of a spot in Honors College seminars.
- Please note that priority does not guarantee that you will receive your first choice of the section of Honors College courses offered in any given semester. What it does mean is that you have an opportunity to register for classes before the majority of students on campus.

Library Privileges

- You receive graduate student status at all the university's libraries, allowing you to check out books for an entire semester instead of the usual two weeks. You'll find this privilege comes in handy when working on an ongoing research project or a thesis.
- Honors College students will have opportunities to receive special training in using the libraries — the main Bailey/Howe Library, Cook Chemistry/Physics Library, Dana Medical Library and the Library Annex — and conducting research both on site in the libraries and via computer. Patricia Mardeusz, Library Associate Professor, is available to consult with Honors College Students; Patricia.Mardeusz@uvm.edu.
- Together, the libraries hold 1.4 million volumes, 20,000 serial subscriptions, 5,300 current journals, 9,700 electronic journals, 250 other databases, 1.2 million government documents, 225,000 maps, 35,000 audiovisual materials, 45,000 rare books and 9,000 linear feet of manuscripts.

VI. Support for Students

The Honors College serves all UVM students by providing support in applying for nationally competitive scholarships. The Honors College also administers URECA! and PEP.

- Nationally and internationally competitive post-graduate awards such as the Rhodes Scholarship, Fulbright Scholarships, and The Gates Cambridge Scholarship draw thousands of applicants each year. The Honors College Associate Dean and other faculty members can work with you on ways to improve your chances of obtaining one of these much sought after awards. Please check the Honors College web site for more information on these programs: <http://www.uvm.edu/~honcoll/?Page=fellowship.html>.
- **URECA! (Undergraduate Research Endeavor Competitive Awards)** The Honors College administers the URECA! Program for all UVM undergraduates. The purpose of this program is to provide prestigious, competitive awards to outstanding undergraduates who wish to pursue a specific research project under the mentorship of a faculty member. In this way, undergraduates have the opportunity and resources to pursue independent research as well as work closely with active faculty members who are leading scholars in their fields. For more information go to http://www.uvm.edu/~provost/ureca/?Page=ureca_guidelines.html
- **PEP (Premedical Enhancement Program)** The Honors College administers PEP for all UVM undergraduates. Students in the program will receive enhanced academic advising. The program will facilitate their placement in research and health-care settings. PEP students will also be able to participate in practice interviews with members of the University of Vermont Premedical Committee. Students apply to PEP at the end of their first year. Each year up to ten UVM students may be accepted into this program and assigned a physician mentor. For more information go to http://www.uvm.edu/~career/?Page=students/premed/pep.html&SM=students_submenu.html

Awards you might want to consider applying for include:

- **Rhodes Scholarship:** Open to graduating students in any discipline offered as a course of study at Oxford University, the program allows students to study at Oxford University for two years, with the possibility of obtaining a bachelor's or master's degree from Oxford.
- **U.S. Fulbright Program:** Open to graduating students in all disciplines, the grant allows students to study and conduct research abroad.
- **Marshall Scholarship:** Through this program, you could attend graduate school at any British university.
- **James Madison Memorial Fellowship:** Offers graduate fellowships allowing students to study and eventually teach history or political science, with an emphasis on the U.S. Constitution.
- **Harry S. Truman Scholarship:** This scholarship allows students to attend graduate or professional school and prepares students for a career in government, non-profit work or public service.

- **Gates Cambridge Scholarships:** Established by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to enable outstanding graduate students from outside Great Britain to study at Cambridge University.
- **Barry M. Goldwater Scholarships:** Awarded to sophomores and juniors who plan to pursue careers in mathematics, engineering and the natural sciences.
- **Udall Scholarships:** Awarded to current sophomores and juniors with outstanding potential in the field of environmental studies. Also eligible are Native American students studying fields related to health care and tribal public policy.

These are just a few of the nationally competitive scholarships to which students can apply. Please see Interim Associate Dean Lisa Schnell if you are interested in pursuing these or other scholarship opportunities.

VII. Student Groups and Activities

Student Groups

Honors College Leadership Council (HCLC)

- The HCLC evolved from interest among members of the inaugural Honors College class to create an institution for providing a student perspective on a full range of campus issues. HCLC membership is open to any interested Honors College student.
- Council members design and develop projects to enhance the Honors College experience for all students. HCLC projects include social events, Honors College recruiting, outreach and publicity to the broader community, and service activities.
- The HCLC meets regularly with the Honors College Student Leadership Coordinator and Honors College Mentor, and is welcome to request periodic meetings with the Dean.

Honors College Mentoring Program

- The Honors College Mentoring Program is a new initiative designed to help first year students make a smooth transition to college life in the Honors College. Each incoming student is paired with an upper classmen in the Honors College who will act as a mentor by giving advice, sharing experiences and just being a friend during the first year. Various programs and activities will be held for mentors and mentees to attend together to have fun while getting to know each other and other students in the Honors College community. Contact: Ali Dubin, adubin@uvm.edu.

Activities

Cultural Trips

Each semester we try to take a field trip to a neighboring city. Montreal and Boston are two favorite destinations, but the venues may change from year to year.

Social Events

The Honors College will hold a variety of events to promote social interaction among students. Pizza with the Dean, afternoon socials, and breakfasts with faculty are some of the activities that will be held in UHN throughout the semester.

VIII. University Support Services

The Learning Cooperative

The Learning Cooperative provides a wide array of academic support services, many free of charge. Over 1000 students use these services each year and half are first-year students.

- **Learning Skills Program** helps individual students create a study system, focusing on time management, note taking, test taking, and more.
- **The Writing Center** provides one-on-one support to students at any stage of the writing process.
- **Supplemental Instruction**, a form of group study, is available for large enrollment courses such as Biology 1, 2 and Chemistry 31, 32.
- **Subject Area Tutoring** is the only program with charges for services. Individual tutoring costs are minimal and are billed to your student account. The federally funded TRIO Program covers the charge for students under a variety of special circumstances; check with the Co-op staff to determine if you are eligible.

Location: 244 Living/Learning Commons

Phone: 802-656-4075

Web: www.uvm.edu/~learnco

ACCESS Office (Accommodations, Consultation, Collaboration Education Support Services)

ACCESS provides an array of support services for students with learning and physical disabilities. Before any accommodations can be made available, however, the student must communicate his or her needs to the ACCESS staff. It is important to realize that the University is not responsible for making accommodations for students who have not declared their disabilities. **Information provided to the Admissions Office during the application process is confidential and does not go to ACCESS unless the student initiates the transfer.** If you have a history of learning difficulties – or if you are encountering difficulties for the first time – ACCESS is here to help.

Location: A 170 Living/Learning

Phone: 802-656-7753

Web: www.uvm.edu/~access

Career Services

Career Services offers a wide variety of services: resume workshops, counseling, internships, summer jobs, career fairs, alumni networks, interview preparation, and more. The Career Resource Library contains current literature on a broad range of vocations as well as information on graduate programs throughout the country. Over 200 employers from all sectors of the economy come to UVM each year to meet with students at career fairs and forums. They often interview students as prospective employees. Special programming such as the Summer Jobs Fair, Job Expo, Internship Hop, Careers in the Environment, and the Technical Career Fair provide additional opportunities for students to learn about careers and internships.

Location: E Building, Living/Learning

Phone: 802-656-3450

Web: www.uvm.edu/~career

University Libraries

The University Libraries supports students in their research by offering a wide array of both services and collections—print and electronic. Library Associate Professor **Patricia Mardeusz** serves as the library faculty representative to the UVM Honors College. She is available to Honors College students (first year through senior year) to answer questions and provide assistance regarding all library services, through e-mail or in-person via individual consultations. Upon request, she is also happy to meet with groups of students on an *ad hoc* basis. She welcomes the opportunity to provide research assistance to honors students working on a paper/project for a course, developing a thesis topic, or completing research for the honor thesis.

Patricia Mardeusz
Information & Instruction Services
Bailey/Howe Library Room 104-D
e-mail: patricia.mardeusz@uvm.edu
Phone: 802-656-5718
Web: <http://library.uvm.edu>

Pre-Law and Pre-Health Advising

Students considering careers in law or the health fields will need to contact Career Services to access advising and information concerning their undergraduate preparation for these careers. In addition to your academic advisor, Career Services offers specialized advising for students interested in pursuing these fields. There are links from the Career Services main webpage which provide additional information.

Location: E Building, Living/Learning
Phone: 802-656-3450
Web: www.uvm.edu/~career

ALANA Student Center

The ALANA Student Center provides resources and support to help meet the academic, cultural, social, and emotional needs of ALANA (African, Latino/a, Asian, and Native American) students. The Center also offers information and programs to promote a just multiracial campus climate. Several ALANA student groups meet at the Center – Alianza Latina, the Asian American Student Union, the Black Student Union, and the South Asian Student Group.

Location: Blundell House
Phone: 802-656-3819
Web: www.uvm.edu/~asc

Office of International Educational Services

OIE has four primary purposes. The office:

- 1) advises UVM students on study abroad opportunities,
- 2) advises international students,
- 3) advises international visiting faculty and scholars,
- 4) helps to create and administer new UVM exchange and faculty-led programs. For students wishing to study abroad, the office facilitates placements in over 80 different programs throughout the world, including 10 of UVM's own exchange programs.

Each year, nearly 450 UVM students study abroad. The office also works with over 230 international students and 150 visiting scholars who come to the University each year. The office holds a special International Student Orientation program, sponsors an International Club and helps with visa, work permits, and immigration issues for our international contingency.

Location: B 161 Living/Learning

Phone: 802-656-4296

Web: www.uvm.edu/oie

Counseling Center

The UVM Counseling Center provides confidential psychological services for enrolled UVM students. Counseling is primarily short term and includes developmental, preventative, and educational components. The Counseling Center Staff also work closely with the Staff Psychiatrist, who is also a member of the Center for Health & Wellbeing team. Counseling Center psychologists, counselors, social workers, and psychiatrist all have extensive training and experience in issues facing university students and are committed to helping students adjust to campus life and meet their academic goals. Masters and Doctoral level trainees also provide services with the supervision of senior staff.

Location: Jacobs House, 146 South Williams Street

Phone: 802-656-3340

Web: <http://www.uvm.edu/~chwb/counseling/>

Center for Health and Wellbeing

All full-time students, **even if you are not enrolled with the UVM insurance**, have access to the following services:

- **Student Health/Medical Clinic – 802-656-3350**
24 hour urgent on call, providing comprehensive medical care
Physicals/health assessments
- **Women’s Health Clinic – 802-656-0603**
- **Alcohol & Drug Services – 802-656-0784**
- **Mindfulness/Meditation Practice Center – 802-656-3340**
Offering opportunity to learn and experience an ancient way of calming the mind and opening the heart through mindfulness and meditation.
- **Immunizations & Travel Health Clinic – 802-656-3350**
Personalized health and travel consultation
Required or recommended immunizations
- **Nutrition Services – 802-656-0603**
- **Office of Conflict Resolution – 802-656-1402 or 802-656-9788**
Helping students respond to conflict situations on and off campus. Free and confidential.