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Academic and Cultural Enrichment

The College offers many opportunities for intellectual and cultural enrichment outside the classroom.

Calendar of Events

The College produces a full calendar of events each year including lectures, cultural events and films. In recent years, Adrian audiences have seen and heard speakers as varied as Ramsey Clark, Frederick Douglass IV, Alfie Kohn, Randall Kennedy, Diana Eck, Katie Cannon, Billy Beane, Arkadi Kuhlmann, and the National Theater of the Deaf. The Adrian Symphony, the Professional Orchestra-in-Residence, presents a season of concerts with guest artists. The season includes classical concerts, chamber music, pops concerts and family concerts.

Art Exhibits

The Stubnitz Gallery in Downs Hall presents at least seven exhibits each school year. These include the works of regionally and nationally-known artists, emerging artists, and Adrian College art faculty and students. The Heritage Room in Shipman Library also hosts exhibits, including art by regional artists and Adrian College students and alumni.

Musical Organizations

The Music Department presents several annual concerts, including the Invitational High School Choral Festival in October, the Showcase Concert in November, the Service of Lessons and Carols in December, the annual Choir/Band Tour in March, and band and choir spring concerts in April. For further information on musical organizations and programs, please contact the Music Department at extension 4468.

Adrian College Choir

The Adrian College Choir is open to all students without audition. Music ranges in style from classical to contemporary. The choir performs several times a year and goes on an annual tour.

Lenawee Community Chorus

Includes singers from the community and from Adrian College. Emphasis is on the performance of large choral works with orchestra. Open to all students. No audition necessary.

Jazz Ensemble

The Jazz Ensemble performs modern jazz and blues compositions. The ensemble offers many opportunities for learning and developing the techniques of improvisation and jazz performance. Open to all students.

Adrian Concert Band

The Concert Band offers brass, percussion and woodwind players the opportunity to perform traditional band repertoire. A variety of literature is prepared, and public performances are given each semester. Open to all students.

Adrian College Chamber Choir

Repertoire ranging in style from classic to contemporary. Performs in concert and in the community several times a year. Annual choir tour. Audition required.

Adrian Symphony Orchestra (ASO)

The Adrian Symphony Orchestra is the Professional Orchestra-in-Residence at Adrian College. The ASO performs a season which includes classical concerts, chamber music, Casual Classic concerts, pops and family concerts.

Brass Quintet, Woodwind Quintet, and String Ensemble

These ensembles offer students a small chamber music experience. Performances are given each semester, both on and off campus. Open to all students.

Telecommunication Activities

Mahan Hall houses the Adrian College student-run radio station, WVAC, a 10-watt FM radio station with digital multitrack production facilities. It is student operated, with participation open to all interested. WVAC operates on an assigned frequency of 107.9 megahertz. Automated when needed, this stereo station serves students, faculty and the community with campus news, sports, music, drama and educational features. WVAC provides students with opportunities for producing and directing programs, acting, writing, engineering and other phases of station operation.

Theatre Activities

Adrian College Theatre stages four major productions each year, with at least one musical. Musicals and some other large-scale productions are usually presented in Dawson Auditorium, a traditional large-proscenium theatre. Other plays are presented in the more intimate 153-seat thrust-style theatre in Downs Hall. Productions in recent years include *The Pirates of Penzance*, *Once Upon a Mattress*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Chicago*, *The Laramie Project*, and *Little Women*. Adrian College Theatre is an active participant in the American College Theatre Festival and has received several awards recently for student written and produced plays, including invitations to perform the plays *Closure*, *Ain't No Puppet* and *Sex Conversation* at the regional festival. Outstanding upperclass theatre students are given the opportunity to direct a part of the season and students who have distinguished themselves in classes and through participation in productions are invited to join the local chapter of Theta Alpha Phi, the national dramatic honorary society.

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Religious Activities

The chaplain, the department of philosophy and religion, faculty, staff and students work together at Adrian in numerous curricular and extracurricular religious activities designed to help the campus and community develop sound Christian character. The Chaplain's Office seeks to offer programs, information and opportunities which nurture men and women in the experience and practice of personal and social holiness as defined by scripture and Christian theology.

Chapel

Chapel attendance is a rewarding experience for many members of the College community. Students, faculty and staff are invited to participate in the weekly chapel programs, which feature contemporary music, a relevant message, and prayer.

Student Religious Organizations and Activities

Several student religious groups meet on campus. Wesley Fellowship, a fellowship and study group affiliated with The United Methodist Church, is ecumenical in nature. The Catholic Student Association provides study and fellowship activities. Additional religious groups offer non-denominational Bible studies. Habitat for Humanity, a chapel praise team, our gospel choir, and A.L.P.H.A. (African-American Leaders Promoting Higher Achievement) are vital contributors to student religious life.

Students who wish to register for Conscientious Objector status may do so through the Chaplain's Office.

The Religious Life Council serves as a forum where all religious groups on campus can come together to coordinate and discuss their activities and concerns. In this way it supports and promotes open communication and ecumenical dialogue on campus.

Church Participation

The churches of the City of Adrian are organized for worship and service. Students are welcome to attend all services and will find an atmosphere of genuine fellowship and many helpful contacts with pastors and members of the congregations.

Course Offerings in Philosophy and Religion

Adrian students have a wide variety of courses of both general and specialized interest open to them in the field of philosophy and religion. For those looking ahead to the ordained ministry, mission service or another church occupation, the College offers a selection of courses leading to these vocations. However, courses in philosophy and religion are open to all students, who are encouraged to elect as many as possible.

Training for Church Leadership

The Christian church is essential to a society founded on Christian principles, and its effectiveness will always depend upon its leadership. Adrian College aims to help develop effective church leaders. Students planning careers in the ministry, Christian education, church music or mission service will find appropriate foundational courses to help them prepare for graduate training.

Our pre-seminary/pre-ministry student organization and other groups offer students an opportunity to develop leadership skills that will be useful in church or community work regardless of occupations.

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The Ministry

For service in the ministry of any major denomination, a three-year graduate course at an approved theological seminary is required. The pre-seminary undergraduate program should be broad and general, including philosophy and religion. Pre-ministerial students might consider a major in philosophy or religion, or in such fields as history, sociology, social work, English or psychology. This, however, is not a requirement.

Pre-seminary students can obtain catalogs and the requirements of most seminaries from the Chaplain's Office or from the chairperson of the department of philosophy and religion. United Methodist pre-ministerial students should maintain contact with their local church, district and conference boards of ministry, with special attention given to requirements and procedures dictated by the Boards of Ordained Ministry. Pre-ministerial students also should consider Christian vocational opportunities in such fields as chaplaincy, college teaching and Christian education. Students interested in various forms of ministry gather around issues of vocational possibilities, theological discussions, and how to choose a seminary. For further information about the pre-seminary program at Adrian, see page 92.

Athletics and Intramurals

The men's and women's athletic departments sponsor intercollegiate competition with other members of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association, as well as regional and national opponents. Adrian College is also a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Men's Intercollegiate Athletics

Baseball	Golf
Basketball	Soccer
Cross Country	Tennis
Football	Track (Indoor/outdoor)
Lacrosse	

Any male student carrying at least 12 hours may try out for any of these activities, provided he is academically eligible as certified by the Registrar.

Women's Intercollegiate Athletics

Basketball	Softball
Cross Country	Tennis
Golf	Track (Indoor/outdoor)
Soccer	Volleyball
Lacrosse	Field Hockey

Any female student carrying at least 12 hours may try out for any of these activities, provided she is academically eligible as certified by the Registrar.

Co-ed Intramural Sports

Volleyball	Racquetball
3 on 3 Basketball	

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Men's Intramural Activities

Basketball	Frisbee Golf
3 on 3 Basketball	Flag Football
Volleyball	Soccer
Softball	Racquetball
Floor Hockey	

Women's Intramural Activities

Basketball	Volleyball	Frisbee Golf
Flag Football	Soccer	Racquetball
Softball	3 on 3 Basketball	

Activities may be added or deleted according to interest.

Don and Dolly Smith Foundation Athletic Department Fund

This fund was endowed in 1982 by the trustees of the Don and Dolly Smith Foundation in Flat Rock. One of the trustees, Roger D. Smith, is a 1965 graduate of Adrian. Income from the fund helps students with limited financial means to earn part of their educational expense by working in the athletic department.

S. Gary Spicer/Harry W. Speedy Athletic Department Fund

This fund was endowed in 1982 by S. Gary Spicer and Harry W. Speedy. Mr. Spicer, a 1964 graduate and a trustee of the College, is an attorney in Detroit. Dr. Speedy, a 1963 alumnus, is a physician in Greensburg, Pa. Administered in the same manner as all College student aid programs, the Spicer-Speedy Fund complies with all published financial regulations of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Income from the fund pays students employed by the athletic department. The athletic director recommends candidates for selection at the February or May meetings of the Athletic Board of Control and the award is used the following year.