



THE MASTER'S
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Student Care Leadership: Overview and Guidelines

What is the *Reason* for Student Care Leadership?

Student Care exists to shepherd college students within an intentional community to comprehensively develop lives that are distinctively biblical. We seek to identify and invest in students who are pursuing biblical living among their peers to the praise of the Master. This pursuit is guided by four core Distinctives:

Divine Authority Transformation Relationships Witness

We are not looking for perfect people, but Spirit-empowered students that are striving towards the character and competencies of a biblical servant leadership that is..

EMPOWERED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE
LEARNED THROUGH EXPERIENCE
INFLUENTIAL THROUGH EXAMPLE
INSPIRED THROUGH COLLABORATIVE
RELATIONSHIPS

DEVELOPED THROUGH STAFF INVESTMENT
REFINED THROUGH REFLECTION
SUCCESSFUL THROUGH FAITHFULNESS
ADVANCES THE KINGDOM THROUGH DISCIPLES

Through the experience and fellowship of being a part of Student Leadership we desire every student to be able to:

- Analyze the development of life skills, academic achievement, and spiritual growth.
- Exemplify the essential qualities of servant leadership.
- Lead a group of peers through the logistical, educational, physical and spiritual preparations for interactive participation in campus life.
- Interact effectively with people from diverse backgrounds in harmony with our biblical commitments.
- Growing ability to disciple through problem solving, interpersonal conflict, and spiritual development among their peers.
- Execute TMU Emergency Response Protocols.
- Exhibit leadership and involvement within the local church.

What are the *Responsibilities* of a Student Leader at TMU?

Leaders lead by example. The Student Leader's primary responsibility is seeking an exemplary pursuit to walk worthy of the Christian calling to which they have been called in humility and gentleness (Col 1:10; Eph 4:1; I Thess 2:12).

Student Care Leadership responsibilities are given within the context of specific campus programs (Resident Halls and Global Outreach). Each ministry is overseen by a Student Care Staff member who gives relevant training, encouragement, and accountability to the Student Leadership under their care (see SC Flowchart). Individual training and events are communicated by the Student Care Staff member and highlighted on the Student Leadership FAQ section of the Student Life webpage.

- Participating in Student Leadership Training and Accountability

Events:

Sunday Training Meetings 8:00-10:00pm @ EHC 100 (Dates for next year TBA)

Complete assigned summer reading with journaling assignment.

- *Agape Leadership* by Robert Peterson and Alexander Strauch
- *Listen Up!* By Christopher Ash
- *How to Develop Biblical Friendship* by Joel Beeke and Michael Haykin

Journaling Assignment:

The journal given with the books listed above is to help guide your thinking this summer as you prepare to lead and care for the students on campus. Follow the various prompts and complete before the Leadership Kickoff Retreat.

Accountability:

If at any time you feel that you are unable to fulfill your commitment to Student Care Leader, approach your RD & Staff Member; together there will be a process of evaluation and assessment to determine what your continuing status should be.

If at any time you are not fulfilling your responsibilities for Student Care Leadership Staff and after several opportunities to improve (guided by your RD & Staff Member) you do not, you will be asked to step down from Student Leadership.

- Serving Faithfully in Student Leadership Roles:

In the Classroom:

The rigorous pursuit of an education based on the Truth fosters each student's academic success and encourages learning within this undergraduate community. Therefore, we expect our Student Care Leaders' course load to be within the maximum threshold of 18 total credits per semester (this includes all DS, online classes, and/or courses taken at another school); students may register for winterim/post-sessions as well as transferable units during summer/winter breaks even though it may reflect above 18 units for any fall/spring semester. We encourage all students to participate in study abroad programs and to view these opportunities as a priority for an academic year. This should be considered when applying for an Student Leadership position.

Outside of the Classroom:

The Student Leader views every event/activity on or off campus as an opportunity to apply biblical principles among their peers and seeks to participate as their availability allows.

Campus:

WOW Week TBA: Hosting a WOW group and seeking ways to serve new students as they transition to life at TMU

View the U TBA (Fall/Spring): Hosting NOW Night and serving visitors through student housing and care

Engage Week TBA: Leading an Engage Team of your peers in fellowship, service, and fostering evangelism within the context of an appointed local church

Day of Prayer TBA: Actively participating in DOP activities and inviting others to do the same

Residence Halls and Off Campus Life:

Small Groups (Fall/Spring): Leading/participating in a regularly scheduled small group with the goal of focused spiritual discussion and prayer

Activities (Fall/Spring): Participation and/or support of dorm activities as your availability allow or identified by your Resident Director

Local Church:

Each student is required to identify and commit to a local church in accordance with the guidelines found in the student handbook

Important Note – Roles and Responsibilities in Equilibrium:

For the Student Leader, there are more opportunities than time. Success is not defined by perceived accomplishments, but by faithfulness to fulfill responsibilities to the glory of God. There will inevitably be scheduling conflicts, sickness, or unintended issues that will create tension in fulfilling the responsibilities required of a Student Leader.

The maturing Student Leader welcomes their overseeing leadership to help guide and support biblically wise decisions that cultivate equilibrium in all the roles and responsibilities in their life.