Scholarship Program
Union College Spiritual Life Interns
You Are a Beacon of God’s Love

Spiritual Life Interns are student leaders who participate in Union College’s Spiritual Life activities. Requirements for Spiritual Life Interns average about 4 hours per week and are as follows:

- Attendance at weekly Intern meetings
- Attendance at weekly Chapel Services
- Work under an existing Spiritual Life Leader (a student on the Spiritual Life Leadership Team) for one other weekly activity
  - Current weekly activities are Eat Pray Fun, Book Club, and Chapel Music.
  - Specific weekly activities will change each semester based on student leadership and interest.
- 15 hours of participation in other Spiritual Life activities during each semester
  - Current occasional activities have included concerts, service trips, lectures, and social justice rallies.
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Spiritual Life Interns will be expected to be organized and prompt. Interns will be expected to respect the spiritual beliefs of all students and will at all times operate within the guidelines of the College’s Code of Ethics for Clubs and Organizations. Interns will seek to understand the beliefs of other students and, as appropriate, share spiritual resources that are important to them and that have been helpful in their spiritual walk.

Interns will report directly to the College Minister and will work closely with Spiritual Life Leaders. Interns will follow all rules of the Student Handbook.

Interns may receive a scholarship from Spiritual Life. This scholarship will average $1,000-$1,500. In addition they will receive a one-hour service-learning credit for RLGN 120, Morality and Community. There will be no extra work required for the course; it will be given for participation in this program.

At the end of the Fall Semester, two or three Interns will be selected to become members of the Leadership Team. The scholarship would be more, and the responsibilities would be more. Standards for commitment would be high. Further details about requirements for Spiritual Life Leaders are available on request.

Good candidates for the Spiritual Life Intern program will show organizational skills, ability to work in a team, and interest in the college’s core value of the Spiritual Quest, seeking to develop a life-affirming spirituality. Although some Spiritual Life Interns may be interested in becoming a minister, this is not a requirement of this program. All students who show the appropriate maturity and interest are good candidates.

To apply, write a short essay that includes 1) your understanding of what spirituality is, 2) a brief history of your involvement in spiritual activities in the past, 3) a list of any leadership responsibilities you have had in the past, in any area, whether related to spirituality or not, 4) a description of what you hope to gain from participation as a Spiritual Life Intern and what you think you can contribute to the program. Email that essay to Union’s College Minister, David Miller, at dkmiller@unionky.edu.
What Is Union College Spiritual Life?

It is the official campus ministry of Union College. We emphasize:

**God’s Love**

Spiritual Life at Union College is centered around helping each other become rooted and grounded in love, particularly that we would know the breadth and depth and height of God’s love (Ephesians 3:18).

**Breadth**

God’s love is broad. It includes everyone. God asks us to love with a broad love, too, loving our neighbors (Mark 12:31) and even our enemies (Matthew 5:44). We try to love with God’s broad love by including everyone on campus in our activities. **It doesn’t matter who you are, you are loved and welcome at Spiritual Life.**

**Depth**

God’s love is deep. We all have experienced love that is shallow, that dries up when the going gets tough, but **God’s love goes all the way down to the very core of who we are.** So we try to love deeply, too. We do that by digging down deep in our spirituality, learning who we are by studying the Bible and other spiritual writings, by praying and worshiping together, by serving others together, and just being there for each other.

**Height**

God’s love lifts us up high. We soar in the spiritual heights by becoming the person God has created us to become, and this gives us love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). **So we emphasize a spirituality that is uplifting.**

So what we do is to live in God’s love by accepting everybody for who they are, helping and supporting each other to become who we have been created to become, and lifting each other up no matter what.

How do we do that? We have several weekly activities—worship, Bible study, fellowship. We also have trips and concerts throughout the year.

We always try to have fun! Check out the fun stuff we do.

- Website | [www.unionky.edu/spiritual](http://www.unionky.edu/spiritual)
- Facebook | [www.facebook.com/ucspirituallife](http://www.facebook.com/ucspirituallife) (Photos tell the story!)
- Twitter | @UCSpiritualLife

UC Spiritual Life is open to everybody’s approach to spirituality. Our approach to spirituality is positive. We love and accept everybody, no matter what! We don’t condemn others for believing or living differently than we do. We want to have people of any faith or no faith at all involved in Spiritual Life.

So what are you waiting for? Apply now!

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