



Student Activities and Organizations

Athletics: Intercollegiate

Intercollegiate athletics are an integral part of life at Eastern Mennonite University. Christian values, goals and standards are the foundation for athletics. The athletic program is designed to provide men and women with opportunities to experience personal growth in leadership, athletic skills, wholesome attitudes and spiritual understanding. Balance between academic achievement and athletic accomplishment is emphasized.

The dynamics of interpersonal relationships are an important component of the athletic department. Christian coaches stress relationship building, teamwork, communication and service. Athletes are encouraged to involve themselves in the life of the campus community and beyond. As athletes interact with others and as they are challenged to develop their talents, they learn about themselves and the world in ways not available in the classroom. Athletic contests become community events as the campus and greater Harrisonburg communities gather to support the Royals.

EMU fields varsity teams for men in soccer, cross-country, basketball, volleyball, baseball and indoor and outdoor track and field. Women's sports include cross-country, field hockey, volleyball, basketball, softball, soccer and indoor and outdoor track and field.

Both men and women compete as members of the National Collegiate

Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III and the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC). Men's Volleyball competes in the North Eastern Collegiate Volleyball Association (NECVA).

The Royals have won a number of conference championships and have participated in NCAA post-season tournaments in a variety of sports. Student-athletes have received all-conference, all-state, all-region, and all-American awards in NCAA competition. Many athletes have also received academic awards.

EMU provides quality facilities for their athletes to maximize their abilities. In 2000, the University Commons was added. This building is home to the athletic department offices as well as the men's and women's basketball and volleyball teams and provides state-of-the-art athletic training facilities, weightroom, and indoor track. For more information on any phase of the athletic program, contact the athletics department at (540) 432-4440.

Athletics: Recreational Sports

A complete program of athletic and recreational sports and wellness is steered by the Recreational Sports Committee. Sports with full-scale recreational sports seasons include: football (co-ed and men's) soccer (men's and women's), volleyball (co-ed), indoor soccer (co-ed), and basketball (men's and women's). Teams have 8-10 regular season games and may qualify for playoffs. Tournaments

are also offered. They include sand volleyball, 3-on-3 basketball, table tennis, co-ed volleyball, tennis, golf, wall-climbing and more. Numerous outdoor activities are also offered through the program. These include canoeing, ropes course, skiing, rock climbing and hiking. Over 60 percent of the student body participates in what students describe as a very popular program.

Campus Activities Council (CAC)

CAC serves as the main social programming body for Eastern Mennonite University and is comprised of a student leadership team. Members assist in planning, publicizing and organizing activities and help generate ideas for new programs and events.

Committees include:

Technical - This committee coordinates open stages and “coffee house style” performances in Common Grounds located in the University Commons. The atmosphere provides an informal setting for students to sit, relax and unwind over a bagel and cards while listening to live music. This committee also provides sound equipment and expertise for many campus activities.

Films Committee - This committee organizes films shown on campus. The film series focuses on a variety of current theatrical feature movies, along with topical films sponsored with other groups on campus.

Social and Recreation—This committee coordinates Midnight Bowling, Late Night Rollerskating and Late Night in the Commons programs. Additionally, they coordinate a variety social activities such as the annual semi-formal, weekend socials, dances, theme nights and annual programs such as Fall Fest and Spring Fest.

Music Ensembles

The musical organizations, all of which offer credit, are open to all interested students. These groups include the Chamber Singers, Chamber Orchestra, Jazz Combo, University Chorale, and Wind Ensemble. See pages 126-127 for details and audition requirements.

Student Government Association

SGA executive officers and senators are elected to coordinate student involvement in the campus community, to organize student opinions concerning campus life, to communicate concerns to and from the administration, to aid in decision-making, to educate on representative government, and to encourage each student toward campus and world citizenship.

Student Publications

Shenandoah, the EMU yearbook, is produced and published by student staff. The pictorial record features the graduating seniors. Campus activities and other students will be published in a digital form. Yearbook staff may receive credit or financial remuneration.

The student newspaper, *Weather Vane*, issued weekly throughout the year, contains campus news and features from the students’ viewpoint. It offers practical experience in news, feature and opinion writing, photography, advertising, circulation and management. Selection of the editor is by recommendation of the visual and communication arts department. Eligible staff members may receive credit and financial remuneration.

EMU Theater

EMU Theater seeks to promote an understanding and appreciation for the theater arts through direct participation in play production. The program

supports the larger liberal arts vision of the university and provides a foundation for the curriculum of the theater major. Mainstage productions are produced each year. Student- and guest-directed full-length plays and a student-led improvization group perform in the StudioTheater. Auditions and technical positions are open to all university students who desire the unique and comprehensive education provided through participation in the art of theater.

Young People's Christian Association

YPCA, a student organization, provides opportunities for mission, service, and outreach in the name of Jesus. The YPCA Council, made up of officers, commissioners and a campus pastor advisor, guides and shapes the program and service opportunities.

The mission commission provides a place to discuss, encourage, and grow a desire for missions. The service commission provides opportunities to engage in service both locally and more widely. The outreach commission facilitates ministry opportunities by creating partnerships with area churches, agencies and organizations.

Highlights of the YPCA program include awareness theme weeks, fall and spring service days, MSO (mission, service, outreach) Scholarships for seminars and conferences, and spring break service trips. More information about YPCA is available at www.emu.edu/ypca.

Clubs and Organizations

A number of clubs and organizations are organized for student participation. These include:

- Alpha Omega Steppers for Christ
- Black Student Union
- Campus Activities Council
- Celebration
- Committee on Peer Education
- Cycling Club
- Earth Keepers
- Eastern Mennonite Student Women's Association
- Equestrian Club
- Future Leaders of Equality & Diversity
- Gospel Choir
- Inklings
- International Student Organization
- Latino Student Alliance
- Math Club
- Missionary/Third Culture Kids Organization
- Peace Fellowship
- Pre-Professional Health Society
- Res Judicata
- Royal Ambassadors
- Safe Place
- Social Work Is People
- Student Education Association
- Student Government Association
- Student Health Advisory Council
- Student Nurses' Association
- Table Tennis Club
- Ultimate Frisbee Club
- Young People's Christian Association

For more information about student life at EMU, request a *Student Handbook* from the student life office.