Welcome to

So you want to live on campus? Navigating residence life while living on the Autism Spectrum

Please be respectful of your colleagues by silencing your phone. If you need to answer a call, please go to the hallway.
We ask you to join us in creating a culture of

• Access
• Inclusion
• Civility and Respect

...this week and in all aspects of our organization.
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<th>UNLV</th>
<th>UVM</th>
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<td><strong>Location</strong></td>
<td>Southwest U.S.</td>
<td>Northern New England</td>
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<td><strong>Student Population</strong></td>
<td>30,632 (Fall 2018)</td>
<td>12,630 (Fall 2018)</td>
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<td><strong>Faculty/Staff Size</strong></td>
<td>1,576/3,900</td>
<td>1,685/2,209</td>
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<td><strong>Student:Instructor Ratio</strong></td>
<td>19:1</td>
<td>16:1</td>
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<td><strong># of Undergrad/Graduate Degrees</strong></td>
<td>390/130</td>
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<td><strong># of Colleges</strong></td>
<td>22</td>
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<td><strong>Professional Schools</strong></td>
<td>Nursing, Medical, Dental, Law, &amp; Physical Therapy</td>
<td>Nursing &amp; Health Science, Larner Medical College, Business, Environmental Sciences, Agricultural College, Honors</td>
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Residence Life at UNLV

- 1,780 students live on campus
  - Dayton Complex (Freshmen)
  - South Complex
  - Tonopah
  - UCC
  - Special Interest Floors
- Large commuter population
- Freshmen (outside 50 mi. radius) are required to live on campus
- UNLV-owned student apartments
Residence Life at UVM

- 2-Year residency and participation in learning communities
- 4 Campuses
  - Central, Athletic, Redstone and Trinity
- 10 Learning communities
  - Arts & Creativity, Cultural Crossroads, Honor’s College, Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Journey to Independence, Leadership & Societal Change, Liberal Arts Scholars Program, Outdoor Experience, Sustainability and Wellness Environment
- Affiliate off-campus housing
  - International Students, LGBTQ+, Veterans, Graduate Students, and students who have completed 2-year residency
- Alternative Housing programs
  - Catamount Recovery, UVM Hillel, Gender-Inclusive
The UVM Wellness Environment

- 5 dorms, housing 1348 students
- research based incentivized program for improving health and reducing illness
- Fitness, Nutrition, Mindfulness and Relating to others
- 3 credit course, speaker series, the WE app
Autism Population on Campus

UNLV
- DRC serves 1550 students with documented disabilities
- 137 students with Autism
- 32 students with single room accommodations

UVM
- SAS services has approximately 1500+ students with documented disabilities
- 34 Students with Autism
- 112 Students with single room accommodations
Campus Life Readiness Quiz

- Developed by Organization for Autism Research (2018)
- Used at UNLV to help students prepare for on-campus living
- Can be given on paper or orally

- Please complete and score your quiz and we will discuss the results
Scoring the Campus Life Readiness Quiz

Scoring

- Yes = 2 points
- Sometimes = 1 point
- No = 0 points
Interpreting the Campus Life Readiness Quiz

What do the scores mean?

- 8 or less: You may not be ready to live independently on campus
- 9-17: You may have some challenges living on campus, but it could be a good experience for you
- 18 or more: You are ready to live independently on campus!
Case Study #1 (DD)

D.D. is a 20 year old female freshman on the Autism Spectrum who has lived at home all of her life. Her mother states that she does not keep her room clean and rarely helps clean up around the house. She needs constant reminders to start and complete her homework. She is only taking 9 credits a semester, because she is not able to manage a full 12 credit course load. She currently has a 2.36 GPA. D.D. recently moved into the residence halls this Spring and has a roommate.

Using the CLQ, how successful do you think D.D. will be living on campus?
Case Study #2 (CT)

C.T. is an 18-year-old male freshman with Autism from California who came to UNLV to study at the Hospitality College. He said that he had a part-time job when he was in high school and helped his Mom and Dad a lot with his younger brother who has very severe Autism. He is required to live on campus and has a roommate. He is currently taking 12 credits a semester and has finished his first year with a 3.45 GPA.

Using the CLQ, how successful do you think C.T. will be living on campus?
Case Study #3 (DE)

D.E. is a 22 year old freshman male on the Spectrum who is exploring majors. He is a Las Vegas native and has lived at home all of his life. He has a very tense relationship with his parents and argues with them constantly. He has had all of his needs anticipated while living at home. He was an emergency placement in the residence halls due to an explosive argument with his parents. He is only taking 6 credits a semester, because he cannot manage a full course load. He has a 2.87 GPA.

Using the CLQ, how successful do you think D.E. will be living on campus?
Housing Accommodations

- Single-Room
- Residency Waiver
- Meal-Plan Exemption
- Emotional Support Animal
- Air Conditioner (UVM)
- Private and Low Use Bathrooms (UVM)
- No-triple (UVM)
- Suite-style housing (UVM)
RA Training/Supporting Residence Life Staff

- DRC directed training for new and returning RAs
  - Autism basics and transition struggles
  - How to work with overwhelmed students
  - Where to refer
- Follow-up Training
  - Consent & Healthy Relationships
- DRC provides ongoing assistance to Residence Life Coordinators and RAs in supporting students with ASD living on campus
Implications of Apathy towards ASD Support

- An increase in students on the Spectrum being referred to Student Conduct for:
  - behavioral problems on campus
    - including sexual harassment & stalking accusations
    - disruptions & inappropriate behavior in the classroom
- Retention rates are down nationally for students on the Spectrum
  - under/unemployment
  - student loan debt
- Stigma and bias towards ASD, mental health, and otherwise abled
References

Questions?

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