

Austin Peay State  
University

Student Organizations

**POLICIES**

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Responsible Official: Vice President for Student Affairs

Responsible Office: Student Life and Engagement

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**Policy Statement**

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It is the policy of Austin Peay State University to support student organizations so that they provide a valuable service to the campus community by promoting leadership development, community spirit, activism, public service, and social and cultural interaction.

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**Purpose**

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The purpose of this policy is to provide Austin Peay State University students with a document that details the guidelines for student organizations.

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**Definition**

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**Student Organization**

A student organization is defined as a group of currently enrolled Austin Peay State University students who ~~unite to promote a common interest.~~ voluntarily come together to pursue a shared interest, purpose, or mission and are formally recognized by the University through the established registration process.

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**Procedures**

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All registered student organizations are affiliate groups of Austin Peay State University. Student organizations may be either organizations sponsored by the University, such as student government associations, associated student body organizations, and professional and honor societies, or organizations officially registered by the University. Recognized student organizations may include, but are not limited to, academic and professional organizations, honor societies, fraternities and sororities, sports clubs, governing councils, and special interest organizations. ~~Organizations which may be registered to operate on campus include the following:~~

~~(a) honors and leadership organizations and recognition societies;~~  
~~(b) departmental organizations and professional fraternities and sororities;~~  
~~(c) social fraternities and sororities; and~~  
~~(d) special interest groups (political, service, religious, athletic, etc.).~~

Registration of a student organization by the University shall neither constitute nor be construed as approval or endorsement by Austin Peay State University for the purposes, views, activities or objectives of the organization.

All registered student organizations must comply with university policies, the APSU Student Code of Conduct, Gows Guide for Student Organizations, and all applicable federal, state, and local laws. The guidelines for Student Organizations are published annually on the Office of Student Life and Engagement website and can be accessed at the following website:

<https://www.apsu.edu/student-life/organizations/orgresources.php>

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### Links

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#### Student Organization Resources

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### Revision Dates

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#### APSU Policy 3:003 – Rev.:

APSU Policy 3:003 – Rev.: November 2, 2020

APSU Policy 3:003 (previously 3:012) – Rev.: March 25, 2017

APSU Policy 3:003 – Rev.: September 14, 2015

APSU Policy 3:003 – Rev.: March 9, 2011

APSU Policy 3:003 – Rev.: October 23, 2003

APSU Policy 3:003 – Rev.: June 1, 1991

APSU Policy 3:003 – Issued: August 1, 1986

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