

Clubs are affinity groups organized around a common passion or interest.

Clubs are organized and led by students and are accountable to the Office of Student Involvement & Leadership through the ASSP VP of Campus Activities. All clubs are advised by a volunteer full-time faculty or staff member who shares a similar interest. Student clubs at SPU may become a registered student organization by applying for and becoming registered with the Committee for Student Clubs.

Being in a club at Seattle Pacific University provides students with a unique opportunity as they provide:

Community:
Joining a club is one of the easiest ways to meet peers with similar interests and passions.

Leadership Opportunities:
Clubs offer a safe, fun, and meaningful space to contribute and grow through different leadership roles.

A Chance to Impact Campus:
Clubs offer the exciting possibility to leave a personalized mark on the SPU community and respond quickly to current student needs through programs and events.

Networking:
Participation in a club may lead to networking opportunities in an area of interest.

Enhance Student Experience:
Campus involvement is proven to increase student success both in and out of the classroom. Clubs is a great way for students to get involved and feel more connected to the SPU community.

TYPES OF CLUBS AT SPU

Academic	A student organization with the stated objective of providing an opportunity for individuals to discuss and share information related to a specific academic discipline, topic or interest. These student organizations provide opportunities to get to know other students in one’s academic discipline, faculty members, and practitioners in their field of interests.
Intercultural	Culturally based clubs promote diversity and inclusion while providing a safe place for students of all backgrounds to gather and seek understanding. These clubs typically hold events to represent and celebrate the diverse cultures of our campus community.
Service	A student organization registered under this category places special emphasis on benefitting the community through education and awareness of social issues, as well as stewardship, service learning, and/or active community service.
Recreation	Clubs in this category are non-competitive clubs that provide members with a chance to engage in a favorite athletic-related or leisure activity with peers.
Political	Political student organizations promote political party ideologies and may exist as a community that discusses issues regarding local, state, and/or federal governments. They also engage the student body with ways to get involved with political issues.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN CLUBS?

Any current undergraduate student enrolled at SPU is eligible to participate in clubs. Clubs are sponsored and funded by the undergraduate Student Activity Fee, therefore, non-matriculated individuals and SPU graduate students may not formally participate in ASSP club activities.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING A REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATION?

There are many benefits to becoming a registered club. Most importantly, the Office of Student Involvement & Leadership desires your involvement at SPU to bring learning opportunities and growth to our community. Benefits include:

- The guidance and support students receive from their staff or faculty advisor, the ASSP VPCA and Club Coordinator, and OSIL Campus Program Coordinator
- Use of the University name and logo
- ASSP Funding for programs, events, and club meetings
- Use and reservation of campus space
- Use of Club Space within the Student Union Building (SUB)
- \$150 ASSP start-up funds after the 1st year of being a club
- An active OrgSync portal (after first year)

Clubs who are not a Recognized Student Organization do not have access to the above privileges.

WHAT DOES A CLUB HAVE TO DO?

Once a club is officially a Registered Student Organization, it is expected to:

- Act in a manner in accordance with the Lifestyle Expectations and all other outlined ASSP or university policies. *See club manual for a full list of policies.*
- Responsibly represent ASSP, OSIL, and SPU to the campus and surrounding communities.
- Meet at least three times per quarter.
- Have at least one representative attend all required meetings as noted by the ASSP Vice- President of Campus Activities, Club Coordinator, or Campus Program Coordinator.
- Spend ASSP money in a responsible manner.
- Provide the SPU campus with at least two programs or events pertaining to your club's passion/area of interest

HOW CAN A CLUB BE DISCONTINUED?

A club's recognition may be discontinued for one or more the following reasons, pending the Committee for Student Club's evaluation. CSC reserves the right to discontinue a club for reasons not explicitly listed below. Clubs may appeal the decision of CSC to Senate and can be re-registered by a majority vote of Senate. Reasons for discontinuation of club registration include:

- Failure to submit club continuance application to the Club Coordinator by the stated deadline of Friday, May 5th
- Lack of primary officer, financial officer, and/or advisor.
- Inactivity (i.e. less than two programs/events during academic year or not meeting for one full quarter).
- Failure to comply with any ASSP or SPU policies or procedures.
- Failure to attend any meeting called by the Club Coordinator or Campus Program Coordinator
- Failure to abide by club constitution.
- Failure to responsibly handle ASSP funds as allocated.
- Failure to receive CSC approval before marketing or hosting a program or event.

A discontinued club may contact the Club Coordinator for approval to go through the club reactivation process.