

PURPOSE/MISSION

The Department of Student Leadership and Involvement (SLI) facilitates opportunities that enhance the academic experience by promoting student involvement and event attendance, developing leadership skills, and preparing students to take on active societal roles on campus and in their communities.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

SLI accomplishes this mission by designing learning opportunities for students to grow and develop as individuals while working with their peers, staff, faculty, administrators, and community professionals. Because students engaged with our department, they will be able to do one or more of the following:

- Describe the purpose of the SLI program in which they are participating and discuss the impact it has within the university community.
- Demonstrate effective communication through active listening, absorbing information, and verbally presenting information one-on-one or in small or large group settings in a respectful manner.
- Examine and prioritize their workload by identifying and categorizing tasks based on their purpose, necessary attention, and time needed to complete them.
- Navigate group dynamics when working with others by demonstrating self-awareness and anticipating the strengths and influence of others.
- Report a higher level of confidence in their ability to lead and work with others, communicate verbally and in writing, manage their time, problem solve, and make decisions.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The co-curricular and extracurricular experiences that students have with the Department of Student Leadership and Involvement contribute to their academic persistence, retention, and completion. Furthermore, these experiences add to the vibrancy of

their college experience, increasing their affinity to UVU. The programs and offerings provided by SLI are listed below.

Action Learning: With weekly offering, students are able to participate in activities learning new skills/hobbies that they have interest in. Students are able to connect with their peers and participate as their schedules allow.

Clubs: Empowers and encourages student freedom to create groups dedicated to specific interests, hobbies, and academic focuses. By participating in the club, students have the opportunity to increase their leadership and communication skills, meet new people, and do more of what they love.

Interreligious Engagement: Builds and community inclusive of all worldviews (religious, spiritual, and secular identities) by providing physical space, education events/activities, and opportunities for dialogue to build respect, relationships, and understanding.

LEAD Certification Program: Students have the opportunity to earn a one- or two-year distinction certifying completion of prescribed teaching activities focused on four key areas of professional and personal development: Learn, Engage, Acquire, and Discover.

Off-Campus Housing: Assists students in having a positive student living experience by facilitating on-site residence life events/activities and connecting students to housing-related resources and information, including housing laws, independent living tutorials, contract navigation, etc.

Spirit Squad: Provides performance-based entertainment at athletic and campus events, promoting an atmosphere of interaction, enthusiasm, and support for UVU.

Student Government (UVUSA): Made up of elected and appointed officers, students are responsible for representing the student voice across campus. Student officers actively participate in policy change, advocate for student needs, and provide activities/events to enhance the student experience.

2023-2024 IMPACT DATA

390

student leaders

3.55

average cumulative GPA

58

degrees recieved

- **Civitas analysis results** yielded an average increase of **2.0%** in persistence for those that attended a SLI department sponsored event in comparison to those that did not (2.0% lift, CI +/-0.8%, p<.01, n-15,222). The overall analysis participants were all students who attended an event between fall 2017 and spring 2021.
- **Students attending 1-2 events per semester** showed a **1.4%** lift and those **attending 3-5 events** had a **2.7%** lift.
- A 2021 Civitas analysis determined that students who participate within a SLI department-run student organization in a leadership role show a significant lift in persistence (**5.8% lift, CI +/-2.9%, p<.01, n-548**). The overall analysis participants were all students who had participated in a student leadership program between fall 2017 and spring 2021. Comparison students were queried from the ODS database and were limited to students enrolled full-time in the same terms and had a **cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher** and did not participate in any student leadership programs. Another analysis will be conducted in 2025.

70.1%

- of the student leaders reported that because of their involvement they were more confident in completing their degree at UVU.

66.7%

- of the student leaders reported that they believed they had advanced in their ability to work cooperatively with others.

71.3%

- of the student leaders reported an increase in their self-confidence and self-esteem while involved at UVU.

512

Department sponsored events

1,304

Club sponsored events (131 registered clubs)

“Being involved on campus elevated my time at UVU. I was given the opportunity to develop professional skills through planning campus events and networking with amazing students and staff. Those skills have helped me get a better job and prepared me for my future.”

–Berkley Day, *Communication Major, Zone Activity Leader*