

Mission

The [LGBTQ+ Intercultural Engagement Program](#) is dedicated to fostering a welcoming community where all students can find a sense of belonging. Our mission is to offer educational and celebratory programming that promotes understanding, appreciation, and awareness of LGBTQ+ cultures.

Learning Outcomes

Through participating in and utilizing services and support from the LGBTQ+ Intercultural Engagement Program, students will be able to:

- Identify and articulate their own personal growth experiences and the impact of cultural education on their understanding of the LGBTQ+ community.
- Participate actively in events and programs that celebrate identities, fostering a deeper sense of belonging and community engagement.
- Demonstrate increased awareness and appreciation of the diversity within the LGBTQ+ community and its cultural significance.
- Engage in meaningful discussions and activities that promote cultural education and awareness, enhancing their understanding of multifaceted identities and openness

Programs and Services

Specialty Student Support

During the 2023-2024 academic year, we provided opportunities for one-on-one student support that allows students to explore sexuality and gender identity and be referred to local resources for the queer community.

Student Lounge Space

In October 2023, the LGBTQ+ Intercultural Engagement Program opened its new office and student lounge space, where students can connect with peers, access resources, and enjoy a safe environment where everyone is respected and valued.

Student Involvement

In partnership with Spectrum: Queer Student Alliance at UVU, students can find social support and participate in student leadership opportunities.

Campus Engagement

From our non-mandatory Safe Zone Trainings, InQueery Panels, and Cultural Competency Workshops, we offer campus engagement and education involvement for the greater UVU community.

Community Engagement

Our office has worked with the LGBTQ+ community across Utah by participating in the Utah Pride Parade, Provo Pride, Equality Utah Ambassador Program, and the Utah State Board of Higher Education's LGBTQIA+ Coalition.

2023-2024 Impact Data

- 207 one-on-one specialty student support meetings
- 2,500 student lounge visits
- 20 events throughout the year with 1,028 participants
- 10 events for LGBTQ+ Pride Month with 486 participants
- 62 graduates at the Lavender Graduation Celebration and nearly 150 guests

Student Stories

Elija Clements, he/him

"LGBTQ+ (Intercultural Engagement) has helped me in many ways. It has helped me get more connected with the community and build connections across campus. The service also provided a support and safe environment where I was able to be my most authentic self."

Eli Russel, they/he/she

"Having a space dedicated specifically towards marginalized queer communities helps me feel safe and welcome on campus and encourages me to continue to strive towards excellency. The support I feel from those employed here and those who frequent the space enables me to succeed in all aspects of my life. I am forever grateful to the staff for the welcoming environment they foster and the events they host."