

Multicultural Student Services

Mission.

We embrace identities, languages, traditions, and values through cultural frameworks that center student narratives by providing advocacy, education, and programming.

Learning Outcomes.

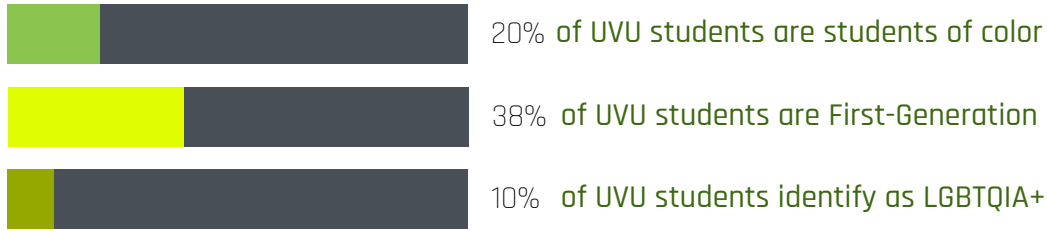
By interacting with our programs and services, students will be able to:

- Increase their own understanding and awareness of identity and culture
- Develop self-awareness about their own biases, fears, and comfort levels
- Develop skills to facilitate and navigate difficult conversations
- Develop and demonstrate inclusive leadership skills
- Learn how to advocate for themselves, as well as others

Programs and Services.

- [Specialty Support Advising](#) - We provide specialized advising that addresses and supports students culturally, academically, professionally, and personally. Our advisors are equipped with the cultural knowledge and skillset to provide general academic advising, cultural navigation, scholarship assistance, and club mentorship.
- [Student Leadership](#) - We provide students with the opportunities to develop inclusive leadership skills through our Cultural Envoy Leadership Program and Multicultural Student Council.
- [Initiative Programs](#) - We provide identity and cultural support through affinity programming that affirms and validates students from diverse backgrounds.

Student Representation



50 states represented in our student body

74 countries represented in our student body

Impact

- 110% enrollment increase of students of color since 2009
- 365% increase in Bachelor's degree graduates since 2012
- 6.5% increase in Master's degree graduates since 2013



Annual Events - 90+

Key Events:

- Bachata Fest
- Cultural Envoy Showcase
- Governor's Native American Summit
- Latino Celebración
- Lavender Graduation
- Native American Pow Wow

"LGBT Student Services has been a huge help to me in many ways. Each semester, they have informed my instructors about my chosen name/personal pronouns, and educated them about its importance in creating a safer space. They've helped me and a friend with a discrimination case by referring me to pro bono legal help. They've even helped teach me how to help others as well as always make any space a safe place. LGBT Student Services is amazing" (c/o 2018)

"MSS has helped me feel comfortable at UVU and also connected me with people who share similar stories than me. Not only that, but it has helped remind me that I am not alone, and I have amazing people and advisors in my corner, cheering me on. It has been a home away from home and a support system that has gotten me through my +3 years at UVU" (c/o 2021)

3500 students participating in programs each year

45 student leaders

\$281,400 amount of scholarship waivers awarded each year

"I have always known that I wanted to be a social worker. As I have grown, I have realized to accomplish that dream I would have to get through a lot of hurdles. As an African American woman, I had never seen a social worker/therapist that looked like me in Utah. I didn't know if it was even possible. As I continued to work up the courage to pursue my dream, I also realized the financial sacrifices that I would have to make to be able to pay for my education. As I have worked full time while attending college full time, I have constantly been worried about how to make my next payment. By receiving this scholarship, I was able to focus on my education rather than how I would pay for it. I am so grateful for this blessing"

(Breanna Lambert, c/o 2021)

