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“Connecting to campus outside of the classroom contributes positively to a student’s overall success in college. By getting involved on campus, students can meet new people and make friends, explore new areas of interest and even develop valuable leadership skills. Getting connected to campus can increase a student’s sense of belonging, making UTC feel like a home away from home.

There are multiple ways for students to connect to campus and get involved. UTC has over 120 student organizations across multiple categories, such as academic, fraternities and sororities, club sports, multicultural, religious/spiritual, social and more. Additionally, student organizations and campus departments host events on campus each week. These events can be primarily social, designed to help students meet and build relationships with others, or can be topic specific, designed to help students try something new or further develop knowledge or skills in a specific area.

Encourage your student to participate in a campus event or check out a student organization to take their first step in connecting to campus. Students can visit MocSync to find a student organization to join or an upcoming event to attend. The Office of Student and Family Engagement is here to help with and support each student’s involvement journey.”

| Fraternity and Sorority Life

utc.edu/fraternity-sorority-life

There are 22 fraternities and sororities affiliated with UTC, 20 of which are governed by one of four councils; the Interfraternity Council; the Panhellenic Association, the National Pan-Hellenic Council or the Multicultural Greek Council. All celebrate the shared core values of academic excellence, leadership development, civic engagement, brotherhood/sisterhood, social responsibility and diversity and inclusion.

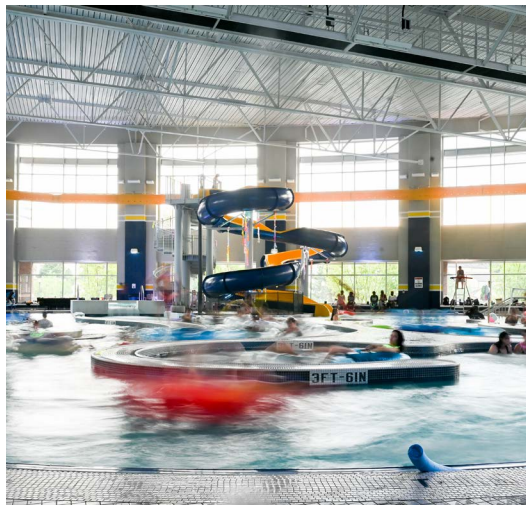
| Student Organizations

There are limitless opportunities to get involved at UTC. The university has more than 120 student organizations and new ones form all the time. Student organizations can complement a student's academic interests, give them space to explore something new and provide leadership and resume building opportunities.

| MocSync

utc.edu/mocsync

MocSync is the University's online platform for student engagement opportunities. In MocSync, students can search for and join registered student organizations, find upcoming events and even apply for leadership opportunities.



| Campus Recreation

utc.edu/campus-recreation

Campus Recreation fosters an inclusive environment for the UTC community to connect, play and pursue holistic well-being. Campus Recreation offers facilities and programs to meet new people and develop positive habits and healthy lifestyles through a variety of programs and facilities including outdoor trips and equipment rentals, club and intramural sports, group fitness classes, climbing and bouldering walls, basketball and sand volleyball courts, indoor pool with lap lanes, lazy river, water slide and spa and more.

| Student Success Programs

utc.edu/student-success-programs

Student Success Programs (SSP) is committed to helping students feel form a sense of belonging and feel connected to each other, campus and the Chattanooga community. Staff embrace students from all backgrounds and lived experiences.

SSP develops meaningful relationships with students by engaging in unique shared experiences and programs intentionally designed to support success, both in and out of the classroom. SSP peer mentors support all programs by sharing their personal journeys to help new Mocs feel confident as they navigate life at UTC.

| WAGE

utc.edu/wage

The Women and Gender Equity (WAGE) Center is a resource for UTC students and employees to engage with education and support regarding women and gender equity, gender-based violence, and the LGBTQ+ community. The center's survivor advocacy services address issues of gender-based violence on the UTC campus through victim advocacy and education.

| Multicultural Affairs

utc.edu/multicultural-affairs

Valuing diversity as an integral part of the college experience, the center works in partnership with faculty and staff to create an environment that promotes diversity, pluralism and inclusion. The center offers interactive activities aimed at increasing cultural awareness and provides resources for growth and advancement of underrepresented populations in the campus community.

| Athletics

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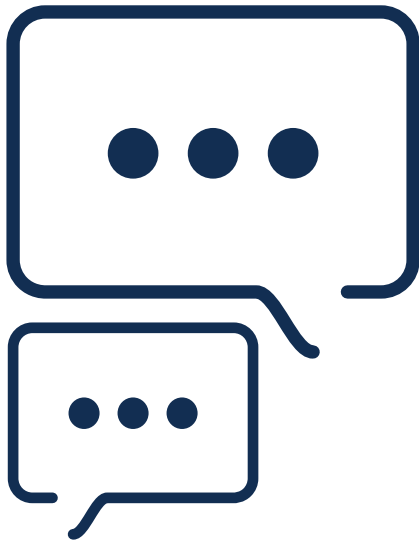
With 13 varsity athletics teams competing in various men's and women's sports, Chattanooga Athletics is committed to helping student athletes achieve excellence in the classroom and on the field. Chattanooga Athletics supports teams in the following sports: basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, volleyball and beach volleyball and wrestling. Students have free access to all athletic events.

| Events and Activities

Every week there are dozens of events and activities happening on campus. These events are hosted by university offices and departments and student organizations. To find the events calendar, visit utc.edu/mocsync.

| Living on Campus

UTC Housing and Residence Life seeks to unify students in an engaged learning community that provides opportunities for growth, diversity and responsible living. On-campus living provides students with a variety of clean, safe and convenient housing options, a dynamic community that recognizes and celebrates diversity and supportive environment which appropriately challenges residents to develop academically and socially.



Conversation Starters

What interests do you want to explore?

What activities or organizations do you look forward to participating in?

Why do you think it might be important to connect to campus?

Who can help you get involved on campus?
