

Classifications

St. Cloud State University categorizes each student organization as either a Student Group or a Campus Program, based on the nature of the organization including, but not limited to, the required budget process, funding levels, or staff responsibility and accountability to the organization. The responsibilities associated with each type of established student organization are outlined in this section. St. Cloud State University recognizes the Student Government Association as the governing body and official representative of the students.

Student Group: An association comprised primarily of students that upon completion of the established registration process is entitled to certain privileges, including access to a variety of resources on the St. Cloud State University campus. Student groups are those that mainly present events limited to their membership and campus community. These organizations are primarily interest groups. Any St. Cloud State University student can form a Student group with ten members and a full-time university faculty or staff member to serve as the adviser. Student groups must complete the annual registration process through the Center for Student Organizations & Leadership Development (CSOLD) and comply with all University policies and procedures.

Example of a Student group: American Marketing Association

Campus Program: A St. Cloud State University program similar to a student group in purpose and composition and affiliated with a St. Cloud State University academic or administrative department with a designated faculty or staff administrator or adviser responsible for the program from that department. All campus program operations and activities shall be subject to the oversight of the department.

Example of a campus program: University Program Board

Responsibilities of Student Organizations

Involvement in student organizations provides students with valued learning experiences that bridge learning inside and outside the classroom environment. At St. Cloud State University, both student groups and campus programs are required to:

- A. Complete the annual registration process with the CSOLD Office by September 30 of each year (annual registration requirements for registered student groups and campus programs may vary and will be clearly outlined each year).
- B. Update the CSOLD Office, via the Club Manager system online, of any changes to officers, Adviser, or members.
- C. Maintain a full time SCSU faculty or staff adviser.
- D. Maintain a current copy of a constitution in the CSOLD Office (either by paper copy or via the Club Manager system online).
- E. Comply with St. Cloud State University Affirmative Action policies, including Title IX, and state it under the membership section of their constitution.
- F. Abide by the laws of the State of Minnesota, the City of St. Cloud ordinances, St. Cloud State University policies, and all policies and procedures outlined in the St. Cloud State University Student Code of Conduct.
- G. Comply with the account policies set by the University and by Student Government Association.
- H. Plan and implement programs and events that minimize risk to participants, the organization, and the University, and to accept responsibility for supervision of all sponsored programs

Relationship to the University

Student Groups

Student Groups are affiliated with the University and are responsible for managing their programs in accordance with all University policies and procedures. They are not agents of the University and shall not represent themselves as such.

Campus Programs

Some campus programs may have University employees with specific job responsibilities to their programs. They are subject to all University policies and procedures.

Categories

Each student organization is assigned a category based on its purpose. New organizations make a request for the category they want to affiliate with. The CSOLD staff and the student organization leaders make the final decision about the category association.

The categories that organizations are assigned to are:

- Arts
- Communications
- Council/Advisory Groups
- Departmental/Academic Focus
- Fraternities and Sororities
- Honoraries
- Language and Culture
- Political and Social Concerns
- Recreation and Sports
- Religious and Spiritual
- Service and Advocacy
- Sport Clubs
- Student organizations

Student organizations that wish to be re-categorized may contact CSOLD at AMC 139, csold@stcloudstate.edu or 320-308-3004.