

Diversity & Inclusion

Support Resources

- **Center for Diversity & Inclusion:** The center's staff supports and advocates for students from traditionally underrepresented or marginalized populations and creates collaborative partnerships with campus and community members to promote dialogue and social change. The center hosts educational programs, facilitates trainings for students, and provides opportunities for individual support and mentorship. The center is located on the 3rd floor of the Danforth University Center and is open M-TH 8:30AM-10PM and Friday 8:30AM-8PM. More information can be found at <https://diversityinclusion.wustl.edu/>
- **Buder Center for American Indian Studies:** The Buder Center for American Indian Studies (BCAIS) is a premier graduate degree scholarship program in social work committed to the education of American Indian MSW students. The Buder Center recruits qualified American Indian scholars; provides student support in a demanding course of study; develops curriculum; conducts research and engages in policy development that directly impacts Indian Country.

Reporting Systems

- **Bias Report & Support System:** The university developed a system through which students, faculty, staff and community members who have experienced or witnessed incidents of bias, prejudice or discrimination involving a student can report their experiences to the university's Bias Report and Support System (BRSS) team. The system serves as a support, referral, and information system.

<https://diversityinclusion.wustl.edu/brss/>

- **Anti-Discrimination and Anti-Bias Policies:** We are committed to maintaining an inclusive environment for all members of the Washington University community. Our policies support and protect diversity and inclusion at the university.

<https://diversity.wustl.edu/framework/policies/>

Opportunities to Get Involved

- **Student Organizations:** There are a number of opportunities to get engaged with peers. More information can be found:
<https://diversity.wustl.edu/get-involved/?group-filter=students>
- **GSS Diversity and Inclusiveness Committee:**
<https://gradcenter.wustl.edu/groups>

Preferred Name Policy

The Preferred Name Policy at Washington University in St. Louis lets students change their names in most university information systems without pursuing a legal name change.

Reasons for name changes may include transgender or gender nonconforming identities, international students or other students who wish to adopt an English language name, students known by names that are different from their legal names, or students who have popular names who wish to use a different one.

<http://registrar.wustl.edu/student-records/ssn-name-changes/preferred-name-policy-student-information/>

Religious Identity Engagement

Washington University recognizes the individual student's choice in observing religious holidays that occur during periods when classes are scheduled. Students are encouraged to arrange with their instructors to make up work missed as a result of religious observance, and instructors are asked to make every reasonable effort to accommodate such requests.

In addition there are a number of places to practice your faith on campus and in the community. Learn more about those resources:

<https://wustl.edu/current-students/religious-life/>