CAMPUS-WIDE PROGRAMS

SIX CULTURALLY THEMED HERITAGE MONTHS
The culturally themed Heritage Months are collaboratively planned and implemented by a myriad of student clubs and organizations, academic units, Student Affairs offices, and faculty members, and the months are devoted to celebrating and embracing different cultures and identities. While events that celebrate the diversity of the Hofstra community take place throughout the year, each Heritage Month is a time for celebration, inclusion, and reflection.

- Hispanic Heritage Month (October)
- LGBTQ History Month (October)
- Diversity Awareness Month (November)
- Black History Month (February)
- Hispanic Heritage Month (October)
- Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month (April)

TRUE LIFE SERIES
The True Life Series, presented in collaboration with the Office of Residential Programs, was recently honored as Program of the Year by the Long Island College Student Personnel Association (LICSPA), the local arm of the American College Personnel Association (ACPA). Events presented during this series have included “True Life: I’m in the Military,” “True Life: I’m Living With HIV/AIDS,” “True Life: I’m in a Biracial or Multiracial Relationship,” and “True Life: I’m Gay at Hofstra.”

DIVERSITY, DIALOGUE AND DESSERTS SERIES
The Diversity, Dialogue and Desserts Series allows participants to discuss—in an open forum style—which issues of diversity in our world today. Each program is hosted by a Hofstra student, faculty or staff member, and is sponsored by the Office of Multicultural & International Student Programs. We encourage all members of the Hofstra community to participate in these campus conversations.

The most recent Diversity, Dialogue and Desserts events have included: “That’s So Gay: The Proliferation of Homophobia on Campus,” “Latinonation: America’s New Majority,” “Is the Revolution Being Televised? Portrayals of Diversity in the Media,” “Reflections on the Death of Sean Bell,” “Merry Christmas Everyone...Thanks, But I Am Actually a Muslim,” “White Privilege: An Examination of Systemic Racism in the United States,” and “The ‘N’ Word: Should It Ever Be Used Again?”

MULTICULTURAL FILM SERIES
The Multicultural Film Series highlights a very diverse offering of documentaries and films. Approximately six to eight films are offered each semester, and some of the films coincide with our Heritage Months. Films and documentaries that have been presented include: The Color of Fear, Gay Pioneers, Stand and Deliver, What Black Men Think, American History X, and The Great Debaters.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK
International Education Week is a time for the entire campus community to embrace the international nature of Hofstra. Events that take place during International Education Week include the international student and cultural student group performance showcase, International Global Glitz: a discussion series titled Is Hofstra Global?, the showing of international documentary films such as Amandla! (the story of how music fueled the apartheid movement in South Africa); and a World Cup soccer tournament where students from different countries compete.

GENOCIDE FELLOWS PROGRAM
Under the leadership of Hofstra Hillel and the Office of Multicultural & International Student Programs, the Genocide Fellows Program is a yearlong educational program that revolves around the historical and current issues of genocide in our global society. There are weekly sessions to explore the history of genocide as well as examinations into specific case studies. Students also have the opportunity to participate in site visits to organizations that are making a difference in combating issues of bias and hate in our society, such as the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, National Coalition Building Institute, and the United Nations. Fellows (who receive a small stipend) travel to Washington, D.C., to visit various agencies on the front line of preventing genocide. Applications are available in mid-April.

DIVERSITY TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS
The Office of Multicultural & International Student Programs assists in providing members of the Hofstra community with a wide array of diversity training and education options. Programs include: “Creating a Safe Space for the LGBTQ Student and Staff Community,” “Understanding White Privilege,” “Multicultural Competence Training,” “Dismantling Stereotypes,” and “Confronting Racism.” The office provides diversity training workshops for resident assistants, orientation leaders, Greek organization presidents, resident safety student officers, and student clubs and organizations, as well as more than 150 staff members within the Division of Student Affairs.

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Diversity at Hofstra: Our Mission

The Office of Multicultural & International Student Programs works closely with several other campus departments to ensure that diversity remains a top priority in all our student life programs at Hofstra. If you are looking to explore multicultural and international issues during your time at Hofstra, we hope that you consider making our office one of your “homes away from home” – as all Student Affairs offices are here to serve your needs.

More than 500 cultural programs and events take place on campus each year, so please take advantage of all the opportunities Hofstra has to offer, and be sure to get involved. Attending college is as much about exploring your own culture as it is about exploring the cultures around you. Please stop by our office in 242 Mack Student Center. We look forward to helping you find your way.

International Student Life

The Office of Multicultural & International Student Programs offers various academic, social and cultural programs for the international student community. From trips in the greater New York area to helping students acclimate to Hofstra and the New York City area, the office is a central resource for international students.

There are more than 330 international students from more than 70 countries, including:

- Australia
- Bahamas
- Bangladesh
- Barbados
- Belarus
- Belgium
- Bhutan
- Bolivia
- Botswana
- Brazil
- British Virgin Islands
- Bulgaria
- Burkina Faso
- Canada
- China
- Colombia
- Côte d’Ivoire
- Cyprus
- Denmark
- Dominica
- Dominican Republic
- El Salvador
- Finland
- France
- Georgia
- Germany
- Ghana
- Greece
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Hong Kong
- India
- Indonesia
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Jamaica
- Japan
- Kenya
- Kuwait
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Malta
- Netherland
- Nigeria
- North Korea
- Norway
- Pakistan
- Panama
- Peru
- Poland
- Portugal
- Saudi Arabia
- Serbia & Montenegro
- Slovakia
- South Africa
- South Korea
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Trinidad & Tobago
- Turkey
- United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom
- Uzbekistan
- Venezuela
- Yugoslavia
- Zimbabwe

Multicultural Student Life

The Office of Multicultural & International Student Programs advises 20 student cultural clubs and organizations, and we are responsible for planning and implementing cultural awareness and diversity education programming for the student community at Hofstra. We work closely with a variety of campus constituencies to ensure that Hofstra University remains a diverse campus that embraces its multicultural identity. This includes providing support to historically under-represented students and groups on campus, including students of Color, the LGBTQ community, women, religious minority groups, and other students and groups that may be targets of oppression in an educational community. We are also responsible for coordinating cultural-themed Heritage Months for the University.

Student Clubs and Organizations Advised by the Office of Multicultural & International Student Programs

- African Caribbean Society
- Armenian Club
- Asian Student Association
- Black Student Union
- Collegiate Women of Color
- Cultural Italian-American Organization (CIAO)
- Gay-Straight Alliance
- German Club
- Hellenic Society
- HINT (Hofstra International; Organization of International Students)
- Hofstra Haitian Organization
- Hofstra Organization of Latin Americans
- Hofstra Pride Network
- Integrating Multicultural People and Coming Together (IMPACT)
- Irish Society
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
- Portuguese Club
- South Asian Student Association
- Turkish Student Association
- Womyn of Action