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What is the University Chaplaincy?

The University Chaplaincy is a dynamic hub supporting religious, spiritual, ethical, and cultural life for all members of the Tufts community. The Chaplaincy provides pastoral care, supports religious and philosophical communities, educates about spiritual and ethical issues in society and the world, and promotes multifaith engagement.

The Chaplaincy includes the University Chaplain who is responsible for leading university spiritual life overall, with a team of Jewish, Catholic, Muslim, and Protestant Chaplains who serve the whole Tufts family as well as their particular communities. Spiritual life at Tufts also includes many campus communities across the religious and philosophical spectrum.

We invite you to visit our website and Facebook page for information about specific programs, services, communities, and ways to get involved. All are always welcome.

Special Words of Welcome

Special student communities, gatherings, and programs are offered to support the spiritual and ethical lives of **graduate students** on all three Tufts campuses, and the Chaplains are available to meet with graduate students and support their particular spiritual needs.

The University Chaplaincy is charged with cultivating the development of meaning, purpose, and values in the lives of all members of the Tufts community, and we welcome **Agnostics, Atheists, Humanists, the Nonreligious, and Seekers** in all of our programs and services. We support the Humanist community in its ethical exploration and community life and value Humanists as crucial partners in interfaith social justice work.

Consistent with Tufts' historic social justice values and commitments, the University Chaplaincy welcomes and affirms **persons of all genders and sexual orientations** and works to promote the full inclusion of LGBTQ persons in spiritual life and society.





Weekly Gatherings (During Term)

Catholic Mass:	Sundays, 10 pm Goddard Chapel
Jewish Conservative & Reform Shabbat Services:	Fridays, 6 pm Saturdays, 10 am Hillel Center
Muslim Jumah Prayer:	Fridays, 1:15 pm Interfaith Center
Protestant Worship:	Wednesdays, Noon Interfaith Center Sundays, 7 pm Goddard Chapel
Other Gatherings:	See University Chaplaincy website for current times.

Campus Religious and Philosophical Communities

- Baha'i
- Buddhist
- C.A.F.E. (Conversation, Action, Faith & Education; Interfaith)
- Catholic
- Chabad (Jewish)
- Christian Scientist
- Freethought
- Hillel (Jewish)
- Hindu
- Interfaith Social Action
- Latter Day Saints
- Muslim
- Orthodox Christian
- Protestant (Evangelical and Mainline/Progressive)
- Seventh Day Adventist
- Sikh
- Unitarian Universalist

Other campus communities are welcome to contact the University Chaplain for support.



Multifaith Opportunities

Baccalaureate

C.A.F.E. (Conversation, Action, Faith & Education) Forums

Civil Dialogue Programs

Interfaith Pre-Orientation Program

Interfaith Social Action

Interfaith Student Council

Interfaith Youth Core Trainings

Lectures, Forums, Arts and Cultural Events

Russell Lecture

Sacred Music Series

Thanks-for-Giving Celebration

Connections to Local, National, and Global

Interfaith Networks

Select Educational and Cultural Programming

Alternative Spring Break Service Trips

Christmas Concert and Caroling

Ecumenical Christmas Party

Ecumenical Easter Lunch

Halloween Midnight Organ Recital

Jewish High Holiday and Festival Celebrations

Muslim Women's Group

Ramadan Iftars and Eid Celebrations

Retreats and Travel Seminars

Scripture Studies

Service and Social Justice Initiatives

Special Religious Dining Options

Spiritual Formation Small Groups

Spring into Islam Awareness Month

Tufts against Genocide Program

The Chaplaincy collaborates in offering intersectional programming and services with centers and departments on all Tufts campuses that promote shared interests in diversity, social justice, global cultures and citizenship, public service, and care for the wellness of all.

The Chaplaincy encourages students interested in the academic study of religion to explore the course offerings of Tufts' excellent Religion Department:

<http://ase.tufts.edu/religion>.



Pastoral Care and Counseling

Pastoral care is a type of care and counseling provided by religious professionals. It involves nonjudgmental and compassionate listening that allows people to share their deepest joys, concerns, and hopes in the context of their full humanity, and for many, their spirituality. It has the goal of fostering a person's spiritual wellbeing, and if desired can include spiritual guidance, scriptural study, and prayer. It can be a way to think through a relationship or a concern, and it provides a space for confidential sharing in the context of a holistic network of support. It is often especially important in times of loss and grief.

Ordained religious leaders cannot be mandated to share the contents of pastoral conversations, although they may do so out of concern for a person or others. Tufts' Chaplains are available to provide pastoral care upon request to any member of the Tufts community. Please visit, call, or email the Chaplaincy to make an appointment. If needed, a Chaplain may be reached at any hour by calling Tufts University Police at 617-627-3030.

Vigils, Celebrations, Weddings and Memorial Services

Throughout the year the Chaplaincy offers invocations and benedictions at university events and coordinates holiday and holy day observances, and we lead the university community in multifaith celebrations such as Baccalaureate and vigils responding to significant local, national, and global occurrences. Tradition-specific lifecycle rituals and sacraments are also offered through our particular chaplaincies. In addition, the Chaplaincy is honored to support the campus and local community by coordinating, hosting, and celebrating the joyous occasions of weddings and holy unions and the solemn occasions of memorial services.

<http://chaplaincy.tufts.edu>



Leadership Development and Vocational Discernment

Among the many benefits of becoming involved in religious and philosophical communities is the opportunity for leadership development, community building, and vocational discernment. These skills and connections are valuable in whatever paths students take beyond Tufts. Tufts has a proud tradition of preparing students for graduate study in religion and related fields, and supporting students in exploring careers in religious life, interfaith work, and public service. The Chaplaincy offers connections to internships, training, mentoring, references, and networks to support students' future plans.

Sacred Spaces (Medford Campus)



Goddard Chapel
3 The Green



Interfaith Center
58 Winthrop Street



Granoff Family Hillel Center
220 Packard Avenue



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Tufts was founded on the deep spiritual and ethical conviction that all life shares a common destiny, and so we should learn about, care about, and serve one another here and now. The Chaplaincy invites all to join us in embracing this spirit of our Universalist heritage as we explore the personal, social, and global dimensions of spirituality and ethics today.

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