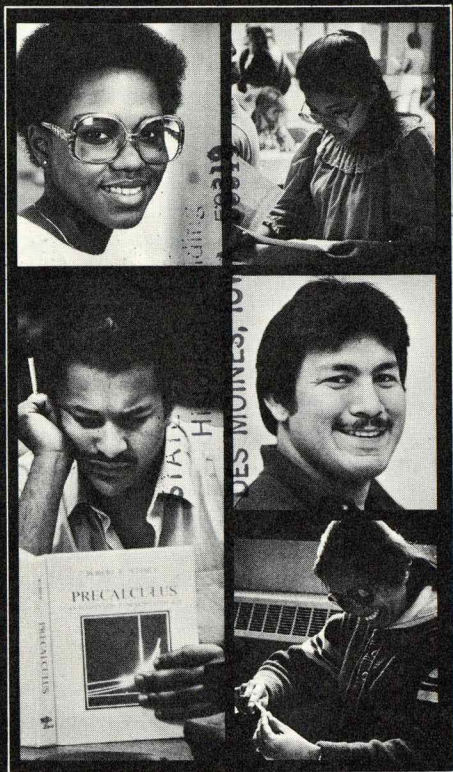


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SPECIAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Purpose and Philosophy

The University of Iowa is committed to increasing the number of advanced degree holders among persons from nontraditional backgrounds. The Office of Special Support Services was created to help the culturally different and the economically and educationally disadvantaged throughout their academic careers at Iowa.

We believe that graduate students admitted to the University can succeed with diligent effort and with good counseling and academic support. The Special Support Services professional staff is dedicated to providing that counseling and support.

Coordination of Services

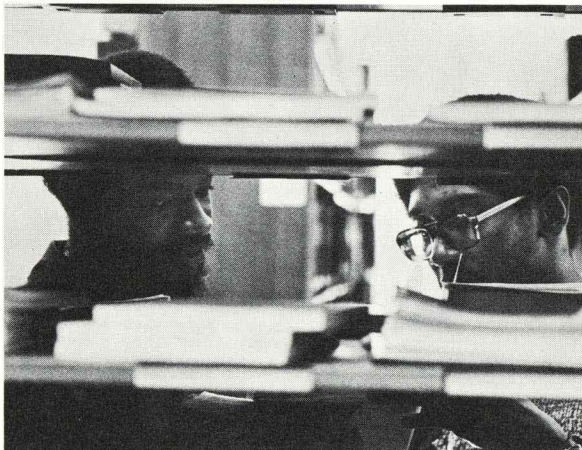
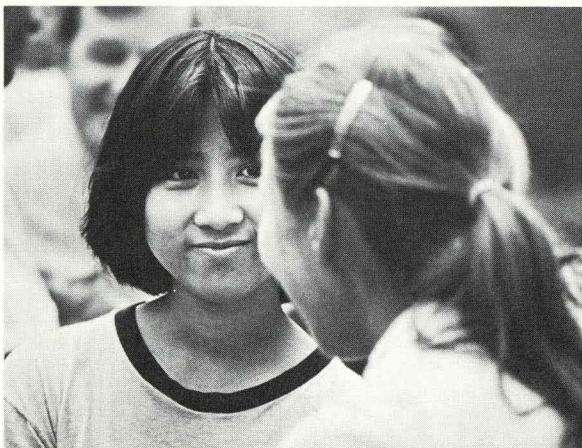
The Graduate and Professional Programs consultant in the Office of Special Support Services coordinates academic services by working with students in the application and admissions process, maintaining contact with academic departments and advising students on matters relating to academic progress. The consultant also helps students find resources to meet financial aid and housing needs and orientation to the University and Iowa City.

Cultural Centers

Both the Afro-American Cultural Center and the Chicano Indian American Cultural Center are places where students can maintain their cultural identities, find support, and share their cultural uniqueness with the University community. Both centers and their activities are open to the public.

Afro-American Cultural Center activities include "rap" sessions, orientation programs, movies, and class sessions. Its library is stocked with African, Afro-American, and Third World publications.

Students at the Chicano Indian American Cultural Center have organized conferences, workshops, and cultural activities. They have sponsored preschool bilingual education programs, prison visitations, and other outreach activities in the surrounding communities. The center has a library of special interest books and periodicals.



Activities and Aid

Student Activities

GEOP students participate in the full range of student life and campus activities including these professional, social, and cultural organizations: Afro-American Graduate Student Association, Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Los Bailadores Zapatistas dance troupe, Black Action Theatre, Black American Law Student Association, Black Genesis Dance Troupe, Black Students in Engineering, Black Student Union, *Challenger* newspaper, Chicano Association for Legal Education, Chicano Indian American Student Union, Delta Sigma Theta sorority, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, Minorities Interested in Doctoring and Allied Sciences, National Association of Black Journalists, Omega Psi Phi fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, Sigma Gamma Rho fraternity, Voices of Soul Gospel Choir, and Zeta Phi Beta sorority.

Financial Aid

Graduate students who wish to be considered for financial aid at The University of Iowa must submit a completed Financial Aid Form to the College Scholarship Service by March 1. Applications submitted after that date will be considered only as funds remain available.

The University's Office of Student Financial Aid provides grants to those Special Support Services students who show extreme financial need. The maximum award covers tuition and an allowance toward school-year living expenses. Aid from other sources, such as the Health Professions Student Loan, National Direct Student Loan, Guaranteed Student Loan, and College Work-Study Program meet the balance of the student's need.

To be considered for an Educational Opportunities Program grant, all students, regardless of independent or dependent status, must submit parent's or guardian's income information.

Graduate students are urged to apply for graduate awards made through the academic departments and for research, service, or teaching assistantships available in their departments.

For further information, contact:

EOP Financial Aid Coordinator
Office of Student Financial Aid
208 Calvin Hall
The University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa 52242

Admission

Applicants for admission to graduate programs at The University of Iowa must submit the following: graduate admissions application; appropriate scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Graduate Management Aptitude Test (GMAT) for business majors; three letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the scope and quality of the applicant's previous academic and/or professional work, and an official transcript of all undergraduate and graduate work.

All of the above documents and any requests for general information, admission, and financial aid forms should be sent to:

Office of Admissions
115 Calvin Hall
The University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa 52242

All applicants for admission to The University of Iowa College of Dentistry, College of Law, and College of Medicine should contact the Graduate and Professional Student Programs consultant in the Office of Special Support Services for information regarding the appropriate admissions procedure.

Requests for specific information about a degree program should be directed to the department administering the program.

For More Information

For more information about the Graduate Educational Opportunities Program, contact:

Graduate and Professional Student Programs
Consultant
Special Support Services
310 Calvin Hall
The University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa 52242

Call Toll-Free

If you live in Iowa, you can call the Admissions Office toll-free at 1-800-272-6412. You can call toll-free from Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota, or Wisconsin at 1-800-553-6380. If you call from another state, you pay the regular toll; the number is 1-319-353-5440.



The University of Iowa does not discriminate in its educational programs and activities on the basis of race, national origin, color, religion, sex, age, or handicap. For additional information on nondiscrimination, please contact the Coordinator of Title IX and Section 504 in the Office of Affirmative Action, 202 Jessup Hall, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa 52242. Phone: (319) 353-4619.

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