

UNDER GRADUATE EDUCATION

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The Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education (VPUE) is responsible for building partnerships with faculty, departments, programs, and schools to promote and sustain excellence in undergraduate education at Stanford. It has a special focus on the academic programs in the first and second year that engage students in critical thinking and scholarly inquiry and that lay the foundations for their subsequent fields of concentration and future achievements. The VPUE supports faculty and departments by providing resources for fostering excellence in teaching, advising and mentoring, and undergraduate research. The Bing Overseas Studies Program, Center for Teaching and Learning, Diversity Outreach, Freshman and Sophomore Programs, Freshman Dean's Office, Introduction to Humanities, New Student Orientation/Approaching Stanford, Program in Writing and Rhetoric, Hume Writing Center, Undergraduate Advising and Research, and Writing in the Major report to the VPUE. The Office of the VPUE works closely with the Office of the Vice Provost for Student Affairs and the Admissions Office. The Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education reports to the Provost.

Policies governing undergraduate education are formulated by Faculty Senate committees and voted into legislation by the Faculty Senate. The Committee on Undergraduate Standards and Policies (C-USP) addresses such topics as general education requirements, grading, awards, advising, and teaching evaluation. The Committee to Review Undergraduate Majors (C-RUM) oversees the initiation and review of undergraduate degree programs. Committee members include the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education or his delegated staff (ex-officio) and representatives from the faculty at large, administration (such as the Office of the University Registrar), and students. The Associated Students of Stanford University (ASSU) nominations committee selects student members. The VPUE also maintains, by rule of the Faculty Senate, the Introduction to the Humanities Governance Board and the Writing and Rhetoric Governance Board to oversee these University degree requirements. Finally, the Undergraduate Advisory Council (UGAC) was established by the Provost in 1996 to serve as the main faculty advisory body for the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education.