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CULTURAL CENTERS

Portland State has three spaces officially considered its Cultural Centers: La Casa Latina, the Multicultural Center, and the Native American Student and Community Center. These centers are open to ALL students, regardless of background. The Cultural Centers create a student-centered inclusive environment that enriches the university experience by honoring diversity, exploring social justice issues, celebrating cultural traditions, and fostering student identities, success, and leadership.



RESOURCE CENTERS

There are many resource centers on campus designed to help students navigate some of the challenges associated with succeeding at a large educational institution. Resource centers are there to help. They include the Women's Resource Center, Veteran's Resource Center, Queer Resource Center, Disability Resource Center, and the Resource Center for Students with Children. These centers are also excellent places to learn about the many different communities represented on campus and beyond.



PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY

cultural sustainability walking tour

Follow this self-guided tour to learn about cultural centers & resources at PSU



Welcome! This self-guided tour will take you to many of the cultural centers and resources on our campus.

At Portland State, sustainability is an important part of who we are and what we do. It's about recognizing the interconnectedness of social, economic, and environmental systems, and making decisions today that do not irreversibly constrain future generations. Equity is an essential component of sustainability. This map aims to increase knowledge of the resources on campus that celebrate and support various aspects of culture and promote a more equitable campus, community, and world.

1 Smith Memorial Student Union

SW BROADWAY AND HARRISON

Smith is a hub of student activity and is home to many of PSU's cultural resources and student organizations.

Disability Resource Center (DRC)
Room 116 | www.pdx.edu/drc

The Disability Resource Center helps make university life accessible to students with disabilities by identifying, evaluating, and reducing or eliminating barriers to student access throughout the PSU community. DRC focuses on building partnerships and infrastructure that incorporate the principles of universal design, sustainability, and social justice.

Diversity and Multicultural Student Services (DMSS)
Room 425 | www.pdx.edu/dmss

Diversity and Multicultural Student Services' mission is to build and strengthen a sustainable, diverse co-curricular environment where all students have the access and support they need to achieve their educational goals. DMSS programs and services are geared to help students achieve greater success at all levels through enhancement of writing and math skills, academic advising, counseling, advocacy, mentoring opportunities, and scholarship information delivered by a multicultural staff.

Multicultural Center (MCC)

Room 228 | www.pdx.edu/dmss/multicultural-center

The Multicultural Center explores our intersectional identities and seeks to develop cultural competency through student engagement, programming, and meaningful dialogue.

Queer Resource Center (QRC)
Room 458 | www.pdx.edu/queer

The Queer Resource Center provides students along the sexuality and gender spectrum with the support they need to persist to graduation. The Queer Resource Center's vision is to facilitate a campus environment such that Portland State University is the higher education destination of choice for students, staff, and faculty along the sexuality and gender spectrum.

Quiet Prayer & Meditation Room
Room 47

Located in the basement of Smith, this room offers a quiet, meditative space to reflect or offer thanks in a manner that is culturally appropriate based on your own needs. This room is free to use and open to all students regardless of belief system.



La Casa Latina

Room 229 | www.pdx.edu/dmss/la-casa-latina

La Casa Latina is a hub on campus where Latin@ students come together to build and connect with community, develop leadership skills, empower their individual and collective identities, and find services that support academic success.

McNair Scholars Program

Room M302 | www.pdx.edu/mcnair-program

The Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program works with motivated and talented undergraduates who want to pursue a Ph.D. It introduces juniors and seniors who are first-generation and low-income, and/or members of underrepresented groups to academic research and to effective strategies for getting into and graduating from Ph.D. programs.

Resource Center for Students with Children

Room 462 | www.pdx.edu/students-with-children

The Resource Center for Students with Children supports students in achieving life balance that helps them stay the course to successful completion of their academic goals. Services include a child care subsidy, small short-term loans, child care resources and referrals, social events for families, and a lounge specifically for students with children.

Veteran's Resource Center (VRC)

Room 401 | www.pdx.edu/veterans

The Veterans Resource Center provides comprehensive support for student veterans and service members to help meet their unique academic needs. VRC also provides faculty and administrators with resources and information to support the student veteran community.



2 The Finnish Room

CRAMER HALL

Room 124 | finnishroom@pdx.edu

Since 1959, The Finnish Room has served as the hub for the promotion of Scandinavian culture on campus. It is host to numerous events highlighting Scandinavian history, culture, art, languages, and current events. The space was constructed with the intention of capturing "the essence of Finland." Granite baseboards, birch paneling, and woven matting and furniture were imported from Finland and installed by local Finnish craftsmen.

3 School of Gender, Race, and Nations

EXTENDED STUDIES BUILDING (XSB)

Suite 150 | www.pdx.edu/gender-race-nations

The Extended Studies Building is home to Black Studies; Chicano/Latino Studies; Indigenous Nations Studies; and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. These departments have jointly created the new School of Gender, Race, and Nations that provides courses that cross all four specialty areas.

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Women's Resource Center (WRC)

MONTGOMERY HALL

Basement | www.pdx.edu/wrc

The Women's Resource Center advocates for the best educational and campus experience for all members of our community by advancing social justice and working towards a safe and healthy campus environment. WRC offers programs in interpersonal violence, leadership in action, empowerment, and community.

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Oak Savanna

SW 11TH AND MONTGOMERY

In 2012, the PSU Oak Savanna—a lightly forested grassland and one of the rarest plant communities in the world—was restored on the PSU campus by a group of dedicated students. Traditionally, Oak Savannas were sustainably maintained by Native Americans to provide areas for plant harvesting and shelter for game animals. The PSU Oak Savanna also serves as an outdoor learning lab and space for community gatherings.

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Walk of the Heroines

SW 11TH AND HARRISON

www.woh.pdx.edu

The Walk of the Heroines honors the women who have made a difference in our lives. Use this site to learn more about these women and the common threads that unite them across time, place, and culture.



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Native American Student and Community Center (NASCC)

SW BROADWAY AND JACKSON

www.pdx.edu/dmss/nascc

The mission of the Native American Student & Community Center is to provide a "cultural home" where Native American, Alaskan Native, and Pacific Islander students connect to other students, faculty, staff, and community members. At the Center, students may build community, receive assistance in support of their academic goals, perform traditional ceremonies, and explore and develop cultural identities and intercultural alliances. Completed in 2004, the architectural details of the building were designed to incorporate symbolism associated with Indigenous cultures. Please also enjoy the rooftop native plant living garden.

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The International Student Lounge

EAST HALL

Room 122 | Intl-life@pdx.edu

The International Student Lounge is a great place to study or relax while enjoying free coffee or tea. There is a microwave, couches, and chairs available for your individual use or student group meetings. The Lounge is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Stop by to find information about housing, scholarships, on-campus employment, family resources, and more.



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