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## ABSTRACT

Characteristics of 187 free universities and 21 learning referral centers and information on registrations and referrals, finance, and staffing are examined, based on 1982 followup survey results. A free university is broadly defined as an organization that offers to the general public ungraded, unaccredited classes that anyone can teach; learning referral centers allow persons to register their learning needs and help match potential learners with resource people. Information is provided on the following: number of free universities and centers by year founded, affiliation, and eligibility for activities; number and percent of registrations and referrals by school affiliation; number and percent of free universities and centers charging fees for services; expenditures of free universities by expenditure size and type of expenditure, and of centers, by type of expenditure; revenues of free universities, by expenditure size and source of revenue, and of centers, by source of revenue; number of staff in free universities and centers, by paid staff size and pay status; and number of sections offered by free universities, for selected subjects. Information on the survey methodology and a directory of free universities and learning referral centers are included. (SW)

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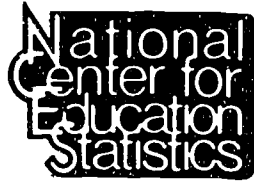
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## Foreword

*Free Universities and Learning Referral Centers, 1981* represents a follow-up to the original survey conducted about these organizations in 1978. Public Law 93-380 requires that the National Center for Education Statistics study and report on the status of all sectors and levels of education in the United States.

The free university movement began at the University of California at Berkeley in 1964. A free university is broadly defined as an organization that offers to the general public ungraded, unaccredited classes that anyone can teach and in which anyone can learn. Courses are taught on practically any subject thought to be of interest, and admission of participants is open. They are defined as a specific type of organization under whose auspices noncredit, nondegree classes are offered to the general adult public. They usually issue catalogs of their offerings, charge only a small fee, and operate on a low budget. They often are called free universities, experimental colleges, free schools, and communiversities.

Learning referral centers serve as a focal point for persons to register their learning needs to ascertain who might provide the needed information. Others call the center to indicate that they would be willing to serve as a resource in a particular area. The learning center matches potential learners with resource persons.

This second national survey of free universities and learning referral centers was conducted during early 1982. All reported data are for the calendar year ending in December 1981. The survey was conducted for NCES by the Learning Resources Network, William A. Draves, Director. The project was coordinated by Evelyn R. Kay of NCES.

NCES gratefully acknowledges and appreciates the responses of the free universities and learning referral centers participating in the survey.

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## Introduction

Among the newest and most innovative educational institutions in the country are free universities and learning referral centers. They began without Federal or State funding as an outgrowth of student activism on college and university campuses in the mid-1960's. Since then, free universities and learning referral centers have expanded their student base to include the general public, such as elderly persons and pre-college youth.

### Free Universities

During the mid- to late 1960's, free universities were primarily a campus phenomenon, with the leadership and participants almost exclusively student-based. The course content was often social or political in nature. Between 1971 and 1975, campus-based free universities became less visible. Some became independent from colleges and universities, and some were taken over by independent organizations or community agencies. As the orientation of free universities turned more toward the community, participants increasingly came from the general population. The curriculum expanded to include practical skills, arts and crafts, humanities, and personal awareness.

Since 1978, the number of free universities has increased, and enrollments have grown as more adults participated in lifelong learning. In 1981, there were a total of 187 free universities, up from 146 in 1978. The number of registrations during that period grew correspondingly. In 1978, they totaled almost 300,000; in 1981, approximately 550,000 registrations were reported.

### Learning Referral Centers

The first learning referral center was set up in Evanston, Illinois, in 1971. Since then, an estimated 125 learning referral centers have been established around the country. However, only 20 to 30 have been in existence at any one time. Major problems affecting learning referral centers are low budgets, combined with the inability to afford permanent, full-time staff. The success of the centers is often closely related to the ability to recruit interested and dedicated volunteer staff. Still, a need for their services seems to be growing: about 10,000 more referrals were reported in 1981 than in 1978.

## General Characteristics of Free Universities and Learning Referral Centers

The completed survey identified 187 free universities and 21 learning referral centers. Two of the organizations identified themselves as both a free university and a referral center and are therefore counted in both categories. A list of the free universities and learning referral centers included in the survey is shown in the appendix.

The majority of both free universities and learning referral centers are relatively new organizations. For example, over 60 percent of all free universities were founded in 1975 or later (table 1). Only 32 free universities (17 percent) are over 10 years old. Similarly, only 2 of the 21 learning referral centers were founded before 1971.

The number of free universities increased 28 percent, rising from 146 in 1978 to 187 in 1981. College-related free universities increased from 88 to 111, and independents from 45 to 55. The largest gain occurred with the community organizations, such as local libraries, churches, and YWCA/YMCA's, increasing from 12 to 21 organizations. The following tabulation summarizes these data:

Type of organization	1978	1981	Percent change
Total .....	146	187	28
College/university .....	88	111	26
Community organization .....	12	21	75
Independent .....	45	55	22
Other .....	1	—	—

These figures refer to the organizations operating at the time of the two surveys. They do not account for the free universities that may have been established and then ceased to exist before 1978 or between 1978 and 1981. This was not unusual. For example, only 74 of the institutions in the 1981 survey were in the 1978 survey.

Most of the free universities and learning referral centers were affiliated with a college or university (table 1). Of this type, almost half (54) were sponsored by a college union, and one-third (40) were associated with a student-run organization. Independent status has grown substantially, especially among the rural independent free universities. Before 1975, rural independent free universities were virtually nonexistent; 28 such institutions were identified in 1981.

In addition, a total of 21 free universities indicated that they were affiliated with a community organization, down from 42 in 1978. Similar affiliations are noted for learning referral centers: 7 were sponsored by college-related organizations, and the remainder were independent or affiliated with a community organization.

Despite the fact that most free universities and learning referral centers originated on the college campus in 1981, almost all were open to anyone. This applied to over 77 percent of the free universities and approximately 80 percent of the learning referral centers. Only 27 free universities restricted enrollment to college or university-related persons and their families, and 8 were open only to adults.

Free universities and learning referral centers are found in 43 States and the District of Columbia. The largest number of these are in Kansas, with 29. New York had 15, Illinois and Kentucky had 13, and Texas had 12. Seven States had no free universities or learning referral centers: Alaska, Hawaii, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, West Virginia, and Wyoming.



## Registrations and Referrals

Free universities reported a total of over 547,000 registrations<sup>1</sup> in 1981, or an average of slightly over 3,000 registrations per institution (table 2). This figure was up 29 percent over 1980, when the same institutions reported a total of over 423,000 registrations. Learning referral centers reported over 38,000 referrals in 1981 and almost 26,000 in 1980.

While the number of registrations in free universities increased dramatically over those reported in 1978 (more than 298,000), the numbers are not directly comparable, since the universe of institutions has changed. However, as in 1978, the majority of registrations were reported by a small number of institutions. For example, of the more than 547,000 registrations reported in 1981, over 326,000 (60 percent) were accounted for by only 13 free universities. Over three-fourths of the free universities had total registrations of less than 2,000 in 1981.

A similar situation existed in learning referral centers, where 34 institutions accounted for over three-fourths of the total referrals in 1981, and half of the centers had less than 250 referrals during the year. Overall, free universities exhibited a 29 percent increase in registrations from 1980 to 1981, and learning centers a 49 percent increase in referrals.

Over 93 percent of the total registrations in free universities were accounted for by college-related organizations and urban independents (table 3). In 1981, almost 259,000 registrations were reported by college-related institutions, with student-run organizations accounting for over half. Urban independents were by far the largest single group of institutions, with an average size of over 9,000 registrations in 1981.

Community-related organizations and urban independents accounted for the majority of referrals made by learning centers in 1981 with over 97 percent of the referrals. Referrals in other types of learning centers were virtually zero in 1981.

<sup>1</sup> The number of registrations represents a duplicated count of persons enrolled.

## Expenditures, Revenues, Fees, and Staff

In 1981, none of the free universities or learning referral centers included in the survey was "free." Every one of the organizations charged some type of fee for their services (table 4), ranging from registration fees to materials and teacher fees. The most commonly used fee among free universities was the teacher, class, or service fee charged for individual activities, used by almost 50 percent of the organizations.

A large number of free universities also charged a registration fee for the use of the organization's services. Approximately one-third of the institutions charged a materials fee.

### Expenditures

The 185 free universities that reported expenditures spent over \$5 million on their operations in 1981 (table 5). Almost 80 percent of this amount was accounted for by the 22 largest free universities, those whose annual expenditures exceeded \$50,000. No other group of institutions accounted for more than 10 percent of the total expenditures by free universities in 1981. Almost 40 percent of the institutions reported annual expenditures of \$1,000 or less.

As a rule, the largest expenditures made by free universities in 1981 were for teacher fees and staff salaries; these two categories together accounted for two-thirds of the total. Lesser amounts were spent for catalogs, brochures, and advertising (13.6 percent), facilities (7.4 percent), and other expenses (12.4 percent). There were some notable exceptions to the expenditure distribution, however, by size of the organization. For example, the percentage of total expenditures devoted to staff salaries and teacher fees was significantly lower for the organizations with lower total expenditures; those with expenditures of \$1,000 or less spent 37 percent of their totals on these categories, as opposed to 67 percent for all institutions.

One rather surprising finding was the high percentage of expenditures for catalogs, brochures, and advertising in the smaller-sized organizations. For example, free universities with total expenditures of \$1,000 or less spent over 45 percent on this category in 1981.

Learning referral centers spent slightly under \$500,000 in 1981. Unlike free universities, however, learning centers expended only a small fraction on teacher fees. The greatest expenditures were for staff salaries, over 60 percent of the total.

### Revenues

A total of almost \$5,389,000 in revenues were reported by the 185 free universities that responded to this question (table 6). On the average, the principal revenue sources for free universities were registration fees and teacher, class, or service fees from participants. Other sources of income reported included revenues from affiliated institutions, contracts and grants, gifts, benefits and fundraisers, and student government support. As with expenditures, the largest portion of revenues were accounted for by the 22 largest free universities, over 77 percent. The smallest 72 organizations accounted for approximately 1 percent of the total revenues of free universities.

The size of the free university (based on total expenditures) reveals striking dissimilarities in the relative importance of various revenue sources. For example, the smaller the organization, the more dependent it was on revenues from institutions with which it was affiliated. The largest organizations, on the other hand, appear to have been more able to rely on self-generating revenues. In these organizations, almost 90 percent of their revenues were from registration and teacher fees, and only 3 percent came from student governments or other affiliated institutions. Conversely, the smallest free universities receive almost 50 percent of their support from student governments and affiliated institutions; only 36 percent of their revenues were derived from registration fees and teacher fees.

## Staff

Free universities depend heavily on part-time employees and volunteers. In 1981, over 40 percent of the total staff in free universities were unpaid workers; of these, 97 percent were part-time (table 7). Of the approximately 1,700 paid workers in free universities, only 13 percent were employed full-time. In terms of the number of paid employees, the smaller-sized free universities tended to have a higher proportion of full-time workers than did the free universities with larger staff. This is probably because smaller organizations often employ only one or two staff members.

The majority of free universities had relatively small staffs in 1981. Almost 82 percent of the free universities surveyed had less than 10 staff persons, including volunteers. Only 2 institutions had more than 100 employees; about half of whom were paid.

Free universities reported a total of over 34,000 sections<sup>2</sup> offered in 1982 (table 8). This information was gathered through an analysis of course catalogs and listings provided by free universities.

Of the more than 34,000 sections reported, over 34 percent were in the area of citizenship and civic activities. This area includes subjects such as interpersonal skills, leisure and recreational activities and personal awareness, as well as health-related activities and citizenship/civic activities. The second-highest number of sections was in the area of the visual and performing arts. These two categories accounted for over 55 percent of sections offered by free universities.

<sup>2</sup> Individual offerings of courses.

## Methodology

The universe of free universities and learning referral centers used here was derived from the lists maintained by the Learning Resources Network (LERN), the Education Brokering Service in Syracuse University, and the National Center for Education Brokering. The lists included member organizations of the Learning Resources Network and known organizations that were eligible to become members.

A survey instrument was mailed in January 1982 to all names and addresses obtained from these lists. Three followups were conducted; a postcard reminder, a second mailing of the survey instrument, and a telephone reminder/interview. The final closeout of the survey was July 1982, with all of the identified organizations responding.

The survey questions were essentially the same as those used in the 1978 survey. The course listing, however, used NCES' new coding system, **Classification of Instructional Programs**, which precludes comparing course data between the two surveys.

## Detailed Tables

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**Table 1.**—Number of free universities and learning referral centers, by year founded, affiliation and eligibility for activities: United States, 1981

Year founded	Total	Affiliation									Eligibility			
		College-related					Independent							
		Total	College union	Div. of continuing education	Student organization	Other college	Total	Urban independent	Rural community education	Community organization	Open to anyone	Adults only	College and university personnel	Other
Free universities														
Total	187	111	54	8	40	9	76	27	28	21	144	8	27	7
1981-1982	21	9	6	0	3	0	12	4	8	0	16	0	5	0
1979-1980	35	9	3	0	4	2	26	5	11	10	29	1	3	2
1977-1978	27	16	9	1	5	1	11	4	3	4	21	0	5	1
1975-1976	30	16	9	0	7	0	14	5	6	3	23	1	5	1
1973-1974	21	18	14	0	2	2	3	1	0	2	13	3	5	0
1971-1972	20	17	8	2	7	0	3	2	0	1	14	1	2	3
Before 1971	32	25	4	5	12	4	7	6	0	1	28	2	2	0
Not reported	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Learning referral centers														
Total	21	7	2	1	3	1	14	9	1	4	17	1	2	1
1981-1982	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
1979-1980	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
1977-1978	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	4	1	1	5	1	0	1
1975-1976	4	3	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	0
1973-1974	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	2	3	0	0	0
1971-1972	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
Before 1971	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Not reported	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

Table 2.—Registrations and referrals, by size: United States, 1980 and 1981

Size in 1981	Number of organizations	1981	1980
Free universities			
Total	187	547,087	423,151
10,000 +	13	326,678	236,633
5,000-9,999	10	72,695	63,594
2,000-4,999	19	62,933	50,404
1,000-1,999	32	44,823	49,320
500-999	34	23,787	12,787
250-499	31	11,432	6,569
Less than-250	48	4,739	3,844
Learning centers			
Total	21	38,035	25,535
10,000 +	1	14,350	7,500
5,000-9,999	2	14,500	16,000
2,000-4,999	2	5,650	0
1,000-1,999	1	1,000	0
500-999	2	1,480	570
250-499	2	700	350
Less than-250	11	355	1,115

**Table 3.—Number and percent of registrations and referrals, by school affiliation:  
United States, 1980 and 1981**

Affiliation	Number of organizations	1981		1980	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Free universities					
		Registrations			
Total	187	547,087	100.0	423,151	100.0
College-related, total	111	258,677	47.3	239,902	56.7
College union	54	75,788	13.9	73,982	17.5
Division of continuing education	8	27,383	5.0	26,873	6.4
Student organization	40	144,156	26.3	128,946	30.5
Other college	9	11,350	2.1	10,101	2.4
Urban independent	27	251,887	46.0	163,209	38.6
Rural community education	28	17,215	3.1	8,688	2.1
Community organization	21	19,308	3.5	11,352	2.7
Learning centers					
		Referrals			
Total	21	38,035	100.0	25,535	100.0
College-related, total	7	750	2.0	1,280	5.0
College union	2	400	1.1	0	.0
Division of continuing education	1	300	.8	350	1.4
Student organization	3	0	.0	895	3.5
Other college	1	50	.1	35	.1
Urban independent	9	14,835	39.0	6,655	26.1
Rural community education	1	100	.3	50	.2
Community organization	4	22,350	58.8	17,550	68.7

Note: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.



**Table 4.—Number and percent of free universities and learning referral centers, charging fees for services:  
United States, 1981**

Fees	Free universities		Learning referral centers	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	187	100.0	21	100.0
Registration fee to use organization's service	85	45.5	4	19.0
Teacher, class, or service fee for individual activities	93	49.7	7	33.3
Materials fee	64	34.2	7	33.3
Other fees	25	13.4	10	47.6
No fee	0	0.0	0	0.0

NOTE: Details add to more than total because of multiple responses.

**Table 5.—Expenditures of free universities, by expenditure size and type of expenditure, and of learning centers, by type of expenditure:**  
United States, 1981

Expenditure size	Number of reporting organizations	Total expenditures	Teacher fees	Staff salaries	Facilities	Catalogs, brochures, and advertising	Other
Free universities			Percentage distribution				
Total	185 <sup>1</sup>	\$5,036,282	39.0	27.6	7.4	13.6	12.4
\$50,000+	22	3,955,459	40.3	27.0	7.8	12.0	12.8
\$25,001-50,000	14	477,169	36.6	29.5	5.5	18.6	9.9
\$10,001-25,000	24	363,664	33.1	35.4	6.9	15.2	9.4
\$5,001-10,000	17	122,608	39.4	18.1	7.3	17.3	17.9
\$1,001-5,000	36	98,418	23.1	28.2	2.0	34.9	11.7
Less than \$1,001	72	18,964	25.3	11.6	2.7	45.3	15.1
Learning centers							
Total	21	479,218	0.8	60.6	7.1	6.1	25.4

<sup>1</sup> Total reporting.

Note: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

**Table 6.**—Revenues of free universities, by expenditure size and source of revenue, and of learning centers, by source of revenue:  
United States, 1981

Expenditure size	Number of reporting organizations	Total revenues	Contracts and grants	Registrations	Related institutions	Donations	Benefits fund, special project	Student government	Teacher fees	Other
Free universities			Percentage distribution							
Total	185 <sup>1</sup>	\$5,388,822	3.2	48.5	3.5	0.5	0.9	3.5	35.8	4.0
\$50,000 +	32	4,161,142	3.6	50.0	1.9	.2	.6	1.1	39.3	3.2
\$25,001-50,000	14	516,632	.6	56.2	10.5	1.0	.0	4.3	25.2	2.3
\$10,001-25,000	24	401,524	.4	41.9	3.3	1.1	4.0	13.9	24.0	11.5
\$5,001-10,000	17	121,629	1.8	31.1	4.1	2.3	2.1	27.9	28.3	2.4
\$1,001-5,000	36	115,787	12.3	23.4	15.2	4.5	2.7	12.5	12.1	17.3
Less than \$1,001	72	72,108	5.3	8.4	25.4	1.2	2.9	24.5	27.8	4.4
Learning centers										
Total	21	536,716	12.6	27.7	5.6	4.0	7.2	6.7	1.2	35.0

<sup>1</sup> Total reporting.

Note: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

**Table 7.—Number of staff in free universities and learning referral centers, by paid staff size and pay status: United States, 1981**

Number of paid staff	Number of organizations	Total <sup>1</sup>	Staff			
			Paid		Nonpaid	
			Total	Percent full-time	Total	Percent full-time
Free universities						
Total	187	2,674	1,681	13.1	1,094	3.3
Over 100	2	710	360	1.4	350	.6
50-99	5	585	310	3.2	275	.0
25-49	3	225	114	15.8	111	13.5
10-24	24	516	327	21.1	189	5.3
5-9	33	317	213	14.6	104	4.8
Less than 5	120	321	357	24.4	65	6.2
Learning centers						
Total	21	292	169	11.2	123	.0
50 or more	1	103	53	3.8	50	.0
10-49	5	135	75	6.7	60	.0
5-9	2	17	11	9.1	6	.0
Less than 5	13	37	30	30.0	7	.0

<sup>1</sup> Includes paid and nonpaid staff.

Note: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

**Table 8.—Number of sections offered by free universities, for selected subject areas: United States, 1981**

Subject area	Number of sections offered	Percent of total
Total	34,336	100.0
Citizenship/civic activities	11,926	34.7
Visual and performing arts	7,209	21.0
Home economics	2,975	8.7
Business	2,475	7.2
Trade and industrial	2,246	6.5
Consumer, personal and miscellaneous services	1,655	4.8
Philosophy, religion, and theology	966	2.8
Communications	800	2.3
Foreign languages	738	2.1
All other subject areas	3,346	9.7

Note: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

## **Appendix:**

### **Directory of Free Universities and Learning Referral Centers**

## Free Universities

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Huntsville, AL 35899  
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University Tempe, AZ 85287  
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Community Free School  
P.O. Box 1724  
Boulder, CO 80306  
303-447-8733

Open University  
University of North Colorado  
University Center - Room E  
Greeley, CO 80639  
303-351-4357

Southeast Denver Free University  
2186 South Holly Street - #203  
Denver, CO 80222  
303-756-0567

Learning Exchange of Estes Park  
P.O. Box 2903  
Estes Park, CO 80517  
303-586-9273

Arts and Crafts Center  
University of Colorado  
UMC 321  
Boulder, CO. 80309  
303-492-8832

Leisure Learning (Mini School)  
College Union/Student Activities  
Southern Connecticut State College  
501 Crescent Street  
New Haven, CT 06515  
203-397-8579

Diversity Program  
University of Delaware Short Courses  
Room 252, Student Center  
Academy Street  
Newark, DE 19711  
302-738-1203

Free University  
Georgetown University  
P.O. Box 939 Hays Station  
Washington, DC 20057  
202-625-4308

Open University of Washington DC  
3333 Connecticut Avenue, Northwest  
Washington, DC 20008  
202-966-9606

Leisure Recreation Program  
University of Miami  
Student Union/Student Activities  
P.O. Box 278146  
Coral Gables, FL 33146  
305-284-4388

Center For Participant Education  
Room 251 University Union  
Florida State University  
Tallahassee, FL 32306  
904-644-6577

Sundry School Leisure Classes:  
University of South Florida  
Center 222  
4204 Fowler Avenue  
Tampa, FL 33620  
813-974-3180

"The Emory Etc... Program"  
Student Activities Office  
Emory University  
P.O. Drawer C  
Atlanta, GA 30322  
404-329-6169

Union Short Course Program  
Office of Student Activities  
Boise State University  
1910 University Drive  
Boise, ID 83725  
208-385-1087

Norris Mini-Course Program  
Norris University Center  
Northwestern University  
Evanston, IL 60201  
312-492-5560

Campus Recreation  
Illinois State University  
220 North Main Street  
Normal, IL 61761  
309-436-8333

Mahomet Olde Town Hall Association  
Rural Route 1, P.O. Box 4  
Mahomet, IL 61853  
217-586-5554

Special Programs  
Mundelein College  
6363 Sheridan Road  
Chicago, IL 60660  
312-262-8100; Extension 712

Communiversiety  
1001 South Wright  
Champaign, IL 61820  
217-337-1516

Student Services  
Triton Community College  
2005 5th Avenue  
River Grove, IL 60176  
312-456-0300

Special Workshops  
University of Illinois  
Room 236 CCC  
P.O. Box 4348  
Chicago, IL 60680  
312-996-8617

Stuart Center  
De Paul University  
2324 North Seminary  
Chicago, IL 60614  
312-321-7976

Experimental College  
Knox College  
1 South Street  
Galesburg, IL 61401  
309-343-0112; Extension 303

New Horizons  
Student Center, 3rd Floor  
Southern Illinois University  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
618-536-3393

Discovery Center  
2930 Lincoln Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60657  
312-348-8120

Chicago Alternatives  
4151 Lincoln Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60618

Indianapolis Free University  
563 Westfield Boulevard  
Indianapolis, IN 46208  
317-253-3733



Mini-Course/Union Board  
Valparaiso University  
Union Street  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
219-464-5194

Union Crafts Center  
Iowa State Memorial Union  
Ames, IA 50011  
515-294-8081

Iola Community University  
218 East Madison  
Iola, KS 66749  
316-365-3262

Post Rock University  
Route 3  
Beloit, KS 67420  
913-738-2817

Community Education Exchange  
P.O. Box 79  
Lecompton, KS 66050  
913-887-6482

Wichita Free University  
821 South Belmont Street  
Wichita, KS 67218  
316-684-3464

Education Connection  
230 East Grand Street  
Haysville, KS 67060  
316-524-5242

Clay County Education Program (CCEP)  
Clay County Courthouse  
P.O. Box 387  
Clay Center, KS 67432  
913-632-5142

Herington Recreation/Tri-County  
County Community Education  
P.O. Box 31  
Herington, KS 67449  
913-258-3577

Mount Sunflower University For  
Higher Education  
P.O. Box 36  
Wallace, KS 67761  
913-891-3762

University For Man  
1221 Thurston Street  
Manhattan, KS 66502  
913-532-5866

Kaw Valley Free University  
146 Riverview Drive  
Wamego, KS 66547  
913-456-2308

Neosho River Free School  
501 Merchant Street  
Emporia, KS 66801  
316-343-6555

Anderson County Recreation and  
Education Program  
Route 2  
Garnett, KS 66032  
913-448-3479

Abilene Recreation Commission  
City Building  
Abilene, KS 67410  
913-263-7266

Edwards County Free School  
c/o Extension Office  
Courthouse  
Kinsley, KS 67547  
316-659-2149

People To People  
P.O. Box 291  
Dighton, KS 67839  
316-397-5787

Little House Incorporated  
820 Cheyenne Street  
Kansas City, KS 66105  
913-281-0040

FACS (Free Apple Community School)  
c/o PAACA  
503 North Pine Street  
Pittsburg, KS 66762  
316-231-2340

Summerfield County Education Program  
Route 1  
Summerfield, KS 66541  
913-244-6570

Bethany College  
Department of Continuing Education  
P.O. Box 111  
Lindsborg, KS 67456  
913-227-3311; Extension 132

Olsburg Rural Education Opportunities  
P.O. Box 126  
Olsburg, KS 66520  
913-468-3631

Belleville Area Free University (BAFU)  
P.O. Box 483  
Belleville, KS 66935  
913-527-5231

Rooks County Community Education  
Program  
c/o Chamber of Commerce Office  
Stockton, KS 67669  
913-737-4671

Trego Recreation Education and  
Environment  
325 South 3rd Street  
Wakeeney, KS 67672  
913-743-6673

Pawnee Rock Free University  
Pawnee Rock, KS 67567  
316-982-4416

Westy Community Education Program  
Box 157  
Westmoreland, KS 66549  
913-457-3727

Marysville Free University  
P.O. Box 105  
Marysville, KS 66508  
913-799-3564

Courtland Community Education Program  
Box 182  
Courtland, KS 66393  
913-374-4418

Paolans United  
110 Hillcrest Drive  
Paola, KS 66071  
913-294-3646

Louisville Free University  
Student Center, Room 60B  
University of Louisville  
Louisville, KY 40292  
502-588-6695

Let's Learn & Share Together  
Bell County Extension Service  
P.O. Box 481, Courthouse  
Pineville, KY 40977  
606-356-2360

Free Learning Experience  
Pendelton County  
Box 128, Farm Bureau Building  
400 Main Street  
Falmouth, KY 41040  
606-356-2360

Gallatin County Learning Network  
Box 805  
Courthouse Annex  
Warsaw, KY 41095  
606-356-2360

Panorama Learning Network  
Kenton County  
P.O. Box 97/Courthouse  
Independence, KY 41051

Ludlow 4H Free University  
Kenton County  
231 1/2 Oak  
Ludlow, KY 41016  
606-356-2360

Pulaski County Learning Network  
East Mount Vernon Street  
Farm Bureau Building, Box 720  
Somerset, KY 42501  
606-356-2360

Educational Trading Cooperative  
Clay County  
Box 421/Courthouse  
Manchester, KY 40962  
606-356-2360

Cumberland County SOS Learning Network  
Cumberland County Courthouse  
Burkesville, KY 42717  
606-356-2360

Crittendon County Community Courses  
107 South Main/Courthouse  
Marion, KY 42240  
606-356-2360

Grant County Community Skills Exchange  
Box 71 - Hotel Donald  
Williamstown, KY 41097  
606-356-2360

Adair County Sharing & Learning  
Experience  
P.O. Box 347  
220 Public Square  
Columbia, KY 42728  
606-356-2360

Come Learn With Me  
Laurel County Courthouse  
Box 430  
Landon, KY 40741  
606-356-2360

Free University of New Orleans  
219 Loyola Street  
New Orleans, LA 70140  
504-524-

Louisiana State University Leisure  
Classes  
P.O. Box BU, University Station  
Baton Rouge, LA 70893  
504-388-5118

Gumbo University  
University of Southwestern Louisiana  
P.O. Box 42611  
Lafayette, LA 70504  
318-231-6381

The Education Exchange  
Memorial Union  
University of Maine  
Orono, ME 04469  
207-581-7374

Baltimore Free University  
Office of the Chaplain  
Johns Hopkins University  
Baltimore, MD 21218  
301-338-8188

Free University  
University of Maryland  
P.O. Box 451  
Beltsville, MD 20705  
301-937-4364

The Baltimore School  
P.O. Box 4833  
Baltimore, MD 21218  
301-366-6800

Student Union Program Department  
University of Maryland  
Room 1221 Student Union  
College Park, MD 20742  
301-454-4987

Boston University Free School  
775 Commonwealth Avenue  
Boston, MA 02215  
617-353-3641

Craft Center/Campus Center  
Fitchburg State College  
160 Pearl Street  
Fitchburg, MA 01420  
617-345-2024

Mini Course  
Suffolk University  
Beacon Hill  
Boston, MA 02114  
617-723-4700; Extension 321

Free University  
Mac Elroy 111  
Boston College  
Chestnut Hill, MA 02167  
617-969-0100

New Horizons Program  
Room 255 EC  
Northeastern University  
Boston, MA 02115  
617-437-2634

College Center/Student Activities  
Framingham State College  
100 State Street  
Framingham, MA 01701  
617-620-1220

Media Place  
107 South Street  
Boston, MA 02111  
617-542-5352

The Hillel School  
233 Bay State Road  
Boston, MA 02115  
617-266-3880

Free University  
Student Activities Office  
Northern Michigan University  
Marquette, MI 49855  
906-227-2439

University of Michigan  
University Center  
Flint, MI 48503  
313-762-3431

Short & Leisure Courses  
Oakland Community College  
Orchard Ridge College  
Farmington Hills, MI 48018

Artsworld Institute of Creative Arts  
213 1/2 South Main  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
313-994-8400

Hobson Student Union  
Bemidji State University  
Marshall, MN 56258  
507-537-7330

Free University  
Student's College  
2400 Oakland Street  
Duluth, MN 55812  
218-726-8522

Coffman Union Mini-Courses  
220 Coffman Union  
300 Washington Avenue, Southeast  
Minneapolis, MN 55455  
612-373-7603

Ole Mississippi Union  
University of Mississippi  
University, MS 38677  
601-232-7106

Program For Adult Continuing  
Education  
Route 1, P.O. Box 246G  
St James, MO 65559  
314-265-7055

Cheap University  
Campus Union Board  
901 South National Street  
Springfield, MO 65802  
417-836-5885

Communiversy  
University of Missouri  
5100 Rockhill Road  
Kansas City, MO 64110  
816-276-1448

Communiversy  
Lake of the Ozarks Parish  
P.O. Box 222  
Lake Ozark, MO 65049  
314-365-3131

University Center  
Southeast Missouri State University  
900 Normal Avenue  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
314-651-2284

Communiversitry  
University YM/YWCA  
114 Gentry Hall  
Columbia, MO 65211  
314-449-5768

University Center Courses  
University of Montana  
Missoula, MT 59812  
406-243-2802

Community University  
Room 259 - SUB  
Montana State University  
Bozeman, MT 59715  
406-994-3821

Student Activities Office  
William Paterson College  
300 Pompton Road  
Wayne, NJ 07470  
201-595-2518

Free University  
P.O. Box 40122  
Albuquerque, NM 87196  
505-265-4286

Student Activities Minimester  
Alfred University  
c/o Campus Center  
Alfred, NY 14302  
607-871-2175

Leisure Learning School  
State University College of Arts & Sc  
Geneseo, NY 14454  
716-245-5855

Experimental College  
535 Willard Straight Hall  
Cornell University  
Ithaca, NY 14853  
607-256-7131

Student Activities  
Lewis House  
Clarkson College  
Potsdam, NY 13676  
315-268-6680

Learning Annex  
36 West 62nd Street  
New York, NY 10023  
212-580-3601

Communiversitry  
Genesee Street Corporation  
713 Monroe Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14607  
716-361-2230

Life Workshops  
15 Capen Hall  
Amherst Campus  
Buffalo, NY 14260  
914-592-8214

Syracuse East-West Center  
Box 6568  
1001 Lancaster Avenue  
Syracuse, NY 13217  
315-475-7230

Network For Learning  
145 East 32nd Street  
New York, NY 10016  
212-473-3333

School of Continuing Education  
State University of New York  
Agriculture and Technical College  
Delhi, NY 13753  
607-746-4151

Office of Campus Activities  
Vassar College  
Box 370  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601  
914-452-7000; Extension 2037

Learning Exchange  
200 West 72nd Street  
New York, NY 10023  
212-580-3601

Alfonso Elder Student Union  
North Carolina Central University  
P.O. Box 19495  
Durham, NC 27707  
919-683-6486

Free University  
Cone University Center  
UNCC Station  
Charlotte, NC 28223  
704-597-2521

Skill Warehouse  
Memorial Union  
North Dakota State University  
Fargo, ND 58105  
701-237-7787

Oberlin Experimental College  
Box 13 Wilder Hall  
Oberlin College  
Oberlin, OH 44074  
(No Phone)

The Learning Connection  
65 Jefferson Avenue  
Columbus, OH 43215  
614-228-7445

Free University  
Muskigun College  
New Concord, OH 43762  
614-826-8172

Creative Arts Program  
1739 North High Street  
Columbus, OH 43210  
674-422-9983

Community Extracurriculum  
University of Oklahoma  
731 Elm-Room 300  
Norman, OK 73019  
405-325-6873

Praxis Project  
444 South Evanston Avenue  
Tulsa, OK 74104

Phillips University  
Gantz Center  
Enid, OK 73701  
405-237-4433

Learning In Choctaw  
Choctaw Community Education  
14625 Northeast 23rd Street  
Choctaw, OK 73020  
405-390-8418

Personal Enrichment Programs  
Southern Oregon State College  
Ashland, OR 97520  
503-582-6334

Living College  
Oregon Institute of Technology  
Oretech Branch Post Office  
Klamath Falls, OR 97601  
503-882-6321; Extension 194

Experimental College  
Memorial Union East  
Activities Center  
Oregon University  
Corvallis, OR 97331  
503-754-4683

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EMU - Suite 1  
University of Oregon  
Eugene, OR 97403  
503-686-4305

Free University  
223 Hub  
Pennsylvania State University  
University Park, PA 16802  
814-234-4875

Mount Airy Learning Tree  
7100 Cresheim Road  
Philadelphia, PA 19119  
215-248-9626

Student Activities  
Gettysburg College  
Campus - P.O. Box 430  
Gettysburg, PA 17325  
717-334-3131; Extension 122

School of Continuing Education  
101 Straight Hall  
Indiana University  
Indiana, PA 15705  
412-357-2227

University II  
Villanova Union  
Villanova University  
Villanova, PA 19085  
215-645-7280

Venango Center For Creative Development  
P.O. Box 382  
Franklin, PA 16323

Mini-Courses  
Duquesne University  
Pittsburgh, PA 15282  
412-434-6651

Providence Learning Connection  
769B Hope Street  
Providence, RI 02906  
401-274-9330

TAP - The Alternative Program  
Bryant College  
Box 44  
Smithfield, RI 02197  
401-231-1200; Extension 328

Short Courses Committee  
Clemson University Union  
Clemson University  
Clemson, SC 29678  
803-656-2461

Free University  
Russell House University Union  
University of South Carolina  
P.O. Box 85141  
Columbis, SC 29208

Free University Committee  
Union Board  
Dakota State College  
Madison, SD 57042  
605-256-3551; Extension 278

University For Many  
Center For Health Services  
Station 17, Vanderbilt Medical Center  
Vanderbilt University  
Nashville, TN 37232  
615-322-4773

Leisure Learning Unlimited  
P.O. Box 35043  
Houston, TX 77035  
713-721-7299



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2829 West Northwest Highway #155  
Dallas, TX 75220  
214-352-7153

The Creative U  
P.O. Box 4310  
University Center  
Texas Tech University  
Lubbock, TX 79409  
806-742-3621

SUNDRY SCHOOL  
University Center  
University of Houston  
Houston, TX 77004  
713-749-1253

University of Man  
Setzer Student Center  
Lamar University  
P.O. Box 10018  
Beaumont, TX 77705  
713-838-8734

Coates Center Courses  
Box 98 Trinity University  
715 Stadium Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78284  
512-736-7546

Texas Union Informal Classes  
University of Texas  
Austin, TX 78712  
512-471-5651

Community Education Cooperative  
College of the Mainland  
8001 Palmer Highway  
Texas City, TX 77590  
713-938-1211

Memorial Student Center Free University  
P.O. Drawer J-1  
Texas A & M University  
College Station, TX 77844  
713-845-1515

Cheap Thrills  
Texas Christian University  
P.O. Box 32901  
Texas Christian University Station  
Fort Worth, TX 76129  
817-921-7948

Class Factory  
5326 West Bellfort  
Houston, TX 77035  
713-721-2230

Leisure Courses Program  
Utah State University Center  
UMC 01  
Logan, UT 84322  
801-750-1716

Student Activities  
St. Michaels College  
Winooski, VT 05404  
802-655-2000

Learning Exchange  
P.O. Box 1123  
Montpelier, VT 05602  
802-229-9145

YMCA Free University  
Cooper House  
305 Washington Street  
Blacksburg, VA 24060  
703-951-4432

Short Courses Committee  
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Virginia Tech. Union  
Blacksburg, VA 24061  
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University Program Board  
James Madison University  
P.O. Box L-35  
Harrisonburg, VA 22807  
703-433-6217

Experimental College  
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University of Washington  
Seattle, WA 98195  
206-542-4375

Eau Claire Mini-Courses  
Activities & Programs Office  
University of Wisconsin  
Eau Claire, WI 54701  
715-836-4803

Mini-Courses  
Program Office  
University Center  
University of Wisconsin  
Whitewater, WI 53190  
414-473-1950

Free University Centers Activity Board  
Cartwright Center  
University of Wisconsin  
LaCrosse, WI 54601  
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Mini-Courses  
509 Memorial Union  
800 Langdon Street  
Madison, WI 53706  
608-262-5759

Mini-Courses  
Memorial Student Center  
University of Wisconsin - Stout  
Menomine, WI 54751  
715-232-1431

# Learning Referral Centers

The Class Connection  
2512 East Thomas - Suite 22  
Phoenix, AZ 85016  
602-956-9441

Denver Open Network  
P.O. Box 18666  
Denver, CO 80218  
303-832-9764

Association For Experiential Education  
Suite F - 203  
7200 East Dry Creek Road  
Englewood, CO 80112  
303-779-0519

INFO  
2800 Pennsylvania Avenue  
University of Delaware  
Wilmington, DE 19806  
302-571-8100

Atlanta Network  
P.O. Box 14432  
Atlanta, GA 30324  
404-876-8888

Monroe County Information Exchange  
Monroe County Public Library  
309 East Kirkwood Avenue  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
812-339-2271

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Memorial Union Activities Center  
University of Iowa  
Iowa City, IA 52240  
319-353-5465

Jack Of All Trades Program  
Penn House  
1035 Pennsylvania Street  
Lawrence, KS 66044  
913-842-0440

MidCoast Cooperative & Learning Exchange  
446 Main Street  
Rockland, ME 04841  
207-594-8631

The Learning Connection  
73 North Street  
Lee, MA 01238  
413-442-6596

Interest File  
18 Laurel Street  
Cambridge, MA 02139  
617-661-7835

Center For Learning Association  
New Mexico State University  
Box 5278  
Cruces, NM 88003  
505-646-3136

The Learning Connection of the  
Nassau Library System  
900 Jerusalem Avenue  
Uniondale, NY 11553  
516-292-8920

Special Services/Library  
8 Westchester Plaza  
Cross Winchester Executive Park  
Elmsford, NY 10523  
914-592-8214

Community Self Reliance Center  
140 West State Street  
Ithaca, NY 14850  
607-272-3040

Student Union  
Mount Hood Community College  
26000 Southeast Stark Street  
Gresham, OR 97030  
503-667-7258

Brown Resource Center  
Learning Exchange Network  
Box 1825  
Brown University  
Providence, RI 02912  
401-863-2419

Dallas Public Library - APL/CAT  
1954 Commerce Street  
Dallas, TX 75201  
214-749-4100; Extension 402

Community Skills Exchange  
921 North Rogers  
Olympia, WA 98502  
206-943-7545

Match Education  
Milwaukee Public Library  
814 West Wisconsin Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53233  
414-278-3019