

# *Uniting Divine Sistahs Course/Program*



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**Description of the Uniting Divine Sistahs Membership:**

The “Uniting Divine Sistahs” course/program is dedicated to empowering African American women of all classifications at Texas A&M University by providing culturally relevant information. The “Uniting Divine Sistahs” course/program is designed to address the development of leader capacity and socially constructed identities. The course/program is an expansion from the pre-existing UDS retreat, which addressed leading in diverse organizations, healthy body image, and challenging socially established gender norms and roles. The course will aid students in their ability to encourage social change, build camaraderie among other women, and develop networking opportunities among women from diverse backgrounds.

**Program/Course Objectives:**

To become theoretically knowledgeable, well rounded educators that are able to synthesize the concepts of effective problem solving strategies, global accountability, and social consciousness as it pertains to the leadership of student organizations and becoming a global leader.

**Upon satisfactory completion of this course, students will be able to:**

1. Demonstrate integrity and competence in leadership practices
2. Demonstrate effective small group dynamics
3. Apply intrapersonal and critical thinking competencies
4. Articulate the values, beliefs, norms, and ideals that are embedded in culture and gender which affect leadership behavior, goals and strategies of organizations and education
5. Develop interpersonal and intrapersonal competency
6. Articulate personal leadership style through the lens of culture and gender

**Students will be able to:**

1. Communicate values, needs, and boundaries effectively
7. Demonstrate willingness to address challenges and pursue opportunities
8. Develop effective strategies to utilize as a student on a predominantly white campus
2. Integrate complex information from a variety of sources including personal experience to form a decision or opinion
3. Develop a vision for professional/personal growth congruent with one’s passions, values, and skills
4. Articulate the advantages and challenges of a diverse society

**Program Overview:**

The “Uniting Divine Sistahs” program/course is a ten-week program/course with new member selected each fall semester by application and interview process. Membership in the course/program is exclusive and highly competitive, offering the opportunity to top applicants. The candidates for membership will be selected based on level of motivation, commitment to self-improvement, desire to participate, and the ability to maintain a level of professionalism throughout the course/program.

The members who are selected will attend weekly seminars and activities and be divided into small learning groups with a predetermined group of women. These smaller groups will serve as break out groups designed to promote and encourage intimate conversation on predefined topics. Each seminar will discuss topics such as Black identity, gender roles, leader identity, body image, and effective goal setting.

**Expectations of Course/Program Members:**

- Pay \$125 registration fee which will cover all resources, meals, transportation, lodging, and a t-shirt
- Be actively engaged in all activities
- Attend mandatory weekly UDS meetings, retreats, and final project, Meetings on Tuesdays at 4-7 p.m. Beginning September 2018

**Mandatory attendance requirements at the following: Retreat, Final Project, and Induction**

- Attend 1 of each of the NPHC sororities programs or service activities
- Members with less than a 2.5 cumulative GPA are required to enroll in an academic skills training program through Student Counseling and must receive a certificate of completion
- Maintain contact with UDS Executive Board
- Comply with the UDS Code of Ethics
- Complete content questionnaires

\*To be a member of the program you, **DO NOT** have to register for the course component. The course will be a (3) hour course credit listed as ALED with an unspecified course number. If selected and interested in the course option, our faculty member will register you for the course the first open day of registration, so contact the NPHC Advisor.

**Compliance Deficiency**

Failure to comply with expectations may result in immediate termination of membership and submission of all organization resources. *\*Any member may be removed from the club by unanimous vote of the Executive Board or failure to adhere to the code of ethics.*

**Uniting Divine Sistahs  
Fall 2018 Participant Registration**

**Please TYPE or PRINT in ink.**

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Dietary needs, please describe \_\_\_\_\_

Please type your responses and attach to this form:

1. What do you hope to gain from participation in this program/course?
2. What are the three most important things that African American students at Texas A&M must possess to be successful?
3. If barriers exist for African American females at Texas A&M, what are they?
4. What adjustments, if any, do you believe African American women make when attending a Predominantly White institutions (PWI)?
5. How do you define leadership?
6. Identify one African American female you would emulate and why. What characteristics do you feel they possess to qualify as leaders?
7. List all major commitments and/or jobs you will or plan to engage in during the fall of 2018.
8. Are you interested in registering for this as a course? Yes or No. (We will ensure registration based upon your response.)

This constitutes my consent and authorization to disclose any relevant information to the appropriate parties for the “Uniting Divine Sistahs” program/course concerning my character or academic status for determination of my suitability for attendance. I also affirm all information on this application is correct and give permission for verification.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Due Date:** *Friday, April 27, 2018 by 5 p.m.* to Sade Dawson or Alex Square in the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life **Koldus 224**. Submit completed form electronically to [saded@stuact.tamu.edu](mailto:saded@stuact.tamu.edu) **OR** bring to the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life located in 224 John J. Koldus Building. If selected you may be contacted for an interview via phone or e-mail. If you have, any questions contact [saded@stuact.tamu.edu](mailto:saded@stuact.tamu.edu) or 979-862-5636.

**Please remember to submit a 4 by 6 sized photo of yourself with the application.**

**ONLY SUBMIT THE REGISTRATION PAGE, 4 by 6 SIZED PHOTO, AND THE TYPED ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS.  
INTERVIEWS MAY BE CONDUCTED.**