



SPIRITUAL FORMATION

FRESNO PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

Affinity Group FAQ

What are Affinity Groups? Affinity groups are smaller groups of students united around a shared identity, such as men, women, or athletes. Affinity Groups are part of College Hour programming, meaning, all approved group meetings can offer College Hour credit to those in attendance.

An affinity group fulfills the purposes of both 1) gathering students around a shared identity *and* 2) has a particular focus on spiritual formation.

Who provides leadership to Affinity Groups? Student leaders provide leadership to Affinity Groups under the direction of Student Development staff and offices (Office of Spiritual Formation and the Intercultural Learning Center).

How are Affinity Groups different than clubs and organizations? Clubs are usually groups of students with shared interests and can be started by any student under the direction of Student Government Association. These clubs do not require a spiritual formation aspect in the way that Affinity Groups do.

What resources do Affinity Groups get? Each semester, affinity groups are provided with \$1,000 to be used toward food and other resources (books, merchandise, etc.) that help facilitate group meetings. Additionally, group leaders receive a stipend each semester for their leadership.

What professional development opportunities are there for Affinity Group leaders? All affinity group leaders will attend a training with the Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO) on Saturday, September 6th. Additional collaborative training events will be held throughout the school year, and affinity group leaders will have access to funds designated toward other professional development opportunities.

Can Affinity Groups be connected to outside organizations? Yes, with the establishment of a mutually beneficial memorandum of understanding ([MOU](#)).

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