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SCHOOL YEAR 2026–2027 Student Handbook



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2026–2027 Program Calendar

Program Times

POPPYN

Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

POWER

Wednesdays, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., and Fridays, 2:00 to 5:30 p.m.

VOICES

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Program Dates

SEPTEMBER						
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The UCC

Location

The UCC is located on the campus of Temple University in Mazur Hall (1114 W Polett Walk).



Mazur Hall



11th Street Entrance



12th Street Entrance

If you travel by SEPTA, our building is roughly a quarter mile walk (5 minutes) from the Temple University Regional Rail station and half a mile (10 minutes) from the Cecil B. Moore Metro (BSL) station. We are also located close to the Routes 2, 3, 4, 16, 23, and 39 bus routes.

Contact Information

Phone: 215-204-2007

Email: ucc@temple.edu

Student Code of Conduct

As a UCC participant, you are not just in a program. You are part of a community.

This community is about more than just showing up. It is about learning, connecting, and growing.

As members of the UCC community, we represent ourselves, each other, and the organization.

These guidelines are our commitment to each other.

Core Agreements

Relationship Skills

Use words and actions that uplift, not put down.

Honor different opinions, cultures, and identities.

Listen when others are speaking.

Respect all peers, staff, and members of the Temple community.

Self-Management

Take care of the building, materials, and all public areas. Clean up after yourself.

Exhibit self-discipline and self-motivation.

Behave responsibly in public spaces.

Manage your emotions.

Self-Awareness

Demonstrate honesty and integrity.

Examine prejudices and biases.

Develop interests and a sense of purpose.

Responsible Decision Making

Show up on time, and be prepared to engage.

Be honest about your choices.

Ask for help when needed.

Demonstrate curiosity and open-mindedness.

Identify solutions to problems.

Program Expectations

Students are expected to abide by the following expectations at all times. Failure to do so may result in loss of stipends or dismissal from program.

Arriving on Campus

Always bring your Temple ID. You need it to access the building.

Tap your ID or sign in with security when you arrive.

Comply with building security requests, and be mindful of the police presence on campus.

Carry UCC staff contact information in case of emergencies.

Attendance

Students must sign in and out with the UCC each program day.

Regular attendance is required for program completion.

Absences and tardiness will affect your stipend payments.

Program hours may count toward Act 158 graduation requirements.

Absences

Absences must be communicated with program staff in advance to be excused.

Students who miss program regularly must meet with UCC staff and a parent/caregiver will be notified.

Students may not miss more than 12 program sessions for any reason throughout the year. More than 12 absences will result in your dismissal from the program.

Students with more than 5 unexcused absences may be dismissed from the program.

Tardiness/Lateness

Students must arrive on time to program each day.

Students arriving late will be counted as absent.

For a late arrival to be excused, students must communicate with program staff in advance.

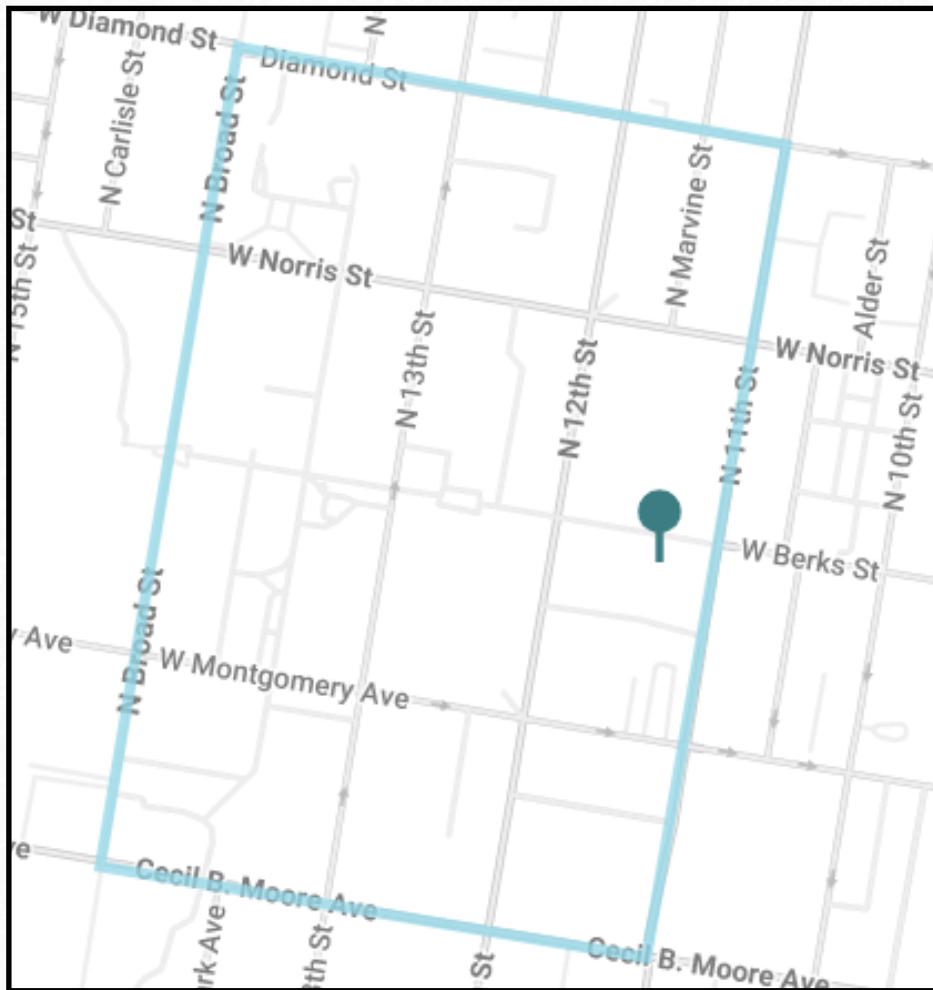
Following 2 unexcused latenesses or 3 excused latenesses, students must meet with UCC staff and may be asked to sign a Lateness Acknowledgment.

Students with more than 5 unexcused latenesses or 8 excused latenesses may be dismissed from the program.

Campus Boundaries

Students must stay within the following boundaries at all times, including breaks, while participating in UCC programs:

- Diamond Street (North)
- 11th Street (East)
- Cecil B. Moore Avenue (South)
- Broad Street (West)



Communication

Communication is critical to your success in the program.

Students must check regularly for emails, texts, or phone calls from program staff.

Notify the UCC as soon as possible if there is a change in your contact information, including your address, phone number, or email address.

Never hesitate to reach out to your program coordinator or UCC staff.

Dress Code

You may dress in whatever way feels comfortable to you.

Clothing must be appropriate and must not display of hateful, violent, or derogatory language.

Keep in mind, even in hot weather classrooms can be cold.

Lanyards

Students will be provided with a lanyard and name badge.

Lanyards must be retrieved upon arrival at program and worn at all times.

Lanyards should be worn around your neck and be visible. Do not keep lanyards in your pocket or bags or under your clothes.

Lanyards must be returned to program staff before leaving each day.

Release of Information

Certain situations, including attendance/lateness issues and safety concerns, may require us to contact your caregiver. If we must contact a caregiver, staff will only provide relevant information to the situation while ensuring that we protect confidentiality.

If we believe you may harm yourself or others, we may need to take steps to ensure your safety or the safety of others.

If at any time during your participation in the program your situation changes with your primary caregiver, please notify us immediately so we can determine an alternative contact with whom you are comfortable.

Mandated Reporters

All UCC staff are mandated reporters. A mandated reporter is an individual who is legally required to report suspected cases of child abuse or neglect, even past events, to the appropriate authorities.

Restorative Approach

When harm happens, we focus on repair, not punishment.

Possible responses include reminders, 1:1 conversations, restorative circles, repair actions, or family meetings.

Non-Negotiables

Violating these conditions may result in immediate dismissal from the program:

- Do NOT bring drugs, alcohol, or weapons onto campus.
- Do NOT attend the program under the influence.
- Do NOT discriminate against, bully, or harass peers, staff, or members of the Temple community.
- Do NOT sexually harass peers, staff, or members of the Temple community.

The UCC Student Pledge

As a program participant and member of the UCC community, I agree to:

Show Up

Attend all program sessions and communicate any absences/late arrivals with program staff.

Sign in and out every day.

Bring my Temple ID.

Follow all building rules and security procedures.

Communicate

Check and respond to all messages from program staff.

Let staff know if my address, phone number, or email address changes.

Represent with Respect

Represent the UCC in all spaces, on and off campus.

Act with integrity and respect in public spaces.

Respect all community members, property, and environments.

Participate Fully

Come ready to meet new people.

Engage in group projects, activities, and class discussions.

Take initiative and contribute to the community.

Dress for Comfort & Respect

Dress how I feel comfortable.

Dress appropriately.

Not to display of hateful, violent, or derogatory language or images on my clothing.

Non-Negotiables

Not bring drugs, alcohol, or weapons to campus.

Not attend program under the influence.

Not discriminate, bully, or harass anyone.

Not sexually harass peers, staff, or members of the Temple community.

Keep Our Community Safe

Stay within program boundaries at all times.

Report any concerns to program staff immediately.

Carry emergency contact info for program staff.

Recognize that racial profiling occurs, be mindful, and stay safe.

Restorative Practice

Resolve any conflicts.

Take responsibility, make it right, reflect on my actions, and repair harm in a respectful way.

By signing below, I agree to be accountable to this community and to hold others accountable with respect.

Name (print)

Signature

Date