

OCRL's Guiding Philosophy

Living, studying, and working within a rigorous academic community prompt and require responses to a host of profound questions.

Within the immediate environs of the University and beyond, OCRL seeks to create spaces and opportunities where such questions can be voiced and explored openly, whether these concerns originate within religious, philosophical, ethical, or spiritual practice.

In addition, OCRL works to increase religious literacy within the Brown community. The office supports religious diversity and promotes more nuanced knowledge of and acquaintance with religious practice and topics. It dives deeply into the complexity of religious identity through interfaith dialogue, multifaith collaborations, and other service beyond the Van Wickle Gates.

Furthermore, OCRL's work is rooted in the care of the whole person—body, soul, and spirit. As such, a core mission of every chaplain is to solve problems, ease discomfort, function as a quasi-ombudsperson for faculty, staff, students and alumni/ae, and to make available pastoral care and advisement for any member of the Brown community. This happens through activities such as academic intervention and oversight of projects, individual counsel, programming on critical spiritual themes or concerns, and presiding at key life rituals. Thus, the composite of the chaplains' work in this area includes care for many hundreds at Brown.



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Serving Brown through the promotion of the community's religious, convictional, spiritual, and ethical life.

At the Heart of the Matter: Religious and Spiritual Life at Brown University

Visit our office at
410 J. Walter Wilson Building,
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and go to
www.brown.edu/ocrl for the latest
information on services and activities.

An appointment with a chaplain may
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The chaplains are also always available
to care for the University community
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Meet the Chaplains



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Affiliated Communities

Many faith communities are affiliated with the Office of the Chaplains and Religious Life. A listing of some of these groups follows. For more information about contacts for each and meeting times, visit www.brown.edu/ocrl.

Buddhism

Zen Meditation

Christian

Athletes in Action (Campus Crusade for Christ International)

Brown Christian Fellowship (A Ministry of InterVarsity)

Brown-RISD Catholic Community

A Call to Worship (Protestant Sunday Worship)

Christian Science Community of Providence

College Hill for Christ

Graduate and Medical Student Christian Fellowship

Imani Jubilee (Contemporary Worship in the Black Church Tradition)

Orthodox Christian Student Association

Quaker Group (Religious Society of Friends)

Reformed University Fellowship (Protestant)

Hinduism

Brown Hindu Students' Association

Islam

Brown Muslim Students' Association

Judaism

Brown-RISD Hillel

Unitarian Universalists

Religious Services

Manning Chapel, Brown Hillel, and the Brown Muslim Student Center represent some of the more established centers for religious services at the University. In addition, fellowship and spirituality groups meet frequently throughout the campus.

Manning Chapel (The College Green)

A Call to Worship

Sundays, 12:30 p.m.

Roman Catholic Mass

Sundays, 10:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays 12:00 p.m.

Imani Jubilee

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.

Zen Meditation

Mondays, 7:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

Tuesdays, Thursdays, 7:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m.

Wednesdays, Fridays, 7:00 a.m.

Brown-RISD Hillel (80 Brown Street)

Shabbat at Hillel: Visit www.brownhillel.org for a listing of services and meals.

Muslim Student Center (Basement of Champlin Hall, Pembroke Campus)

Visit www.brown.edu/Students/Muslim_Students for a listing of prayer services.

Hindu Prayer Group

Visit www.brown.edu/ocrl/faithcommunities.html, click on "Hinduism" for a listing of prayer services and location.

A directory of fellowship and spirituality meetings is available at www.brown.edu/ocrl, click on "Faith Communities."