



# INVOLVEMENT

# Tip Sheet

For more information or to schedule a workshop please contact IDEAL at 392-1655 ext. 311

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

- Consultation with IDEAL ([ideal@union.ufl.edu](mailto:ideal@union.ufl.edu))
- Online Search (<http://www.union.ufl.edu/sac/organizations.asp>)
- Black Books on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Reitz Union (Student Activities Center)
- Student Organization Fair--Every Semester on the Reitz Union Colonnade

## TYPICAL AREAS OF INVOLVEMENT:

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| ▪ <i>Academic</i>                 | ▪ <i>Leadership &amp; Honorary Groups</i> |
| ▪ <i>Service</i>                  | ▪ <i>Social</i>                           |
| ▪ <i>Sports &amp; Recreation</i>  | ▪ <i>Cultural</i>                         |
| ▪ <i>Special Interest/Hobbies</i> |   |

## A FEW SUGGESTIONS:

- **Figure out what “makes you tick.”** What are you passionate about? What excites you? If you focus on what you enjoy, it will be easier to determine which groups are the best fit for you.
- **Talk with IDEAL.** IDEAL has numerous resources and personal experiences with student organizations. We can help you narrow down your search and find a group you will enjoy. IDEAL is located in Room 308 of the Reitz Union.
- **Check out events and activities sponsored by various organizations.** It will give you a feel for what the organization is like and give you an opportunity to chat with current members. Visit [www.union.ufl.edu/calendar](http://www.union.ufl.edu/calendar).
- **Attend leadership conferences.** They will give you the chance to meet other motivated students and discover where their passion lies. This opportunity will allow you to see areas of the University of Florida that you may not have known about previously.
  - *Art of Leadership (AOL)*
  - *Black Student Union’s Leadership Conference*
  - *Florida Hispanic-Latino Collegiate Forum*
  - *Gator Institute of Leadership Development (GILD)*
  - *Gatorship*
  - *Women’s Leadership Conference*
  - *And More!*
- **Ask your friends about opportunities they have heard about.** You are probably interested in similar things, and it’s nice to have a buddy when entering into a new situation.

