

Hagerstown Community College Spectrum Club

SYLLABUS 2014-2015

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Club Description: Spectrum Club has been created to: increase campus awareness of issues people face who are of a gender or romantic minority, including, but not limited to, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and asexual persons; provide a support group for students who identify as gender or romantic minority; and provide leadership and peer support opportunities to those within the club. All current students enrolled in credit courses (full or part-time) at Hagerstown Community College are eligible for membership in Spectrum.

Club Objectives:

- *Understanding* – Students involved with Spectrum Club will learn about the variety of romantic and gender minorities and learn acceptance of our differences.
- *Education* – Spectrum members will hold events that help the campus understand the different ways a person may identify and how to be considerate of others.
- *Support* – Every other meeting Spectrum Club will also serve as a support group for students to discuss their struggles in college, as well as help each overcome obstacles faced by being a member of a gender or romantic minority.

Student Learning Outcomes: Students will learn how diverse a community can be and how similar we can be in spite of those differences. Students will build on their communication skills through supportive meetings and leadership skills by being involved with the event planning. From attending campus activities, students will have the ability to meet and interact with individuals that have similar and differing opinions and beliefs on a variety of subjects.

Officers and Elections

- Elected club officers shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and SGA Representative. Any student taking credit courses (full or part-time) at Hagerstown Community College is eligible to run for a position in office. Elected officers shall perform their duties as prescribed in the by-laws of this constitution.
- Nominations for officers will be made by the members of the Spectrum Club. The nominated student may choose to accept or decline the nomination. A student may also self-nominate during the election process.
- Elections will be held within the first few meetings in September at the beginning of each fall semester in order to allow incoming freshmen opportunities to vote and run for a leadership position.
- Candidates who wish to run for an officer position must commit to being an active member of Spectrum Club for the full school year.
- Each elected candidate will assume their position on the day of the election.
- If at any point during the year there are vacant offices, current officers shall appoint a member to fulfill that position. A majority vote of club members is needed to approve the appointment.

Meeting Information:

- Meetings will be held weekly in conference room 1 of the Student Center on Thursday at 4pm.
- Second and fourth meetings for the month will be brief and followed by a safe place meeting. These are meetings where anything can be discussed in confidentiality. Attendance to safe place meetings is not required.
- A majority vote of members in good standing who are present will be sufficient for adopting any proposed action or regulation.
- The president of the may call a meeting of the members or officers at his/her discretion when such a meeting becomes necessary.
- The SGA Club Representative is required to attend the monthly SGA meetings, which are held on the third Thursday of each month at 3:00pm in the Student Center.