

CAMPUS MINISTRY RHYTHM

Below are a list of events and ministry priorities for a typical academic year. *Italicized items* are dependent on other support structures such as size of leadership team, presence of campus staff, involvement of volunteers, etc. Discern what is manageable given the resources a campus fellowship has.

AUGUST

- Plan and register for Clubs Days (hosted by the student union) for September.
- Ensure club registration and paperwork submission with student union.
- Determine what weekly ministry rhythms will be for the semester and content.
- Help new students connect through communicating online with new students (social media updates where active), and introduce them to student leaders.
- Update your fellowships IVCF website page and include contacts for one or two local students. This will allow first year Christian students who might hear about InterVarsity from their local churches or families to connect with you. Be prepared to respond to these messages.
- *Gather the student leaders, volunteers, and staff to build team, trust, vision, and goals for the year.*
- *Plan New Student Outreach (how you will connect with new students on campus)*
- *Plan key one-time events for the year.*
- *Begin applying for special grant funding for fellowship activities with your local student union.*
- *Prepare for the fall retreat, as applicable.*

SEPTEMBER

- Run Clubs Days.
- Meet as many students as possible through high visibility, high invitations to the fellowship, high social media presence. In your weekly schedule, be prepared for informal and formal gatherings and meet ups.
- Promote and invite to fall retreat, as applicable.
- Establish regular programming, including small groups and large groups.
- Choose one intercession practice as a team or Community.
- *Run New Student Outreach*
- *Follow up parties – follow up via texting, insta messaging is key. It can be helpful to throw a party out of this to cheer each other on.*
- *Make plans now for how you will engage midterm season. Rules of life can be helpful here.*

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OCTOBER

- Plan follow up event to the retreat – Give invite to Spring Camp.
- This is the midterm season. So be proactive with your schoolwork. Put the plans you made in September into work.
- Attend Fall retreat.
- *IFES World Student Day of Prayer*

NOVEMBER

- Begin planning for January New Student Outreach and end of semester debrief.
- *Participate in regional fundraiser.*
- *Create space for new students to influence in your fellowship in some way.*
- *Plan for winter retreat, if applicable.*

DECEMBER

- Debrief and celebrate the semester with student leaders, volunteers, and staff.
- Invite new students to leadership.
- Plan clubs' days for January.
- *Plan for New Student Outreach in January.*
- *Ministry isn't down. Consider exam outreach opportunities or how the fellowship can connect while scattered over the break.*
- *Plan a winter retreat, if applicable.*

JANUARY

- Run clubs days
- High invitation, high social media activity and presence.
- Establish regular programming, including small groups and large groups.
- *Run New Student Outreach.*
- *Plan and run a winter retreat, if applicable.*

FEBRUARY

- Determine student leadership selection process for next academic year.
- Consider how to help graduating students transition off campus.
- *This is prime time to start conversations around community homes or summer ministry options (on or off campus) – These conversations can be put off until March.*
- *Reading Week Strategy: what will you do for the fellowship?*

MARCH

- Select student leaders for next academic year.
- Invite to Spring Scripture Camp.
- *Plan for summer ministry – take into consideration whether your campus is a two- semester or a tri-semester school.*

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APRIL

- Debrief and celebrate year with students, volunteers, and staff.
- Invite and prepare for Spring Scripture Camp.
- Commission students moving into transition – transfers to new programs or new schools, graduating and entering workplace, camp ministry, etc. (Workplace ministry)
- *Plan and invite leaders for summer ministry.*
- *Plan for an exam outreach program.*

MAY

- Attend Spring Scripture Camp.
- Fill out campus annual report.
- *Launch summer ministry (it should feel and look different from the fall and winter semesters).*
- *If you have volunteer base, this may be time to host a thank you event for volunteers.*

JUNE & JULY

- Be on the lookout for notifications from the student union about renewing club status and submitting budgets for the coming academic year
- Communicate with local InterVarsity staff regarding the start up for the next academic year (NSO, resources needed and available, new initiatives)
- Consider – what might help us prepare for ministry in September?
- *June – Celebrate with graduating students at convocations*
- *Run summer ministry*