

Frequently Asked Questions

King's College Multicultural and International Student Programs Office (MISP)

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1. How can I explore diversity, equity, and inclusion? The MISP Office is located within the Sheehy Farmer Campus Center in the Campus Activities Suite Room 103 D. You can explore diversity through our various clubs, events, trainings, and conferences. Due to Covid-19, we will offer more virtual events. If you have ideas for a diversity and inclusion club, event, or activity, please contact the M.I.S.P Office.

2. What are the responsibilities of the MISP Office? The MISP Office seeks to enhance the multicultural environment of the College community through co-curricular initiatives and programs that address the needs and interests of a culturally diverse population. The MISP Office offers support services, including advisement and college adjustment for underrepresented students on campus. The Director of the MISP Office advises the Multicultural and International Club (MIC) and the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA).

3. How will the MISP Office operate during the Fall Semester? Hours of operation are Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Walk-ins are discouraged. You can make an appointment by calling 570-208-5898, or texting 570-760-6605, or emailing jasminegiddings@kings.edu.

4. Am I able to hang out in the MISP Office? Only if you have a scheduled appointment. The office will only permit to visitor at a time. The common area outside of the MISP Office is limited to four people at a time. For any meeting of more than two people, we can reserve a larger meeting space, though the first choice will be to meet virtually using Zoom or Microsoft Teams.

5. How will I know what diversity events are coming up? Events will be posted in the MISP Newsletter, which you can access with the QR code located outside the Campus Activities Suite. You will also be emailed upcoming events to your King's email address. There may also be publicity flyers for upcoming events posted around campus.

6. Will there be any diversity trips the Fall/Spring Semester? We will not be conducting any trips this year.

7. Can I use MISP events to fulfill my HCE Cultural Requirement? Yes, if it is approved by your HCE Instructor.

8. What is required of me when I attend meeting or events hosted by the MISP Office? All students are required to wear masks. All students should respect social distancing guidelines (six feet). All students must adhere to the signage and instructions of the primary contact.

9. How can I join MIC or GSA? You can email your request to jasminegiddings@kings.edu and your name will be forwarded to the appropriate club president(s).

10. How can I start my own club so that it falls under the category of diversity and inclusion? You can email Jasminegiddings@kings.edu and schedule a meeting.

11. Is the MISP Office only for minority students? No. Although there are certain populations that the MISP Office contacts for advising purposes, the MISP Office serves the entire King's College community. Everyone is welcome to all events, trainings, and celebrations hosted by MISP. The goal is to educate anyone willing to learn about diversity and inclusion.

12. Why is diversity important on a college campus? Recognizing and understanding different perspectives allows students to learn from one another. Diversity offers more worldviews for students to consider and engage.

13. How do I report against discrimination or hate incidents? Victims of hate crimes or those who observe hate crimes should report any incident to Campus Safety and Security Office (570-2085900). There is also an anonymous reporting feature on the King's College website if you wish to remain unknown. The MISP Office will also serve as a resource and as support for students who are affected by such incidents.

14. What is the Campus Climate Survey? King's College biannually conducts a Campus Climate Survey that assesses the degree to which the College's values are reflected in the daily experiences of members in the campus community. The web-based questionnaire focuses on many areas in diversity and asks students about the attitudes, perceptions, and standards of the King's College Community. We want to better understand the challenges of creating an environment that is respectful and inclusive.