Cocurricular Opportunities

Cocurricular and extracurricular activities are a source of knowledge and pleasure, allowing students to learn in ways not possible in the classroom while contributing to the benefit of the wider community. Students are encouraged to take advantage of these chances to gain insights into themselves and others, to build lasting friendships, to enjoy college life, and to acquire valuable practical experience. A sampling of such opportunities follows.

Career Development Center

The Career Development Center (https://college.lclark.edu/student_life/career_development) assists students in creating goals for the future and preparing for lives that are professionally enriching and personally fulfilling.

The office provides career counseling, internships, and events; links students to a broad network of alumni, employers, and graduate schools; and assists with résumé writing and interview preparation.

College Outdoors

College Outdoors gives the Lewis & Clark community access to the spectacular outdoor environment of the Pacific Northwest through such activities as cross-country skiing, backpacking, climbing, whitewater rafting, sea kayaking, and hiking. On-campus events include slide programs, films, and seminars on outdoor topics. College Outdoors is one of the largest outdoor programs in the country among schools of comparable size, offering 100 or more trips a year. The program provides transportation, equipment, food, and organization. Student staff and volunteers help organize special events and trips, gaining valuable practical experience in leadership roles.

Recreational Sports and Intramurals

Lewis & Clark’s full complement of athletics facilities are open for recreational use by students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Schedules are available at lcpioneers.com. Facilities include indoor and outdoor tennis courts, a gymnasium, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, a state-of-the-art track, a well-equipped fitness center, and a lighted, all-weather synthetic playing field. For students who desire a friendly atmosphere of competition, organized intramural offerings include three-on-three volleyball, basketball, table tennis, dodgeball, Ultimate Frisbee, and softball. Evening and weekend intramural tournaments provide opportunities in tennis, badminton, basketball, dodgeball, flag football, table tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, and volleyball.

Club Sports

Lewis & Clark offers a variety of student-initiated club sports, including co-ed sailing, co-ed water polo, competitive men’s and women’s climbing, dance team, men’s and women’s club lacrosse, men’s and women’s club rugby, men’s and women’s Ultimate Frisbee, men’s club soccer, and various martial arts. Club sports are eligible for partial funding through the Associated Students of Lewis & Clark. The clubs are student-directed and the level of competition varies from sport to sport.

Varsity Athletics

Approximately 350 undergraduates participate in one of the 19 varsity sports sponsored by Lewis & Clark each year. The institution fields nine men’s and ten women’s teams in the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) Division III. As a member of the Northwest Conference (NWC), Lewis & Clark participates in one of the most competitive conferences in the country. The Pioneers have garnered many team and individual championships over their long history, giving them a strong tradition in athletics.

Although membership in the NWC and NCAA III excludes the granting of scholarships based on athletic talent, Lewis & Clark does have an attractive financial aid program including academic and merit scholarships, for which student-athletes, like all students, are eligible.

Student Government: The Associated Students of Lewis & Clark

The Associated Students of Lewis & Clark (ASLC) is the official body charged with facilitating productive communication between students, the faculty, the administration and the Lewis & Clark community at large. The ASLC, through its various committees, assists students and student organizations by providing financial resources and institutional support, as well as sponsoring an open forum for students to actively address their concerns and grievances. The ASLC is composed of three branches: the Student Senate, our legislative body; the Cabinet, our executive branch; and the Peer Review Authority, our judicial branch. The Student Senate consists of four student representatives from each class (Senators), as well as representatives from the Campus Activities Board, Campus Living Advisory Board, Civic Engagement programs, Feminist and Queer Communities, International Students of Lewis & Clark, Multicultural Club Consortium, Student Alumni Association, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Student Media Board, and the College’s Sustainability initiatives. In addition to representing their constituencies, senators are each required to serve on at least one standing or ad hoc committee.

The Cabinet is composed of the president, vice president, treasurer, student academic affairs board chair, student organizations coordinator, community relations coordinator, and chief justice.

The Peer Review Authority provides an option for students to have some potential violations of the Code of Conduct adjudicated by their peers instead of by a staff member. The Peer Review Authority also works
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with students and student organizations to mediate various issues that may arise.

There are countless opportunities for participation in ASLC by running for office, joining a committee, or attending weekly Student Senate meetings. All students are encouraged to get involved.

Student Media
The following groups are open to all students. Students who fulfill the necessary prerequisites may be able to earn academic credit while participating in certain media activities. Consult with the appropriate academic department or program for more information.

- (pause.) Journal of Dramatic Expression is an annual dramatic arts journal that aims to promote the art of playwriting.
- artEXPO Journal of Arts in the Liberal Arts is inspired by the origins of classical liberal arts and committed to exploring the value of holistic wisdom and creative learning.
- KLC Radio provides the Lewis & Clark community with Internet-based audio programming and serves as an outlet for student expression. KLC’s primary focus is to provide a radio station for the Lewis & Clark community. With an in-house audio production facility, KLC gives students an opportunity to gain knowledge of basic audio production, operation, and administration. KLC also sponsors Sunburn, a live music festival, each spring. Students should consult with the Department of Rhetoric and Media Studies regarding prerequisites for earning academic credit while participating in KLC.
- Lewis & Clark Literary Review is a student-published annual collection of creative compositions.
- Living Mosaic Environmental Studies Journal is Lewis & Clark’s annual journal of environmental expression.
- The Meridian Journal of International and Cross-Cultural Perspectives is an annual publication dedicated to providing a forum for student views on international and cross-cultural issues.
- The Pioneer Log, Lewis & Clark’s weekly student newspaper, reports campus and community activities and news of interest to students, faculty, and staff. The paper has opportunities on its staff for students interested in writing, photography, graphic design, art, editing, business, advertising, and promotion. Students may begin working for The Pioneer Log at any time during their enrollment at Lewis & Clark. Students should consult the Department of Rhetoric and Media Studies regarding prerequisites for earning academic credit while working for The Pioneer Log.
- Polyglot Journal of Foreign Languages and Cultural Expression is an annual journal featuring pieces in the various languages of its writers.
- Synergia Creative Journal of Gender and Sexuality is an annual journal focused on gender issues and expression.

Music
Music is an integral feature of life and a serious field of academic study at Lewis & Clark. A dedicated faculty of accomplished scholars, composers, and performers work in close contact with students in their chosen field. Students majoring in music present more than 100 concerts, symposia, and recitals each year. Department events include student recitals, solo and ensemble performances by faculty members, programs by visiting artists and scholars, and concerts by all of the performing ensembles at Lewis & Clark. These ensembles include the Wind Symphony, Jazz Combos, Orchestra, Musical Theatre, Javanese Gamelan, West African Rhythms, African Marimba, Cappella Nova, Community Chorale, and Women’s Chorus. Participation is open to all students, not only to music majors.

Private lessons are available for all orchestral and band instruments, keyboard (piano, organ, and harpsichord), voice, guitar, jazz guitar, electric bass, drum set, composition, and electronic music. Lessons are also offered for non-Western instruments such as sitar, flamenco guitar, mandolin, and individual instruments from the gamelan. Students may begin instrumental or vocal lessons without previous experience. The Department of Music maintains a large inventory of instruments, which are available to students enrolled in lessons. Students of outstanding academic and musical ability are eligible for music scholarships. Consult the Department of Music for details.

Forensics
The forensics (http://college.lclark.edu/departments/rhetoric_and_media/opportunities/forensics) squad at Lewis & Clark is open to any full-time student in good standing. Lewis & Clark participates in parliamentary debate and individual speaking events. The squad travels regionally and nationally to attend tournaments. Lewis & Clark’s program has seen success in both speech and debate, consistently sending students to the National Individual Events Tournament (http://mnsu.edu/cmst/niet/niet.html) , the National Parliamentary Debate Association (http://parlidebate.org) Tournament, and the National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence (http://npte.debateaddict.com) . The program also supports an active on-campus and community public forum.

Forensics is a cocurricular activity sponsored by the Department of Rhetoric and Media Studies (http://docs.lclark.edu/catalog/archive/2013-14/undergraduate/communication) . Students should consult the department regarding prerequisites for earning academic credit while participating in the program.

Theatre
Fir Acres Theatre provides opportunities during the year to students who want to act; direct; write plays; design lights, costumes, or sets; work on technical crews; or
enjoy fine theatre on campus. Each year the Department of Theatre presents faculty-directed productions on the Main Stage of Fir Acres Theatre as well as student-directed or student-written plays in the Black Box. Dance concerts with student choreography are presented each year.

The productions of the theatre department are a vital part of campus life. The selection of plays represents both the most exciting new work being written and the best of the classics. Participation in a production is open to any full-time student, and the department adheres to a policy of nontraditional or color-blind casting. Students receive credit for production work.