

# STUDENT SERVICES, RESOURCES, AND PROGRAMS

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The primary focus of Lewis & Clark is its academic mission. To support and enhance students' academic experience, Lewis & Clark staff members provide a variety of services, resources, and programs that encourage participation in curricular, cocurricular, and extracurricular activities. These services are highlighted here. More detailed information on each is available on the Student Life webpage ([https://college.lclark.edu/student\\_life/](https://college.lclark.edu/student_life/)).

## Alumni Association

College of Arts and Sciences students become members of the Alumni Association upon graduation and gain access to a variety of alumni services and benefits. Membership is automatic and there is no fee to join. Coordinated by the Office of Alumni and Parent Engagement and governed by the national Board of Alumni, the Alumni Association has more than 30,000 members. The Alumni Association promotes on-campus, regional, and virtual events to foster lifelong connections that engage alumni, students, and their families with Lewis & Clark College. Supported by alumni chapters, regional events take place across the United States and around the globe. In addition, the Alumni Association provides opportunities for continuing education, career networking, and lifelong learning. An annual calendar of events includes happy hours, Homecoming and Family Weekend, an Alumni Honors Celebration, Alumni Weekend and reunions, on-campus and virtual career panels, and several additional events around the United States and overseas. The Alumni Gatehouse is the home of the Alumni Association and includes a lounge available to small groups of students and alumni for meetings and social activities. The Gatehouse is also the home of the Student Alumni Association, a leadership group dedicated to promoting meaningful connections between students and alumni.

Members of the Board of Alumni serve as representatives of the worldwide alumni community. Board members facilitate the relationship between Lewis & Clark and its alumni to maintain and deepen lifelong connections between the institution and the alumni, as well as across generations, in geographic areas, and within affinity groups. Board members serve in various capacities, including event promotion, equity and inclusion awareness, fundraising, career networking, and other special projects. Members are nominated by the Lewis & Clark community and elected by the sitting board and may serve up to two three-year terms.

## Campus Living

Lewis & Clark is committed to the residential experience, which includes the exploration of purpose; relationships; wellness; and social justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion, through formal and informal interactions with fellow students as well as faculty and staff. The residence hall community supports students as they achieve academic success, find meaningful ways to be involved on campus and in the greater Portland community, and enjoy the college experience. The Office of Campus Living collaborates with students to create a supportive, interdependent, and educationally purposeful residential community.

Consistent with Lewis & Clark's mission as a residential liberal arts college, students are required to live on campus for four semesters, typically their first two years, unless they are living with their parent(s)

or legal guardian in the Portland area, are married, are 21 years of age or older when fall semester begins, or are an entering transfer student with at least 60 semester hours of transferable college credit.

Each residence hall cluster is managed by a full-time professional area director (AD) who coordinates all aspects of the community including training and supervising an undergraduate residential experience manager (REM) and resident advisors (RAs), coordinating programs and events, participating in the student conduct process, and providing general student support such as tailored referrals to campus resources, roommate mediation, and crisis response. The REM and RAs help students transition to group living using the extensive training they receive in peer support, campus resources, leadership, activities planning, and community building.

The Office of Campus Living administers housing and food service contracts; coordinates room assignments; manages student leader selection, training, and supervision; provides leadership development opportunities; and offers cocurricular support programs.

## Campus Safety

The mission of the Office of Campus Safety is to enhance the quality of life for the Lewis & Clark community by providing a safe and secure environment that is conducive to learning and consistent with the educational goals of this diverse institution, while building community partnerships that foster trust, mutual respect, and cooperation.

Campus Safety provides coverage 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Phone 503-768-7777 in the event of an emergency, or for any service call. For routine business, call 503-768-7855.

The Office of Campus Safety can quickly dispatch officers to any part of the Lewis & Clark campus through a two-way radio system. The staff includes uniformed Campus Safety officers, dispatchers, a Campus Safety supervisor, and the director of the Office of Campus Safety.

## Center for Social Change and Community Involvement

The Center for Social Change and Community Involvement prepares Lewis & Clark undergraduate students to engage meaningfully in active citizenship to bring about positive social change.

The center offers immersive learning experiences, fosters meaningful relationships with community partners, and promotes leadership development opportunities for students. Some program offerings include volunteering, service-learning, and local and global immersion trips.

## The Center for Spiritual Life

The Center for Spiritual Life celebrates and nurtures spiritual and religious life within the Lewis & Clark community. We support people of all faith traditions, the unaffiliated, and those who are exploring spirituality but do not wish to identify with any formal or specific religion. Spiritual Life offers a variety of opportunities, programs, and resources for students, faculty, and staff that foster belonging, build community, and improve wellness.

## Student Support

The Center for Spiritual Life supports various student organizations and other student-initiated activities at Lewis & Clark College. Current and past student organizations have included the Buddhist Club, Chabad (Jewish), Earth-Based Paganism and Spirituality Club, Hillel (Jewish), Jewish Student Union, Hindu Student Union, Meditation Club, Muslim Student Association, Pioneer Christian Fellowship, and Spiritual Que(e)r

(LGBTQ+). Student-initiated activities have ranged from a campuswide Holi celebration and Christian praise Easter service to vigils for peace. The Center for Spiritual Life also provides student support in cases of bereavement and sends condolences and a care package when notified of a student's loss. One-on-one conversations are also welcomed by the multi-faith chaplain.

### Programs

The Center for Spiritual Life also offers workshops, speakers, meditations, and trainings relating to spiritual wellness, social justice, and belonging. The Center for Spiritual Life also assists students in navigating public transportation to faith communities and other events in the Portland area.

### Reflective Spaces

The Agnes Flanagan Chapel is available daily for reflection, prayer, rest, and contemplation. On Flanagan's lower level is the chaplain and director of spiritual life's office, as well as the Meditation and Prayer Room, which is available for Lewis & Clark students to reserve for personal or group use. Students also gather in the Spiritual Life lounge to enjoy quiet study or a cup of tea. There are dedicated Muslim prayer spaces in lower Flanagan and in Watzek Library, as well as dedicated multi-use rooms in many of the residential halls that can be used for prayer. Nearby Tryon Creek State Natural Area provides a beautiful outdoor reflective space, as do the campus grounds.

### Accommodations

The Center for Spiritual Life supports students in pursuing any academic or residential accommodations they may need for their religious observance. Please reach out to the chaplain for assistance with religious accommodations.

### Chaplain

The chaplain and director of spiritual life promotes a broad, campuswide awareness of spirituality's relevance in fostering belonging, improving mental health, and creating religiously literate global citizens. The chaplain offers multi-faith support to the community and is available for crisis, grief support, and pastoral counseling. The chaplain also hosts weddings, memorial services, and other community rituals.

## Office of Inclusion and Multicultural Engagement

The Office of Inclusion and Multicultural Engagement supports and empowers all students at Lewis & Clark, specifically those who identify as students of color, first-generation students, and students who identify as LGBTQIA+, to achieve academic, social, personal, and professional success. We aim to create and support critically conscious and inclusive leaders.

## Counseling

Student Counseling Center staff offer culturally sensitive, professional mental health services for students experiencing personal and academic concerns. Counseling (psychotherapy) is available to all undergraduate, graduate, and law students. Appointments with the Student Counseling Center staff are free of charge. Staff include licensed mental health professionals and advanced master's and doctoral trainees.

The primary purpose of the Student Counseling Center is to help students to sustain their academic, social, and personal well-being by providing strategies to improve upon problem solving and interpersonal skill development, manage the impact of past or recent trauma, address ongoing mental health concerns (within the scope of our practice), and engage in crisis intervention. We offer supportive interventions for those encountering barriers or interference in their living or learning

environment, and work with students in a model that generally follows a time-limited, intermittent course of treatment. Following an initial consultation to understand the student's needs, the most common outcome for students seeking ongoing therapy on campus is the offer of biweekly individual therapy or group therapy. In some cases, students may be offered periods of weekly therapy or may be supported in finding treatment off campus. Students who are seeking or may benefit from long-term weekly counseling, who are seeking psychiatric medication management without therapy, and/or who require specialized treatment are encouraged to seek mental health treatment off campus. Student Counseling or Case Management staff can help students with the off-campus referral process. Information shared at the Student Counseling Center is held in strict confidence in accordance with state law and professional ethics.

## Health Promotion and Wellness

The Office of Health Promotion and Wellness leads efforts to develop a community that supports balanced and healthy lifestyles. The staff are committed to helping students gain the knowledge and skills necessary to make informed decisions regarding personal health and well-being. We encourage students to be mindful and to make choices that support community health and well-being. Health Promotion and Wellness staff collaborate with campus and area resources to provide support and prevention education on an array of issues that typically concern Lewis & Clark students.

## Health Center

The Health Center provides medical services to all students attending the undergraduate, graduate, or law schools. Services include diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic medical conditions, routine physicals, gynecological care, prescriptions, laboratory services, immunizations, administration of maintenance allergy injections, and referrals to medical specialists in the Portland area. Medical consultations and examinations are free. Charges apply for laboratory tests, medications, immunizations, allergy injection administration, medical procedures, medical equipment, and missed appointments. The Health Center does not bill insurance, but provides a receipt of charges, which students may submit to their insurance plan. Medical records are strictly confidential and are not released without the student's written consent.

## Student Health Insurance

Lewis & Clark requires all degree-seeking and visiting undergraduate students to have medical coverage comparable to that offered through the school's comprehensive student health insurance plan. Students are automatically enrolled in the school's student health insurance plan each year unless they submit a waiver attesting to the fact they have comparable coverage. Students are given one opportunity each academic year to waive the school's coverage. For further information, please refer to the Costs (<https://docs.lclark.edu/undergraduate/costs/>) section of this catalog.

## International Students and Scholars

The Office of International Students and Scholars provides academic and personal advice, assistance with housing and on-campus employment, processing of immigration and financial aid documents, and opportunities for community involvement to international students, visiting international scholars, and American Third Culture Kids (TCKs). The office supports the recruitment and admission of international students and TCKs, then provides orientation, advising, and advocacy for these students. Professional staff members also serve as advisors to the International Students of Lewis & Clark and the Third Culture Kids Club.

## **Student Engagement**

Engagement inside and outside of the classroom is critical to a rewarding college experience. Lewis & Clark supports more than 120 recognized student organizations, including the Campus Activities Board, club sports, and student media. These student-run organizations enrich their memberships' common interests and activities and the student body as a whole. Student organizations cocreate symposia, seminars, speakers, leadership trainings, and programs for the campus community. As officers, chairs, and committee members, students develop and exercise interpersonal and organizational skills while cocreating recreation and engagement opportunities. Lewis & Clark provides staff and resources to support student involvement and help students integrate their curricular and cocurricular experiences.

## **Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students**

The vice president for student life and dean of students is the executive officer for the Division of Student Life and is a member of Lewis & Clark's Executive Council. Reporting directly to the president, the vice president serves as a leader and collaborator in the institution's strategic planning and decision-making activities, and is the senior advocate for the support and engagement of the student body and enhancement of the student experience at Lewis & Clark. The vice president provides leadership and administrative management for all offices and centers in the Division of Student Life, which include Campus Living, Campus Safety, College Outdoors, Community Accountability & Conflict Education, Case Management, Emergency Management, the First-Year Experience, Health Promotion and Wellness, Inclusion and Multicultural Engagement, International Students and Scholars, New Student Orientation, Physical Education and Athletics, Student Counseling Center, Student Health Center, Social Change and Community Involvement, the Center for Spiritual Life, Student Engagement, and Transportation and Parking. The Office of the Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students is located on the first floor of East Hall.