

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 Center

The Career 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 Center provides career counseling, internships, and events; links students to a broad network of alumni, employers, and graduate schools; and assists with resume 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 stand-up paddle boarding, cross-country skiing, backpacking, climbing, whitewater rafting, sea kayaking, and hiking. On-campus events include PowerPoint slide shows, classes, 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, leadership, and organization. Student staff and student volunteers organize and lead outdoor trips, training workshops, and special events, gaining valuable practical experience in leadership roles.

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, Lincoln-Douglas 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://nietoc.com>), the National Forensic Association (<http://nationalforensics.org>) national tournament, the National Parliamentary Debate Association (<http://parlidebate.org>) national 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. Students should consult the department regarding prerequisites for earning academic credit while participating in the program.

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 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 and Opera Workshop, Javanese Gamelan, Ghanaian Drum Ensemble, Ghanaian Music and Dance Ensemble, African Marimba, Guitar Ensemble, Chamber Ensembles, Cappella Nova, Community Chorale, and Voces Auream Treble Chorus. Participation is open to all students, not only to music majors. Additional performance opportunities are also available to students through the monthly concert series and annual Battle of the Bands hosted by the Office of Student Activities, a variety of a cappella groups, the student radio station's spring music festival, and frequent weekend concerts and dances.

Private lessons are available for all wind, brass, string, and percussion instruments; keyboard (piano, organ, and harpsichord); voice; classical, flamenco, folk, and jazz guitar; mandolin; electric bass; Indian instruments including Hindustani vocal technique, tabla, and sitar; composition; and electronic music. 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 or ensembles. Students of outstanding academic and musical ability are eligible for music merit scholarships. Consult the Department of Music for details.

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 basketball, dodgeball, softball, table tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, and volleyball. Evening and weekend intramural tournaments provide opportunities in badminton, basketball, dodgeball, flag football, table tennis, tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, and volleyball.

Club Sports

Lewis & Clark offers a variety of student-initiated club sports, including women's lacrosse, men's and women's rugby, coed sailing, men's soccer, and men's and women's Ultimate Frisbee. Club sports that gain recognition from the Office of Student Activities are eligible to apply for funding through the Associated Students of Lewis & Clark. All club sports are student directed and vary from year to year based on student interest. The level of competition also 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 10 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 speaking on behalf of students and facilitating productive communication between the undergraduate student body, the faculty, the administration and the Lewis & Clark community at large. The ASLC, through its various branches and committees, assists students and student organizations by providing financial resources and institutional support, as well as creating open forums for students to actively address their concerns and voice support for campus initiatives. The ASLC comprises five branches: the Senate, our legislative body; the Cabinet, our executive branch; the Judiciary; the Auditor, our information-gathering and record-keeping body; and the Elections Committee.

The ASLC Senate is an at-large body of 10 senators, in which each position is open to all undergraduates, as well as representatives from communities of color, the queer community, the international student community, the student-athlete community and the Feminist Student Union. Liaisons from other student groups and communities are also present. All students are encouraged to attend open meetings.

The ASLC Cabinet comprises the president, vice president, treasurer, student academic affairs board chair, student organizations coordinator, and community service and relations coordinator. The chief justice, auditor, chief of staff, director of elections, and ASLC Cabinet advisor serve as ex officio members of the Cabinet.

The Student Organizations Committee funds and supports the work of more than 100 student organizations in cooperation with the Office of Student Activities. These student organizations include academic organizations and symposia, club sports, international and multicultural organizations, religious and spiritual organizations, special-interest organizations, and social justice and service organizations.

The Student Academic Affairs Board employs hundreds of student tutors whose services are provided to other students at no cost. It also funds student research projects and helps bring scholarly presentations to campus.

The Community Service and Relations Committee manages public outreach for the ASLC by working closely with student organizations to increase accessibility for underrepresented students; supports Lewis & Clark service initiatives through funding, guidance, and empowerment of various on-campus programs; and organizes forums, events, and activities aimed at community building.

The Elections Committee holds elections for ASLC Senate and Cabinet positions. It is responsible for recruiting candidates, publicizing election periods, encouraging candidate campaigning, and tracking voter turnout and ballot results.

All students are encouraged to engage in the work of the ASLC by voting in elections, running for office, assisting with a campaign, joining a committee, participating in surveys by the Auditor, or attending the weekly Senate meetings.

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.

- *The Lewis & Clark Literary Review* is a student-published annual collection of creative compositions.
- *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.
- *Polyglot Journal of Foreign Languages and Cultural Expression* is an annual journal featuring pieces in the various languages of its writers.
- *(Pause.) Journal of Dramatic Literature* is an annual dramatic arts journal that promotes the art of playwriting.
- *Journal of Gender Thought & Expression* is an annual journal focused on gender issues and expression.
- *The Pioneer Log*, Lewis & Clark's biweekly 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. You can read *The Pioneer Log* here (<http://piolog.com>).
- KLC Radio provides the Lewis & Clark community with Internet-based audio programming and serves as an outlet for student expression. KLC also hosts a recording studio, regular student performance opportunities, and an annual spring music festival. You can listen to KLC Radio here (http://college.lclark.edu/student_life/klc_radio).
- *Journal for Social Justice* offers students the opportunity to voice their concerns, share their unique experiences, offer radical viewpoints, and propose solutions.

Lewis & Clark's student media organizations are recognized and supported by the Office of Student Activities. Funding for student media organizations comes from the student media fee managed by the Student Media Board.

Theatre

The Theatre Department welcomes campus-wide participation in its programs. All auditions are open to any full-time student, and the department adheres to a policy of inclusive or nontraditional casting. Students receive credit for production work.

In addition to its two faculty-directed main stage productions, the department produces a one-act festival in the fall, a senior thesis festival in the spring, a late-night performance of student-written and -directed plays each semester, open auditions for directing scenes in the fall semester, and a student-produced performance, also in the fall. The department sponsors a two-credit course that introduces students to backstage and crew work. Other department courses provide a full range of theatre studies in acting, directing, design, playwriting, technical theatre, theatre history, and dramatic literature. There are opportunities to engage in the study and practice of all the theatre arts.

The Theatre Department is also the home of the dance program, and there are opportunities for student-produced dance and choreography, as well as classes offering a wide range of dance training.

Theatre Department productions in theatre and dance are a vital part of campus life, and our programs integrate majors, minors, and nonmajors alike.