STUDENT SERVICES, RESOURCES, AND PROGRAMS

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 at go.lclark.edu/college/handbook.

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 Programs and governed by the national Board of Alumni, the Alumni Association has more than 23,000 members. The Alumni Association promotes on-campus and regional events across the United States and around the globe with the purpose of fostering lifelong connections that engage alumni, students, and their families with Lewis & Clark College. In addition, it provides opportunities for continuing education, career networking, and lifelong learning. An annual calendar of events includes worldwide Black and Orange Parties, Homecoming and Family Weekend, an Alumni Honors Banquet, Alumni and Reunion Weekend, on-campus 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 with the goal of maintaining and deepening 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, diversity and inclusion awareness, fundraising, career networking, and other special projects. Members are nominated by the Lewis & Clark community, elected by the sitting board, and may serve up to two three-year terms.

Campus Living
Lewis & Clark is committed to the residential education experience, which includes the exploration of ideas, values, beliefs, and backgrounds; the development of lifelong friendships; and the pursuit of collaboration, both formal and informal, with students, faculty, and staff. The residence hall community is dedicated to academics, campus and community involvement, and enjoyment of the college experience.

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 a parent or parents in the Portland area, are married, are 21 years of age or older when a semester begins, or are entering transfer students with 60 semester hours of transferable college credit. The Office of Campus Living collaborates with students to create a supportive, interdependent, and educationally purposeful residential community for Lewis & Clark.

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 undergraduate resident advisors (RAs), coordinating programming efforts, participating in the student conduct process, and providing counsel, mediation, and crisis management as necessary. The RAs assist in hall management and help students transition to group living using the extensive training they receive in peer counseling, ethical leadership, activities planning, and community building.

The Office of Campus Living administers housing and food service contracts; coordinates room assignments; manages staff selection, training, and supervision; provides leadership development opportunities; and offers curricular support programs, including New Student Orientation and Parents’ Preview.

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 nine uniformed Campus Safety officers, five dispatchers, a Campus Safety supervisor, and the director of the Office of Campus Safety.

Office of Inclusion and Multicultural Engagement
As building and sustaining a truly inclusive campus environment is all of our responsibility, the Office of Inclusion and Multicultural Engagement (IME) strives to create a more inclusive, equitable, and empowering community at L&C in collaboration with students, staff, faculty, and Portland community partners.

IME’s work is primarily centered on service of historically underrepresented student groups and allies. IME provides leadership and mentorship opportunities and works to promote the well-being and development of the Lewis & Clark community.

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 take responsibility for themselves in all areas of wellness. Health Promotion and Wellness works in collaboration with campus and area resources to provide support and prevention education on an array of issues that typically concern Lewis & Clark students.

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 section of this catalog.

Health Service
The Health Service provides medical services to all students attending the undergraduate, graduate, or law schools. Services include diagnosis and treatment for medical conditions, routine physicals, women’s health care, prescriptions, laboratory services, immunizations (including travel immunizations), travel prescriptions, allergy injections, and referrals to medical specialists in the Portland area. Medical consultations and examinations are free. Charges apply for immunizations, allergy injections, medications, laboratory tests, medical procedures, medical equipment, and missed appointments. Health Service does not bill insurance but provides a receipt of charges so students may submit to insurance. Medical records are strictly confidential and are not released without the student’s written consent.

Counseling
Counseling Service staff offer professional help for students experiencing personal and academic concerns. Counseling is available to all undergraduate, graduate, and law students. Appointments with the counseling staff are free of charge. Staff include licensed mental health professionals and trainees. A limited number of psychiatry appointments are available each week. These appointments are generally reserved for students who are being seen by counseling staff. Charges apply for psychiatry appointments.

The primary purpose of the Counseling Service is to provide problem-resolution services and short-term focused therapy. Crisis counseling is also available. Students who need long-term counseling or psychiatry treatment, and/or specialty treatment, such as for an eating disorder, should make arrangements to see a mental health professional in the local area. Counseling staff can help students with the referral process. A referral list is available at the Counseling Service office. Information shared at the Counseling Service is held in strict confidence.

Case Management
The Office of Case Management is located within Wellness Services and serves the Lewis & Clark College community and individual students by providing referrals, problem-solving, consultation, campus office navigation, and advocacy for those who are experiencing difficulty or distress. This office specializes in helping students make connections to other campus services as well as to health care on- and off-campus. Common areas of concern addressed in this office include both mental and physical health, substance use, eating disorders, learning differences, and financial obstacles. The focus of this office is on empowering students to build personal resiliency and develop strategies to overcome barriers to success.

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 (TCK). The office coordinates the admission of international students and provides initial and continuing orientation and advocacy for these students. Professional staff members also serve as advisors to the International Students of Lewis & Clark and the Third Culture Kid Club.

Spiritual Life
The Office of Spiritual Life directs and supports programs for students and the campus community that focus on spirituality, spiritual and religious life, and interfaith understanding. These programs include worship services, special forums and lectures, small-group studies, meditation, regular visits to various faith communities in Portland, spiritual renewal retreats, social justice engagement and reflection, and volunteer community service projects. The dean of spiritual life oversees a staff of spiritual life professionals who come from a wide variety of spiritual and religious traditions, and who work with students from all spiritual backgrounds and interests. The dean also is available for religious, crisis, and grief support and counseling, and assists with memorial services and the annual baccalaureate celebration for graduating seniors.

Programs offered through the Office of Spiritual Life (http://lclark.edu/offices/spiritual_life) recognize the spiritual and religious diversity of the Lewis & Clark community and seek to promote moral and spiritual dialogue and growth in a context of mutual support. While this focus on spirituality has its historical roots in the Presbyterian heritage of the college, the Office of Spiritual Life upholds and affirms the spiritual diversity of our students by assisting and supporting all of the many spiritual life groups and programs that take place on campus. The staff encourages cooperation among organized spiritual life groups (https://lclark.edu/offices/spiritual_life/spiritual_organizations) and promotes a broad, campuswide dialogue about the relevance of spirituality in a liberal-arts educational environment.

Student Activities
Academics and involvement go hand in hand at Lewis & Clark as part of a balanced, engaging, and rewarding college experience. Through its programs and support of student organizations, the Office of Student Activities hosts a variety of programs that contribute to our educational mission.

The Office of Student Activities works with more than 100 student organizations, including the Campus Activities Board, club sports, and student media. Lewis & Clark’s student organizations support the common interests and activities of their members and offer symposia, seminars, speakers, leadership training, competition opportunities, and programs for the campus community. As initiators, officers, chairs, and committee members, students develop and exercise interpersonal and organizational skills while creating their own opportunities for recreation and entertainment. The Office of Student Activities provides staff and resources to support student involvement and help students connect their curricular experience to extracurricular and cocurricular activities. Student Activities also coordinates major campuswide events like Welcome Week, Pio Fair, Homecoming Week, Fall Ball, Spring Carnival, and other special events for the Lewis & Clark community.

Student Leadership and Service
With a focus on racial equity and social justice, Student Leadership and Service (SLS) engages students, nonprofit community partners, and others in meaningful service-learning, civic action, and leadership education experiences. SLS coordinates alternative spring break trips highlighting social justice efforts in locales such as Atlanta, Tucson, and the Yakama Nation. SLS also organizes large-scale service days (involving 100–500 volunteers) during New Student Orientation and Martin Luther King Jr. Week. Throughout the school year, SLS student staff members plan weekly and monthly service-learning projects with nonprofit partners, deliver timely leadership education workshops, support local civic action events, and organize donation drives. Students engage in SLS programs as participants, trip leaders, planning committee members, and/or paid staff.
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, the Career Center, College Outdoors, Counseling Service, Health Promotion and Wellness, Housing, Inclusion and Multicultural Engagement, International Students and Scholars, New Student and Parent Orientation, Physical Education and Athletics, Spiritual Life, Student Activities, Student Health Service, Student Leadership and Service, Student Support Services, and Student Rights and Responsibilities. The Office of the Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students is located on the first floor of East Hall, across from Maggie's Café.