

# ADMISSION

Lewis & Clark selects students with strong academic records and promise who seek a challenging liberal arts curriculum characterized by breadth and depth. Successful applicants are individuals who, through their varied talents and interests, will contribute in distinctive ways to the wider communities of which they are a part. As a member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling, Lewis & Clark subscribes to the NACAC Statement of Principles of Good Practice.

## Application Options

Students apply online via the Common Application (<http://commonapp.org>). Lists of required application materials and further instructions are available at the Office of Admissions (<http://go.lclark.edu/apply>).

## Fall Semester Admission Calendar First-Year Applicants

August 1	<b>Application materials available.</b>
November 1	<b>Early Decision (binding) application deadline.</b>
November 1	<b>Early Action (nonbinding) application deadline.</b>
December 15	<b>Early Decision notification.</b>
January 1	<b>Early Action notification.</b>
January 15	<b>Early Decision tuition deposit* deadline (\$500).</b>
January 15	<b>Regular Decision application deadline.</b>
April 1	<b>Regular Decision notification.</b>
May 1	<b>Early Action and Regular Decision tuition deposit* deadline (\$500).</b>

## Transfer Applicants

August 1	<b>Application materials available.</b>
January 1	<b>Admission decision and merit-based scholarship notification begins on a rolling basis, within three weeks of file completion.</b>
June 1	<b>Tuition deposit* deadline (\$500)</b>

## Midyear Admission

First-year and transfer students may also be considered for January admission. Applicants are encouraged to apply as early in the fall as possible, but no later than November 1. The Common Application is available beginning August 1. Notification is made after September 1 on a rolling basis.

## Advanced Standing

See Advanced Standing.

## Further Information

Visit [lclark.edu](http://lclark.edu) or contact us at:

Office of Admissions (<https://college.lclark.edu/offices/admissions>)  
Lewis & Clark  
College of Arts and Sciences  
0615 S.W. Palatine Hill Road  
Portland, Oregon 97219-7899  
Phone: 800-444-4111 or 503-768-7040  
Fax: 503-768-7055  
[admissions@lclark.edu](mailto:admissions@lclark.edu)

Potential transfer students can contact a transfer counselor directly at [transfer@lclark.edu](mailto:transfer@lclark.edu).

## Previously Earned Bachelor's Degree

Students who have earned a bachelor's degree, whether from Lewis & Clark or another institution, may not apply for admission to the College of Arts and Sciences as degree-seeking candidates. Lewis & Clark awards the bachelor of arts degree only to students who have no prior baccalaureate degree. No second-degree or post-baccalaureate option is offered.

## Summer Sessions

Students in good standing at other accredited U.S. colleges or universities may enroll in summer session (<https://college.lclark.edu/programs/summer>) courses without applying for admission to Lewis & Clark.

*\*See also Costs, Advance Deposits.*

## Recommended Academic Preparation

Admission to Lewis & Clark is selective. The most important factors in determining admission to the College of Arts and Sciences are the quality of a student's academic program and the grades earned in college preparatory courses. The admissions committee also considers writing ability, quantitative skills, standardized testing, leadership, community service and work experience, personal interests, cocurricular activities and talent, and expressed interest in Lewis & Clark.

Lewis & Clark recommends that first-year students complete a high school curriculum that includes, at minimum, the following:

English	4 years
Mathematics	4 years
History/social studies	3–4 years
Foreign language (same language preferred)	2–3 years
Laboratory science	3 years
Fine arts	1 year

Students who have performed well in Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or honors courses are given preference in the admission process. The admissions committee may consider applicants whose academic preparation is different from that described above, if other aspects of their record indicate potential for success in Lewis & Clark's academic program.

Home-schooled students are encouraged to apply via Lewis & Clark's Test-Optional Portfolio Path to Admission and to contact the admissions office to discuss the best ways to present their academic preparation to the committee.

Further information about preparing for Lewis & Clark is available at the Office of Admissions (<http://go.lclark.edu/apply/preparation>).

## Scholastic Assessment Test or American College Test Scores

With the exception of international students, students applying through Lewis & Clark's Test-Optional Portfolio Path to Admission, and transfer students with at least 61 transferable semester credits, the College of Arts and Sciences requires all applicants to submit SAT or ACT scores. First-year applicants should take one of these tests in time for delivery of scores prior to the appropriate application deadline (<http://go.lclark.edu/apply>) and arrange to have the scores sent to Lewis & Clark, either by the testing agency or on an official high school transcript.

## Test-Optional Portfolio Path to Admission

Lewis & Clark has offered the Test-Optional Portfolio Path to Admission since 1991. Students who choose the Portfolio Path option still submit the Common Application and other required documents. In addition, Portfolio Path applicants submit two academic recommendations and an academic portfolio that demonstrates to the admissions committee depth and breadth of curriculum, as well as the student's intellectual curiosity and preparation for college work. Test-Optional Portfolio Path applicants may choose whether or not to submit standardized test scores.

Specific instructions on completing the Test-Optional Portfolio Path to Admission are available at the Office of Admissions (<http://go.lclark.edu/test-optional>).

## Transfer Admission

Transfer students—up to 75 of whom enroll each year—bring a welcome maturity and diversity to Lewis & Clark and are an important part of the entering student group. Students are considered transfer applicants if they have completed 12 or more semester credits of college-level work after graduating from high school or earning the GED. They are admitted on the same selective basis as first-year students and are eligible for financial aid and campus housing. Transfer admission is selective, and applicants are expected to present an academic history that demonstrates success in coursework similar to that offered within Lewis & Clark's own traditional liberal arts and sciences curriculum. Lewis & Clark encourages transfer applicants to visit the campus and schedule an interview with a transfer counselor.

All documents on the transfer application checklist (<https://college.lclark.edu/offices/admissions/transfer/checklist>) are required for a complete application for admission to Lewis & Clark.

## Transfer Credit Policies

For transfer students to receive credit for work completed at other regionally accredited colleges and universities, their coursework must meet Lewis & Clark's transfer credit policies (<http://docs.lclark.edu/undergraduate/policiesprocedures/transfercredit>) as outlined in this catalog. Coursework is evaluated for transferability only on a course-by-course basis.

To be awarded a Lewis & Clark degree, transfer students must complete the graduation requirements (<http://docs.lclark.edu/undergraduate/graduationrequirements/requirements>) outlined in this catalog. This includes fulfilling the institution's academic residency requirement by completing at least 60 semester credits at Lewis & Clark out of the 128 semester credits required for the degree. Thus, a maximum of 68 semester credits may be transferred from other institutions.

Upon admission, transfer students receive a preliminary evaluation of transfer credit from the Office of Admissions. After Lewis & Clark receives a tuition deposit and before the transfer student enrolls, the Office of the Registrar (<http://college.lclark.edu/offices/registrar>) evaluates transcripts of all previous college work to officially determine credit that is transferable toward Lewis & Clark's General Education requirements. To determine whether courses completed elsewhere meet requirements for an academic major, students should consult the department chair or program director for that major.

## International Student Admission

As part of its commitment to international education, Lewis & Clark seeks to bring to the campus academically qualified students from

diverse areas of the world. International student applicants are expected to be graduates of academically oriented secondary schools and meet entrance standards equivalent to those of U.S. applicants. The International Student Admissions Committee follows, as a minimum standard, recommendations for "U.S. institutions with selective admissions requirements" published by NAFSA: Association of International Educators, the National Association for College Admission Counseling, and the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Offices.

For complete information about international student admission, contact:

Office of International Students and Scholars (<http://lclark.edu/offices/international>)  
Lewis & Clark  
College of Arts and Sciences  
0615 S.W. Palatine Hill Road  
Portland, Oregon 97219-7899  
Phone: 503-768-7305  
Fax: 503-768-7301  
[iso@lclark.edu](mailto:iso@lclark.edu)

## Special Student Program

A special student is a non-degree-seeking student who wishes to take a course, or courses, for academic credit at Lewis & Clark.

Course registration for special students is on a space-available basis. No Lewis & Clark financial aid is available.

For further information, contact the Office of Admissions (<http://college.lclark.edu/offices/admissions>) at [admissions@lclark.edu](mailto:admissions@lclark.edu).

## Late Entry

Admitted students may choose to defer their enrollment at Lewis & Clark for up to one year. A nonrefundable tuition deposit is required from all students who intend to enroll at the college at the time of accepting the offer of admission. A second nonrefundable confirmation deposit is required during the deferral period. Both deposits are applied to the student's account. Deposit deadlines are available at the Office of Admissions (<http://go.lclark.edu/defer>).

During the deferral period, a student may not attend another institution on a full-time basis. Full-time status is considered to be enrollment in 12 or more credits per term. No more than 11 credits per term and no more than 22 semester credits overall will be accepted as transfer credit. Students interested in late entry should contact the Office of Admissions for more information.

## Campus Housing Requirement

Because of the residential nature of Lewis & Clark, all new students are required to live on campus for four semesters, usually in the first two years. Students are exempt from this policy if they are living with their parent(s) in the Portland area, are married, have a dependent, or are 21 years of age or older before the first semester of enrollment. Entering transfer students with at least 61 semester credits of transferable college work are also exempt from the campus housing requirement.