

STUDENT LIFE/STUDENT SERVICES

Athletic Program

Lewis University offers varsity intercollegiate competition for both men and women. The men's intercollegiate program includes baseball, basketball, cross-country, golf, soccer, swimming, tennis, indoor and outdoor track and field, and volleyball. The women's intercollegiate program includes basketball, cross-country, golf, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, indoor and outdoor track and field, and volleyball.

Guided by the Mission values of Lewis University and its Lasallian heritage, the athletic program provides students with opportunities to enhance their education, develop skills and understanding through participation in athletics, and represent their University in intercollegiate competition. The goals of intercollegiate athletics are to enhance the physical and intellectual abilities of those participating in the program and to provide the opportunity for spectators from the Lewis community and the community-at-large to attend athletic events.

Athletic programs support the University's educational program. The Lewis athletic program subscribes to the idea that properly administered intercollegiate sports are beneficial activities that contribute to the physical, intellectual, and social experiences of the entire Lewis community. Additional information can be found at <https://www.lewisu.edu/admissions/undergraduate/athletics.htm>.

Automobiles

Students are permitted to have cars on campus. They must operate them according to the regulations in the *Student Handbook*.

Campus Police Department

The Lewis University Police Department is responsible for maintaining a safe and secure campus environment which facilitates student development. The Police Department is composed of police officers certified by the State of Illinois, civilian campus safety staff, and student workers. More information about the Department can be found at <https://www.lewisu.edu/student-services/security/>. (<https://www.lewisu.edu/student-services/security/>)

Career Services

The Office of Career Services is located in the Brother Paul French, FSC, Learning Resource Center (LRC). Counselors are committed to helping students research career options that correspond with their individual skills, values, interests, and goals. The personal and professional development of students is promoted through career counseling, resume writing, and job search assistance. Additional information can be found at www.lewisu.edu/resources/careerservices (<https://www.lewisu.edu/resources/careerservices/>).

The Center for Health and Counseling Services

The Center for Health and Counseling Services is a multi-purpose department that strives to maintain and enhance the physical and emotional health and well-being of students.

Staffed by University medical personnel including nurses on a full-time basis and physicians on a part-time basis, Health Services is equipped to handle acute, non-emergency illnesses and minor injuries. Dedicated to assisting students with issues or concerns that may impact their academic success or quality of life, Counseling Services is staffed by mental health professionals. Issues and mental health concerns addressed by staff members may include relationships, depression, anxiety, life transitions, victimization, drug/alcohol abuse, loss, grief, stress, and self esteem issues. Further information can be found at www.lewisu.edu/student-services/student-wellness-center/. (<https://www.lewisu.edu/student-services/student-wellness-center/>)

Club Sports

Club Sports at Lewis University are designed to provide opportunities for students, faculty, and staff of the University community to participate in a variety of sports and recreational activities. Club Sports are organized and conducted by students under the direction of the Director of Student Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness. Additional information can be found at <http://www.lewisu.edu/student-services/fitness-center/clubsports/index.htm> (<http://www.lewisu.edu/student-services/fitness-center/clubsports/>).

International Student Services

The Office of International Student and Global Scholar Services (ISGSS) provides services and advocacy for international students. The ISGSS office offers assistance with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), particularly for visa status maintenance and employment options.

Additionally, it provides pre-semester orientation for new students, adjustment workshops for continuing students, and post-completion workshops for graduating students. The office also coordinates access for international students to both University and external resources, for insurance, banking, social security, and daily life needs.

In addition, the ISGSS office moderates the activities of the International Student Association (ISA). ISA seeks to foster an awareness of other cultures at the Lewis University campus, promote friendships between international students, as well as with American students, and provide support and appreciation for the international student community at Lewis University. It accomplishes this by providing special programs and opportunities for social interaction and constructive culture exchange. All programs and activities are non-political in nature.

Additional information can be found at www.lewisu.edu/student-services/iss. (<https://www.lewisu.edu/student-services/iss/>)

Intramural Program

With an emphasis on participation and sportsmanship, the Intramural Program provides recreational activities for all men and women at Lewis University. A full range of activities is offered on both a team and an individual basis. Intramural competition is open to full-time students, faculty, administrators, and staff. Current programs and activities can be found at <http://www.lewisu.edu/student-services/fitness-center/intramurals.htm>.

Judicial Process

The Dean of Student Services oversees the Student Judicial Process. Violations of University Behavioral Standards and Policies are adjudicated at various levels depending on the severity of the alleged violation. The entire Judicial Process, as well as University Behavioral

Standards and Policies, is outlined in detail in the Lewis University *Student Handbook* found at www.lewisu.edu/studenthandbook. (<https://www.lewisu.edu/studenthandbook/Student-Handbook-2024-2025.pdf>)

Multicultural Student Services

For information, please see Lewis University Office for Student Engagement and Multicultural Student Enrichment (<https://www.lewisu.edu/studentactivities/>) (SEMSE).

Residence Life

At Lewis University, residence halls are more than a place to sleep and eat. They are extensions of the classroom; they are places where students learn how to appreciate diversity by living and working with people different from themselves. Students in residence learn decision-making skills, they develop independence, they gain self-confidence, and they learn to accept responsibility. The Residence Life staff consists of full-time professionals, graduate and undergraduate students, all of whom reside on campus. Residence Life staff is licensed to provide support to students living on campus. Student involvement and community decision making are key ingredients in the Residence Life program. Each residence hall has a Residence Hall Association representative who lives in that facility. These students organize activities throughout the year and provide input to the Residence Life staff on a variety of topics, including maintenance, technology, and programming. Further information can be found at www.lewisu.edu/studentactivities/housing/ (<https://www.lewisu.edu/studentactivities/housing/>)

Student Organizations and Activities

See "The Office for Student Engagement and Multicultural Student Enrichment" or visit the Student Activities web page (<https://www.lewisu.edu/studentactivities/>).

Lewis University Student Senate

The Lewis University Student Senate is the official representative organization for the Lewis University student body. This elected body consists of twenty-four undergraduate and graduate representatives of various student types and from all academic colleges. The mission of the Lewis University Student Senate shall be to promote the development of the student body through the pursuit of wisdom, justice, knowledge, fidelity, and association. We shall exist to represent the voice of student opinions through representation of constituents, as well as the entire student body, in order to uphold, as well as improve the quality of life for students at Lewis University. For more information and for the contact information for all current Senators, please visit <https://www.lewisu.edu/studentactivities/senate/index.htm> (<https://www.lewisu.edu/studentactivities/senate/>).

Student Handbook

The *Student Handbook* contains the policies, regulations, services and activities pertinent to student life at Lewis University. The *Student Handbook* supplements the material in this catalog. Students are responsible for knowing and abiding by the contents of the *Student Handbook*. The *Handbook* can be found at www.lewisu.edu/studenthandbook (<https://www.lewisu.edu/studenthandbook/Student-Handbook-2024-2025.pdf>).

Lewis University Office for Student Engagement and Multicultural Student Enrichment (SEMSE)

Lewis University Office for Student Engagement and Multicultural Student Enrichment (SEMSE) is the main resource center for all student and multicultural organizations on campus. Students can utilize SEMSE when they want to join a club or two on campus or, start their own! The office also provides support for organizational leadership, recruitment and retention of members. In addition, SEMSE helps students to complete campus forms, book meeting rooms and promote organizational events. Their departmental email (studentactivities@lewisu.edu) can also be used to ask questions or, to request supplies for a club's meeting and/or upcoming events. The office also advises over 80 student organizations which include student affinity groups, disciplinary honor societies, Greek organizations, general interest groups and much more. Information on current student organizations can be found at the Student Activities web site.

Student Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness Center

All Lewis University students receive free membership to the Student Recreation and Fitness Center. Students need a current Lewis ID to gain access. Amenities include access to all areas of the facility (fieldhouse, fitness center, free weight area, group exercise studio, and pool), eligibility to participate in intramural sports and group fitness activities, outdoor adventure clinics and trips, and access to all wellness programs and activities. Current activities can be found at www.lewisu.edu/studentactivities/fitnesscenter/ (<https://www.lewisu.edu/studentactivities/fitnesscenter/>)

University Ministry

University Ministry, in harmony with Lewis' Catholic and Lasallian identity, embraces and nurtures enlightened religious experience within our community. University Ministry's primary focus is to be a sign and instrument of the Gospel. Therefore we proclaim and celebrate the Gospel and invite the University Community to this mission. We seek to light our students' hearts on fire for God's Kingdom valuing:

- Faith – loving the generous God made known to us through Jesus and the Holy Spirit and in the giftedness and dignity of all human beings;
- Service – becoming more generous and loving in our time, talents, and treasures;
- Community – celebrating our joys and sharing our sorrows with each other.

Information on services and programs offered by University Ministry, are found at www.lewisu.edu/studentactivities/ministry/ (<https://www.lewisu.edu/studentactivities/ministry/>)