

# Creative PDX: Exploring the Arts in Portland New Student Trip (NST)

Explore the arts and culture of your new home! Portland is known for its unique and quirky creative culture including visual art, music, dance, theatre, literary arts and more. This program will give you the opportunity to get to know the Portland arts scene, experience live performance, connect with students, faculty and staff in the arts at Lewis & Clark, and learn more about how to get involved on and off campus in the arts in Portland.

## What will I do during the trip?

While the itinerary varies from year to year, some examples of activities include:

- Attend 2-3 performances in Portland including theatre, dance, live music or comedy.
- Visit the Portland Art Museum and attend a gallery walk.
- Attend workshops with local artists; possibilities include graphic and visual arts, ceramics, creative writing, dance, performance, and art making as protest.
- Spend time discovering new and familiar art forms and creating your own art!
- Get to know other students interested in the Arts.
- Learn about campus arts resources including Theatre, Dance, Art, Music, New Media and Documentary Film, and Creative Writing.
- Get advice about choosing classes and planning your 4 years at L&C from those involved in the arts at L&C now.
- Meet faculty and current students from across L&C who make the arts a part of their college experience.
- Get to know Portland through the eyes of an artist!

## What will I gain from the program?

- An introduction to college life, the L&C campus, and the role the Arts can play in your experience at L&C
- A network of friends and colleagues that share your interests
- Access to the Portland arts scene
- Access to people who make-up the art scene on campus and in Portland
- The chance to practice collaborative creation of art
- Creative problem solving and interdisciplinary engagement

## Where will I stay during the trip?

- During this immersive experience, all participants will move into their residence halls the day the trip starts and stay there throughout the duration of the trip. However, there will be many instances and activities for which you will venture into the city!
- August is usually the driest month in Portland, but it has been known to rain, so bring appropriate clothing.
- Accessibility accommodations are available, contact [mwille@lclark.edu](mailto:mwille@lclark.edu) for more information.

## How will I make sense out of the experiences I have during the trip?

- Your trip will be led by current students. They will serve as your guides for the week, showing you their city and answering your questions about life at Lewis & Clark.
- You will spend time together as a group reflecting on and discussing our activities as well as having fun and making new friends. This is a great way to connect with other students in the art community at L&C and meet a group of people with your similar interests!
- We understand that this trip features many different and new experiences for participants, as well as a busy schedule. It is important to us that this trip remains accessible and enjoyable for everyone, and we will work with participants to maintain an engagement level that feels exciting and manageable.

## What are the policies?

Participants on College Outdoors trips are expected to follow all Lewis & Clark College conduct policies. All trips are tobacco, drug, and alcohol free, including vaping, medical cannabis, and tobacco products. Nicotine patches and nicotine gum are permitted.

**More questions? Just ask! We LOVE to talk about trips!**