

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?

- Attend 2-3 performances in Portland including Theatre, Dance, Live Music or Comedy.
- Visit the [Portland Art Museum](#) and attend a gallery walk.
- Workshops with local artists; possibilities include graphic arts, ceramics, creative writing, dance and art making as protest.
- Get a behind the scenes tour of [ADX – Art Design Xchange](#), Portland’s premier maker space.
- Create your own art!
- Get to know other new 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 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
- The chance to practice collaborative creation of art
- Creative problem solving and interdisciplinary engagement
- Access to people who make-up the art scene on campus and in Portland

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 trip. August is usually the driest month in Portland, but it has been known to rain, so bring appropriate clothing. Accessibility accommodations are available, contact outdoors@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!

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!