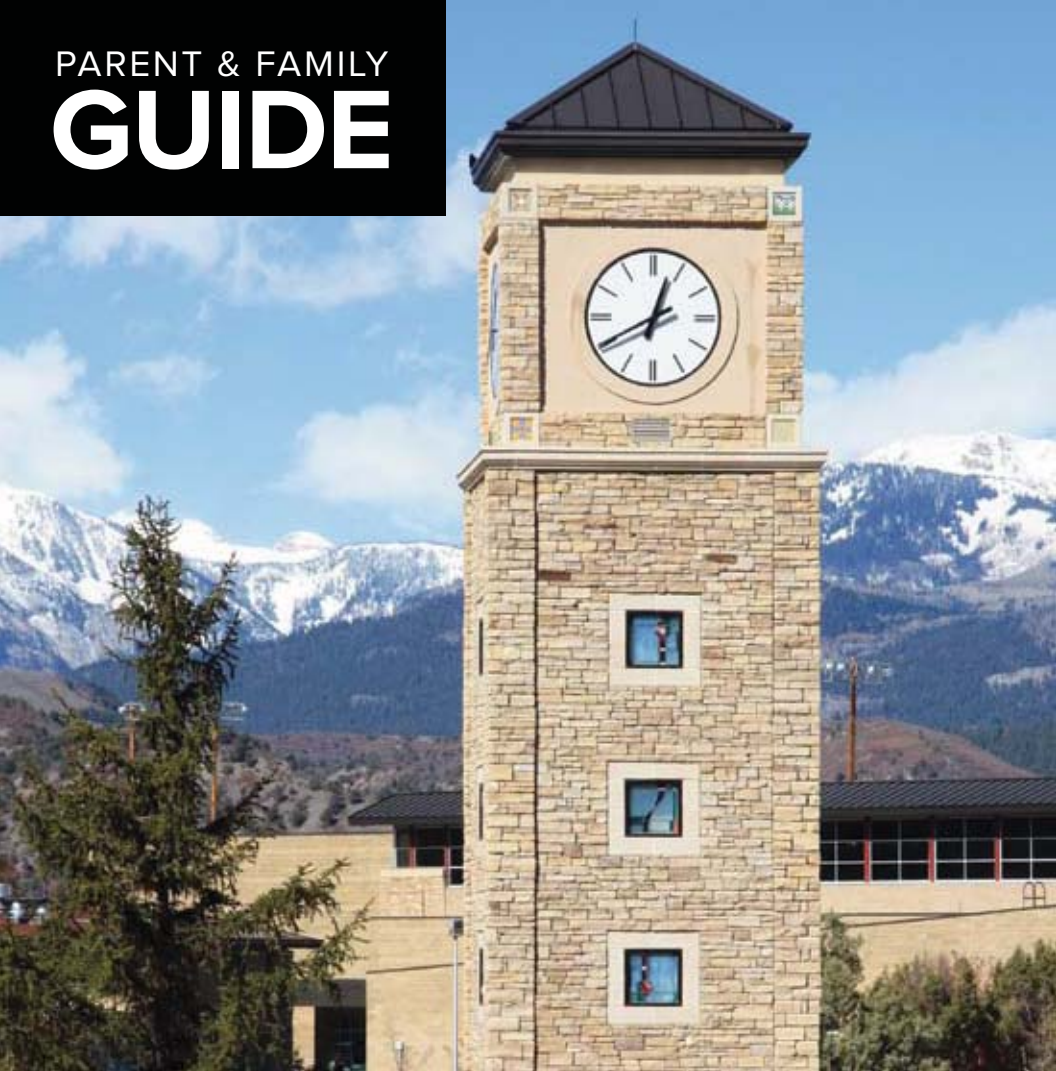


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# Letter from the President

Dear Fort Lewis College Family Member,

As the President of Fort Lewis College, I welcome you to our beautiful campus. Big things are happening at Fort Lewis as we are celebrating our 100-year anniversary. We are also celebrating the completion of the newly renovated Student Union. I am looking forward to a wonderful year for the entire Fort Lewis College community!



As the only four year public liberal arts college in Colorado, we offer a unique learning environment for our students: small class sizes, a favorable faculty-student ratio that leads to more personal attention, excellent student support services, and one of the finest faculty in the state. Our students benefit from their close interactions with faculty and staff; they also benefit from the unique geographic and cultural diversity of the Four Corners Region.

Because of our unique geographical location, students are not restricted to learning in traditional classrooms: learning takes place outdoors, thousands of feet up in the mountains or in the canyon lands to our west. Students taking courses in such diverse fields as biology or adventure education can look forward to learning by doing in the rugged beauty of the Four Corners.

Our focus is on the individual student and how the individual student can incorporate service into society. In so doing, we work to take full advantage of the liberal arts concept of linking education to life. In an increasingly interwoven and competitive world, employers are seeking employees who can think beyond the immediate problems that face them. Our liberal arts education teaches students to anticipate local, national, and even international effects.

Your student will not be lost in large classes here. Instead, your student will benefit from our commitment to undergraduate education. All our faculty are teaching faculty and our students learn directly from them. Repeatedly, our students say that their professors became not only teachers, but also mentors. That relationship continues after graduation as faculty help graduates succeed in their chosen careers or graduate school.

FLC has an even more powerful way to engage students in the exploration of an inclusive culture: through our commitment to educating American Indian students from all over the United States, the entire college has a broad commitment to diversity. Students at Fort Lewis College have the opportunity to work with faculty, staff and other students from diverse backgrounds that bring unique experiences to the classroom and the co-curricular settings.

Education comes alive here, with our beautiful campus in this mountain setting. I am inspired by what I see happening at Fort Lewis College and am convinced that your son or daughter will be too. Welcome to the FLC community!

Sincerely,

**Dene Kay Thomas**  
*President, Fort Lewis College* ■



# The Century-Long Legacy of Fort Lewis College



Located at 6,872 feet on a mesa overlooking downtown Durango, Fort Lewis College is Colorado's designated public liberal arts college. Fort Lewis College offers an individualized education through small classes taught by attentive and caring faculty, and is renowned for its outdoor lifestyle.

Fort Lewis originated in 1892, when the U.S. Army post of the same name was converted to a federal Indian boarding school. In 1911 the federal government deeded the property near Hesperus, Colorado, to the State of Colorado to create an agricultural and mechanical high school, with the agreement that the state would offer qualified Native Americans tuition-free education in perpetuity. In 1948 Fort Lewis became a junior college. The campus moved to Durango in 1956, and granted its first baccalaureate degrees in 1964.

Today at Fort Lewis College you can choose from more than 100 majors,

minors, and certificates, all backed by the “big picture” perspective of the liberal arts. Our faculty are experts in their fields, mentors, and talented teachers. Real-world experiences through internships, service learning, study abroad, and undergraduate research launch students into professional careers.

Like our Southwestern home, Fort Lewis College is a cultural crossroads: Fort Lewis' 3,800 students represent 46 states, 20 countries, and 120+ American Indian tribes and Alaskan Native villages, and they bring a contemporary vibe and youthful energy to Durango. For a taste, tune into KDUR, the college radio station, at 91.9 and 93.9 FM or at [www.kdur.org](http://www.kdur.org).

Getting outdoors is a way of life at Fort Lewis College. The Fort Lewis campus is surrounded by more than 2,000 miles of trails through the beautiful and challenging terrain of southwestern Colorado. With the mountains all around, biking, hiking, boating, running, skiing, or

just enjoying a beautiful view are all right at your doorstep. So it's easy to balance academics with an active, healthy lifestyle.

While in Durango, venture “up the hill” to take in the views of historic Durango and the rugged beauty of the Animas River Valley and San Juan Mountains by walking the Rim Trail or cruising around Rim Drive, the road encircling the campus. Once here, you'll discover exciting and entertaining things to see

and do—including concerts, recitals, art shows, films, lectures, and plays—or you can just take a stroll, exploring the public art, the Mesa Verde-style architecture of the campus buildings, Hesperus Peace Park, and the lovely and scenic McPherson Chapel on the mesa rim.

To see a calendar of campus events visit [www.fortlewis.edu](http://www.fortlewis.edu). ■

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## Student Housing

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**What better way to fully experience campus life than to live on campus? Fort Lewis College offers a variety of year-round housing options for students, including six residence halls and two apartment buildings. All on-campus housing boasts views of the La Plata Mountains and the College's beautiful campus. Fort Lewis College also opened Animas Hall, its newest residence, in Fall 2009, featuring a Faculty-in-Residence program to foster student-teacher relationships outside the classroom.**

Campus living options at Fort Lewis College include Adventure House—themed housing for outdoor enthusiasts. Both Faculty-in Residence and Adventure House create exciting ways to connect students who share interests. Students can apply to be Resident Assistants and become a part of the Housing team. These full-time students are trained liaisons to the Student Housing Office and helpful resources for their fellow residents.

Visiting families also can benefit from campus housing. During special events such as Orientation, Family Weekend, and Commencement, families can stay on campus, too. Rooms can accommodate up to two people and are \$38/night. In the summer, the College hosts many youth camps and special programs. For more information about on-campus guest lodging or summer program scheduling,

please contact the Conference Services Office at (970) 247-7372 or visit [www.fortlewis.edu/conference](http://www.fortlewis.edu/conference).

### Q: Who can live on campus?

A: Any Fort Lewis College student may apply for student housing. Freshmen are required to live on campus for two semesters.

### Q: How do students apply for housing?

A: Housing applications are available through students' accounts at The Fort or WebOpus.

### Q: How much does it cost to live on campus?

A: Campus housing prices range from \$2,010 to \$3,550 per term depending

on the type of room. For more details, visit [www.fortlewis.edu/housing](http://www.fortlewis.edu/housing).

### Q: Where do students go if they have questions or concerns?

A: Each residence hall has RAs (Resident Assistants) and an RD (Residence Director) to offer support and provide supervision to the residents. RAs and RDs have a wide range of resources to help students get the most from their campus experience and to ensure a safe and comfortable environment for residents.



### Q: Where do students eat?

A: Housing residents are required to purchase a meal plan unless they live in the apartments. Campus Dining offers several meal plans, which give students access to the main food service in San Juan Dining in the new Student Union complex as well as several convenient locations around campus. For details call (970) 247-7675 or visit [www.fortlewisdining.com](http://www.fortlewisdining.com). ■



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## Student Life Center

(970) 247-7014

Recreational Services is housed in the Student Life Center. This award-winning \$7.5 million recreation facility opened in 2001, providing students places to exercise, play, meet, learn, and relax. The Center features a 2,800-square-foot climbing and bouldering area, three basketball and four volleyball courts, an elevated running track, a racquetball court, dance and aerobics studio, and an outstanding weight room.

## Outdoor Pursuits

(970) 247-7293

Students may join Outdoor Pursuits (OP) and take advantage of all this region has to offer! As the adventure hub of campus, OP offers a variety of trips including afternoon bike rides, weekend adventures, week-long trips, and month-long expeditions in remote locations. OP has an expansive amount of outdoor gear available for checkout, hosts workshops and movies, and manages a bike- and ski-tuning shop that is available for all members. OP can also provide maps, expert advice, reading material, and other resources to plan students' adventures.

## Intramural Sports

(970) 247-7575

Students will make some new friends and stay active through Intramural Sports. Sports offered regularly include basketball, flag football, softball, soccer, volleyball, kickball, dodgeball, ultimate frisbee, badminton, and tennis. Students can sign up as individuals or get a team together. All levels and abilities are welcome!

## Club Sports

(970) 247-7575

Club Sports are organizations formed by students who want to compete at a high level without the time commitment expected by varsity sports. Current club sports include men's baseball, ice hockey, men's lacrosse, men's and women's rugby, downhill skiing, freestyle ski and snowboard, men's and women's soccer, wrestling, tennis, track and field, and a triathlon team.

## Fitness Programs

(970) 247-7325

The Student Life Center has knowledgeable staff to help students meet their fitness goals. Whether it's attending a weight room orientation, utilizing a personal trainer, or attending group exercise classes, there is a fitness program for each person.

## Student Employment

Student employees play a vital role in the success of Recreational Services. The department employs more than 100 students as front desk staff, group exercise instructors, personal trainers, officials, scorekeepers, OP trip leaders, climbing wall attendants, and summer camp counselors. Professional staff members work with students to develop leadership and critical thinking skills that will enhance their professional careers. Student employment applications can be picked up at the Student Life Center or printed from our website at [www.fortlewis.edu/recservices](http://www.fortlewis.edu/recservices). ■



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The International Programs Office is the central resource for information on international activities and opportunities on campus and abroad.

The program's office maintains reference materials on a wide variety of study abroad and internship programs, short-term work and volunteer opportunities, grants and scholarships, and the campus International Club and its activities. Prior to their time abroad, students enroll in the one-credit International Studies Pre-Departure class; which helps students investigate the numerous destinations and programs available to them, as well

as learn how these programs fit in the Fort Lewis College curriculum and credit transferability guidelines. The course also examines international academic systems and teaching methodologies, passports, visas, financial aid, and health and safety, so students can make informed decisions. Learn more about International Programs at <http://international.fortlewis.edu>, or come by and see us in Room 106 Jones Hall. ■



## Varsity Sports at Fort Lewis College

(970) 247-7441

Fort Lewis College offers a wide-range of men's and women's varsity sports. Teams excel in men's soccer (NCAA Division II national champions in 2005 and 2009); and the women's basketball team joined the list of Skyhawk powerhouses in 2010 when the team earned a berth in its first NCAA national title game. Four Skyhawk teams qualified for the NCAA national championships in 2010-11: women's soccer, men's and women's basketball, and men's golf.

Fort Lewis College Skyhawks play in modern and scenic on-campus facilities, including Whalen Gymnasium, Ray Dennison Memorial Stadium, Aspen Ball Fields, and Dirks Field. Our varsity teams compete in NCAA athletics at the Division II level in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference in men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross-country, football, men's golf, women's lacrosse, men's

and women's soccer, women's softball, and women's volleyball. Learn more by contacting [aaland\\_c@fortlewis.edu](mailto:aaland_c@fortlewis.edu) or by visiting [goskyhawks.com](http://goskyhawks.com).

The Fort Lewis College Cycling program, though a club sport, is administered by Athletics and competes nationally (with 17 national championships and ranked #1 in the nation for the 2011-12 season). ■

# The New Student Union

Fort Lewis College completed renovations on the Student Union building in Spring 2011. The new building is built to LEED “green building” standards, continuing Fort Lewis College’s commitment to environmentally-sound practices. The Student Union offers a state-of-the-art Media Center that will centralize the campus media outlets: KDUR campus radio, The Independent and Intertribal News newspapers, and Images magazine. The Student Union also houses campus dining, Post Office, SkyCard office, Bookstore, Environmental Center, El Centro Hispanic Center, Native American Center and Information Desk.

The newly renovated Student Union offers many new things to do and quality places in which to do them. At the center of it all -- both figuratively and physically -- is the Terry R. Bacon Leadership Center. More than 70 Registered Student Organizations use the Leadership Center; but most importantly the Center offers a space where, in the true spirit of the liberal arts, students can explore options for manifesting their interests and passions that lie outside the scope of their coursework while developing their leadership skills.

This \$41.5 million renovation and expansion serves as the nexus of campus activities. Students can relax in the Recreation Lounge and play billiards, ping pong, video games or get together with friends to watch a movie, enjoy a comedian or listen to live music. They can pick up mail, get a meal or a great cup of coffee, shop for gifts, and just hang out. To learn more, visit [www.fortlewis.edu/studentunion](http://www.fortlewis.edu/studentunion). ■



Fort Lewis College

# Cultural Diversity at Fort Lewis College

With 3,800 students from 46 states, 20 nations, and 120+ Indian tribes and Alaskan villages, diversity is more than just a value: it is a daily experience. Reflecting the cultural crossroads that is the American Southwest, the Fort Lewis campus is a constant hub of culturally themed social events, coursework, lectures, art, and architecture that explore and celebrate the varying traditions, backgrounds, and lifestyles of our campus community. Students at Fort Lewis also can carry their interest in cultural diversity into their studies. Majors and minors in Anthropology, Native American & Indigenous Studies, Ethnic Studies, and Gender & Women’s Studies encourage students to combine their academic learning with the real-world cultural experiences around them.

Fort Lewis College is particularly proud of its century-long commitment to Native American education. In 1911, the federal government deeded the property of the Fort Lewis Indian School to the State of Colorado on the condition that “Indian pupils shall at all times be admitted to such school free of charge for tuition and on terms of equality with white pupils.” Since that time, Colorado has provided any member of a federally recognized tribe who is admitted to Fort Lewis College with a full-tuition scholarship. Today, Fort Lewis ranks 8th in the nation in awarding Bachelor’s degrees to Native American students.

The three resources that follow are examples of programs providing support for minority students while promoting respect and understanding of viewpoints that reflect the diversity of our community:

## Native American Center

Fort Lewis’ more than 800 Native American students have a home away from home at the Native American Center. This multi-faceted support program gives Native students a place to study, receive academic support, relax, meet new students, and host

cultural events. The NAC is a spacious, comfortable spot for students, with access to 23 computers, a play area for students’ children, and support to help students adjust to a college environment, life and work challenges. The Center has five staff members who are experts in student enrichment, math, science, and academic advising. Learn more at [www2.fortlewis.edu/nac](http://www2.fortlewis.edu/nac). ►



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## El Centro de Muchos Colores

El Centro de Muchos Colores is the College's Hispano resource center, dedicated to supporting Hispanic students and promoting the Spanish language and culture for anyone interested. Today, El Centro serves as a student support center for information sharing, academic assistance, and scholarship searches as well as personal and cultural support. This Center is welcoming to people of all colors, regardless of cultural identity. Find out more at [www2.fortlewis.edu/elcentro](http://www2.fortlewis.edu/elcentro).

## Code Red

The rich cultural diversity on our campus provides opportunities for our college community to embrace differences and better prepare students to interact in an increasingly diverse world. In 2007, Fort Lewis College created its own anti-bias and diversity training known as Code Red. Through Code Red, students, faculty, staff, and community members learn how to engage in intercultural dialogues that create awareness of self-identities and biases while learning skills to actively fight discrimination. ■

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# New Student Orientation

Orientation for students new to Fort Lewis College is designed to be a compass to map their personal route to success. At Orientation, students are organized into small groups that each have a student leader as their anchor through the program. Sessions take place over three days and cover topics from campus life to academic success. Some sessions are in the small groups, others combine groups, and still other sessions include parents and students together.

## Family Orientation

To ensure the success of first-time students at Fort Lewis College, we make partnering with parents and family members one of our top priorities. With this in mind, we have created an informative, sometimes surprising, and always beneficial series of programs designed for the families and guests of our new students.

Family sessions include a panel discussion with faculty, Student Services Fair, basic information on housing, financial aid and privacy regulations for your student, and multiple opportunities to engage with other family members to share experiences and gain insights around supporting students.

Orientation Programs are offered for the Fall and Winter terms just prior to the first day of classes. For more information, call (970) 247-7153 or visit [www.fortlewis.edu/orientation](http://www.fortlewis.edu/orientation).

## Peak Experiences

Peak Experiences: A pre-Orientation backpacking trip to help your student in his or her transition to college.

Peak Experiences offers four-day backpacking trips led by Outdoor Pursuits staff into the backcountry surrounding Durango. The program is designed to ease the transition to college life, give new students a feel for the culture of Fort Lewis College, and develop



relationships with other students. What better way to be introduced to college than spending some time in the fresh air of Colorado mountains, sharing stories and making memories?

No experience is required to participate, though participants must be able to hike over rugged terrain while carrying a 40lb backpack. Trips cost \$300 and include food, transportation, equipment, early campus lodging, and a one year membership to Outdoor Pursuits. Space is limited, so register early and get ready for fun!

For more info, contact Marc Goldfarb, (970) 247-7153, [Goldfarb\\_m@fortlewis.edu](mailto:Goldfarb_m@fortlewis.edu), or visit [www.fortlewis.edu/peakexperiences](http://www.fortlewis.edu/peakexperiences). ■

# Academic Advising

At Fort Lewis College, all freshmen and transfer students are individually advised and registered for classes prior to New Student Orientation. An academic advisor works with each student in a one-on-one appointment to discuss the student's academic and personal goals, as well as provide information about graduation requirements and course options. Our team of professional advisors is specifically trained to help new students select the best possible schedule for a great start at Fort Lewis College and to serve as a resource throughout the year.

Students can choose to have this one-hour appointment on campus or by phone. During the advising appointments, students are guided through the online registration process and enrolled in classes. Students will learn how to navigate the Fort Lewis College student portal so they may select their courses, view and print their schedule, and access other key personal information. To prepare for the advising appointment, students should visit [www.fortlewis.edu/admitted](http://www.fortlewis.edu/admitted) and follow the easy steps.

Fort Lewis College is unique in that we provide a faculty advisor and a staff

advisor. After the initial advising and registration appointment, every student is assigned a faculty advisor in the student's major field or area of interest. Faculty advisors are available to answer questions about classes and programs, and to provide educational and career planning. Students will meet with their faculty advisors at least once a term to review their progress towards graduation and to plan course selection for the next term.

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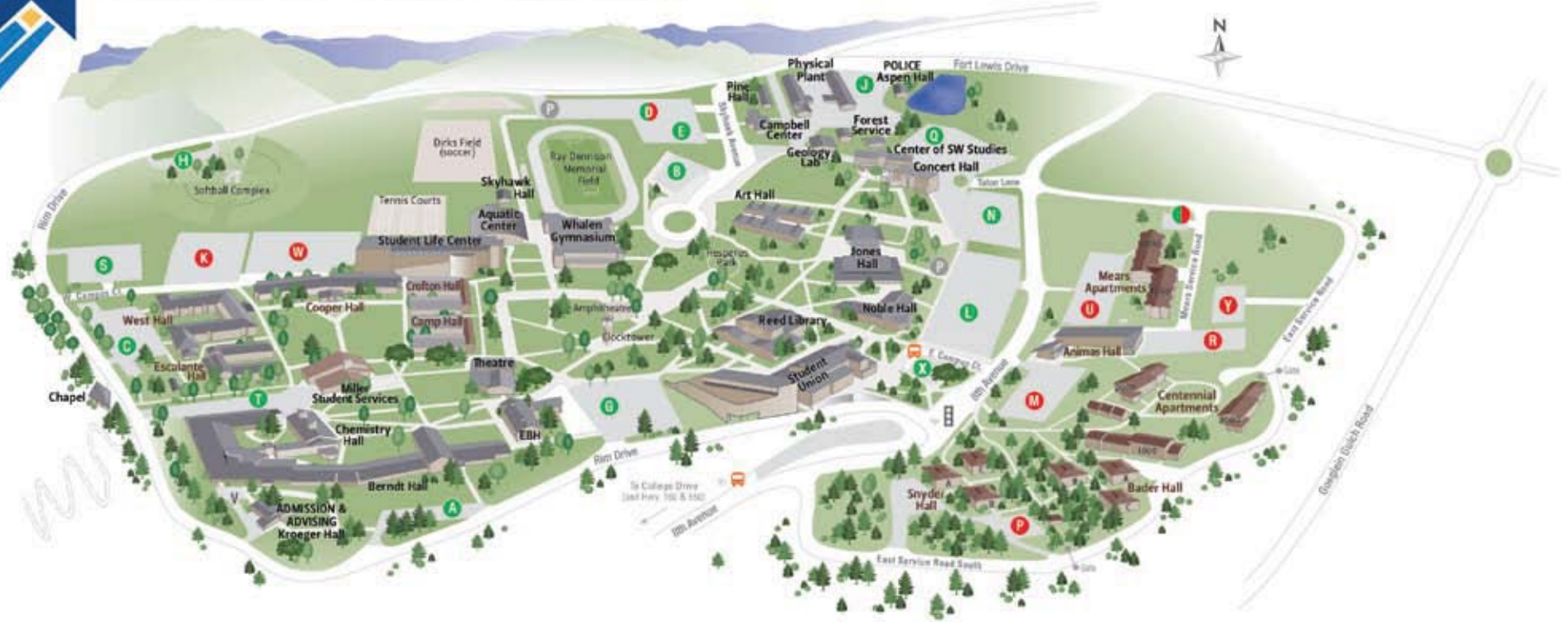
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- ### PARKING LOTS
- Commuter**  
A - Berndt Hall  
B - Gymnasium (metered)  
C - West Hall  
G - Education/Business  
H - Softball Complex  
J - Physical Plant  
L - Jones/Noble Hall  
N - Concert Hall  
Q - Center of SW Studies  
S - West Hall, North  
T - Miller Student Services  
Rim Drive (parallel park)  
Skyhawk Ave. (parallel park)
  - Residential**  
K - Cooper Hall  
M - Centennial East  
P - Bader/Snyder  
R - Animas Hall  
U - Mears West  
W - Cooper Hall  
Y - Mears East
  - Mixed Use**  
D - Football Stadium

- VISITOR/METERED PARKING AVAILABLE**  
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G - Education/Business (metered)  
J - Physical Plant  
Q - Center of SW Studies  
V - Admission Visitors Only  
X - Student Union (metered)
- HANDICAPPED PARKING**  
ALL lots except: S
- MOTORCYCLE PARKING**  
Lots: A, B, C, D, G, J, L, M, U, W
- PERMIT MACHINES**  
FOR DAILY and SHORT TERM PARKING  
Lots: D, L
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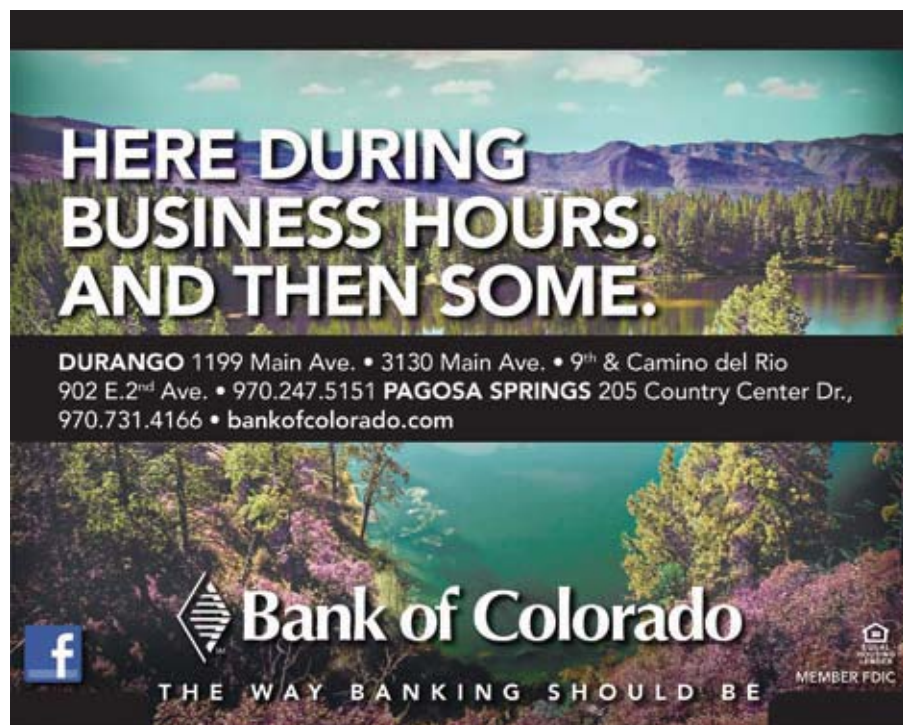
# Financial Aid

Fort Lewis College offers grants, loans, scholarships, and student employment for students who demonstrate need for financial assistance. With the help of the Financial Aid Office, every effort is made to help students identify and apply for all types of financial assistance for which funds are available and for which they qualify. We are also committed to helping those students who don't qualify for this limited need-based aid to find alternative resources.

The first step to apply for financial aid is to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the United States Department of Education. Submit the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1st at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Fort Lewis College awards financial aid on a first-come, most-in-need basis; therefore, it is important to meet the

following suggested deadlines, if possible: February 15th for Fall and Winter semesters, and Summer sessions September 15th for Winter semester only.

Financial Aid Office staff are available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Room 101, Miller Student Services, by calling (970) 247-7142, or by email at [finaid\\_off@fortlewis.edu](mailto:finaid_off@fortlewis.edu). ■



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Students may access their own records (except for the financial information of their parents) and may grant permission to a third party. During orientation, students will receive a FERPA release form and a detailed description of their rights and restrictions. Students may also contact the Registrar's Office for additional forms at (970) 247-7350 or [registrar@fortlewis.edu](mailto:registrar@fortlewis.edu). ■



# Host Family Program

The Host Family Program at Fort Lewis College is intended to help ease the transition for new students to college life by pairing students with local families in the Durango area. Host families provide support and friendship to students who are away from home, introducing them to Durango and Southwest Colorado, and offering real-life experiences for students apart from their everyday college perspective. Students do not live with host families but can visit their host families' homes for outings, meals and companionship. There are also several Host Family Program social events during the year. For more information and an online

application, visit [www.fortlewis.edu/hostfamilyprogram](http://www.fortlewis.edu/hostfamilyprogram). ■



# Student Health Center

Fort Lewis College's Student Health Center is dedicated to providing comprehensive health care for Fort Lewis students. The experienced, professional staff of registered nurses, physician assistants, and family physicians provides "one-stop shopping" for most student health needs, including laboratory and pharmacy services. Student Health Center staff also can work with students' personal physicians for continuity of care. Students may pay for services with cash, check, or credit card at the time of service, or have charges applied to their campus accounts for later billing. We recommend pertinent medical records accompany students to the College.

Health insurance is not required to receive services, and currently the center does not bill insurance. Fort Lewis offers a reasonable health insurance plan for uninsured students, sponsored by the Health Center. See our website [www.fortlewis.edu/hc](http://www.fortlewis.edu/hc).

Appointments for Student Health Center visits are encouraged but not required. After hours, students can access medical services through private practice, urgent care centers, and hospitals in the Durango area.

Learn more by calling (970) 247-7355 or visiting [www.fortlewis.edu/hc](http://www.fortlewis.edu/hc). ■



# Fort Lewis College Counseling Center

Fort Lewis College Counseling Center is devoted to supporting the mental health of Fort Lewis College students through experienced, licensed mental health counselors (psychologists, licensed professional counselors, and licensed social workers) and supervised interns and practicum students who work in the center as part of their graduate training.

The Counseling Center provides students with confidential support and skills to manage stress, behavior, and emotion. We offer behavioral assessments (a process of assessing substance use, anger issues, and/or psychological well-being); group therapy (in which people with similar problems can support each other to facilitate change); individual and couples counseling; and consultation with a counselor for faculty, staff, students, and parents regarding specific concerns about students.

Counseling Center staff members welcome faculty and staff concerns about students as well as any concerns and insights about students that family members may have. If you are concerned with your student's emotional state, please call and ask to speak with a counselor. If we've seen your student, we won't be able to share any information with you because of confidentiality, but we want to listen to your concerns. The Counseling Center can be reached at (970) 247-7212 or online at [www2.fortlewis.edu/counselingcenter](http://www2.fortlewis.edu/counselingcenter). ■

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# Student Wellness Initiatives

The Student Wellness Initiatives (SWI) program promotes healthy behaviors and lifestyles in the student population through campus-wide educational programming delivered by staff and students. Working in collaboration with other programs on campus, including Fort Lewis College Health Center, Counseling Center, Student Life Center, and Residence Life, SWI promotes campus and community factors that support healthy and safe environments.

Programs offered through the department focus on a variety of health and wellness factors. Through educational opportunities offered in residence halls, classrooms, campus-wide events, organizational meetings, supervised training, and at regional and national conferences, Student Wellness Initiatives works to reduce the negative health and safety consequences related to alcohol and other drug use.

Student Wellness Initiatives also provides support and training for Uniting Students through Wellness. This Registered Student Organization helps students gain professional experience in the fields of psychology, public health, nursing, sociology, exercise physiology, and more.

For more information, call (970) 247-7508 or email [dacquisto\\_k@fortlewis.edu](mailto:dacquisto_k@fortlewis.edu). ■



# Student Account Suite for Authorized Users

Fort Lewis Student Billing has gone green...we are no longer sending out paper bills. Student Account Suite at The Fort is where students have access to their billing information. An email is sent to the student's Fort Lewis email address when a new bill is issued. The student can grant access to parents or others by simply entering the third party's email address in the Student Account Suite. Parents and other third parties will receive email notices at the same time the student receives his or her bill. E-bills and/or a summary of transactions can be viewed, payments can be made and scheduled for the future with debit or credit cards as well as ACH transactions initiated directly from a checking account. Payment plans are available for the Fall and Winter terms once the billing for the term is issued. To be able to access Student Account Suite as an authorized user, simply ask your student to log in and choose the Authorized User tab to get you started. If you have questions or would like more information, contact the Controller's Office at (970) 247-7380 or [young\\_cathy@fortlewis.edu](mailto:young_cathy@fortlewis.edu). ■

# Career Services

Career Services assists Fort Lewis College students and alumni with career-related concerns, and connects them with employers seeking qualified candidates. Students are encouraged to begin using the services in freshman year. Career Services offers many tools to assist students in achieving career goals, including career and major exploration guides, vocational assessments, resume and cover letter development, mock interviews, job search strategies, job and internship postings, class presentations, workshops, networking opportunities and various career events held throughout the year. Career Services specialists are available in the offices of the School of Business Administration, Teacher Education, School of Natural and Behavioral Sciences, and School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

## The Skyhawks Job Source

Students can also search the Skyhawks Job Source, our web-based job posting site, by registering at: [www.myinterfase.com/fortlewis/student](http://www.myinterfase.com/fortlewis/student). Once registered, students can view jobs, post resumes and cover letters, and sign up for scheduled interviews. Student profiles can be easily updated as experiences and interests evolve. Employers interested in hiring Fort Lewis College students also have access to the site, and can search for students by major, skills and experience. ■

## SkyCard / SkyCash

The SkyCard is the official Fort Lewis College identification card for students. Students must present their SkyCards to access campus dining, Student Life Center, John F. Reed Library, and other campus services. It acts as an access pass for campus events and the Durango Transit System, and gets students discounts at selected Durango businesses.



Additionally, SkyCard holds SkyCash, a debit account for use at campus services including the Fort Lewis College Bookstore, vending machines, Fort Lewis College Student Health Center, the campus post office, printing, and campus laundry rooms. SkyCash can be deposited at three locations on campus, online through The Fort portal, and online on the Fort Lewis website.

For more information or questions, contact the SkyCard Office at (970) 247-7504 or visit [www2.fortlewis.edu/skycard](http://www2.fortlewis.edu/skycard). ■

## Campus Dining

Campus Dining invites you to join us at our five locations on campus. San Juan Dining offers students dining options beyond the typical college dining hall. Breakfast and dinner are served all-you-care-to-eat and lunch is served on an a la carte basis. San Juan Dining offers students culinary options from tossed-to-order salads to hearth-baked pizzas to entrees chef-prepared in front of you. Enjoy the view from the Terrace as you enjoy our famous Rocket burger or sip gourmet coffees while studying in the Animas Lounge. Meal plans offer students 14, 12, or 10 all-you-care-to-eat meals per week and \$500 Flex Dollars per semester. Flex Dollars can be used at San Juan Dining for lunches and at our other retail locations on campus. All students living in residence halls are required to purchase a meal plan.

Learn more about Campus Dining by calling (970) 247-7335 or visiting [www.fortlewisdining.com](http://www.fortlewisdining.com). ■



## Homecoming & Family Weekend

Homecoming is an exciting time for Fort Lewis College alumni to return to campus and come together with FLC students, faculty and staff, as well as community members, in celebrating the College's traditions and legacy. The student-selected theme for Homecoming 2011 is "100 Years of Summer."

Homecoming 2011 will be held from October 3-8. Among the many great events will be the annual Homecoming Parade through downtown Durango, which everyone is invited to enjoy. Other Homecoming highlights include the bonfire following the parade, the tailgate party prior to the Homecoming football game vs. Mesa State, and the alumni awards breakfast.

Also, to honor the rich traditions of both family and community here at Fort Lewis, we schedule Family Weekend to coincide with Homecoming. Family Weekend

is a time to connect with your student, explore the campus, and take advantage of beautiful fall days in Durango. To give you ways to do all that, we offer a variety of activities for you and your family to choose from, including tours of historic sites in Durango, receptions, classroom visits, a golf outing with alumni, and hikes in the area. Alumni, students, and their families have plenty of opportunities to mix and meet.

Visit [www.fortlewis.edu/homecoming](http://www.fortlewis.edu/homecoming) or [www.fortlewis.edu/familyprograms](http://www.fortlewis.edu/familyprograms) for more details. ■

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Commencement for the Fall 2011 term is Saturday, December 17, and for the Winter 2012 term on Saturday, April 28.

Fort Lewis College also can help families order announcements and class rings and rent regalia. We offer child care during the ceremony, and provide both professional photography of graduates and locations for families to take their own photos. As students begin the graduation process, detailed information is sent to them. If you have questions,

contact the Registrar's Office at (970) 247-7350 or [registrar@fortlewis.edu](mailto:registrar@fortlewis.edu).

Families and guests visiting Fort Lewis College for Commencement have the option of staying in campus housing at Escalante Hall for \$38 per night, double occupancy. Several businesses in Durango also offer discounts for Fort Lewis College guests. Learn more at [explore.fortlewis.edu/prospective/visit\\_campus](http://explore.fortlewis.edu/prospective/visit_campus) or [godurango.com](http://godurango.com). ■

## Alumni Association

Your student's involvement with Fort Lewis College does not stop at graduation. The 28,000+ members of the Alumni Association share a lifelong connection, having enjoyed an enriching experience in an amazing setting! All Fort Lewis College graduates become members of the Alumni Association, which provides networking opportunities with other successful alumni, access to our Career Services professionals for assistance with job placement, and an open invitation to special events throughout the country.

Fort Lewis College graduates also enjoy other valuable benefits including discounted home, auto, and renters insurance, international travel opportunities, a college savings plan for those who start a family, and scholarships for children and grandchildren of FLC alumni.

In addition to the services mentioned above, a central goal of the Alumni Association is to raise money for scholarships, academic programs, new facilities, and other projects to

support the educational experience of current and future Fort Lewis College students. In the last five years, the Alumni Association has given more than \$200,000 in scholarship money alone, directly supporting student success!

Learn more about the Alumni Association by visiting the website: [www.fortlewis.edu/alumni](http://www.fortlewis.edu/alumni) or by calling the Alumni Relations Office at (970) 247-7427.

Welcome to the Fort Lewis College family! ■





# Welcome to Durango!

Our mountain town has many claims to fame including: **Mountain Bike Mecca, Best Water Town in the West, Best Scenic Train Ride, Top Family Ski Resort, and Top Soaring Vacation.**

We invite you to discover for yourself what makes Durango such a unique and memorable place. We're confident you'll find friendly locals, spectacular mountain views, a healthy pace of life, limitless activities, inspiring art galleries, delicious cuisine and 300+ days of sunshine per year.

## Historic Downtown

Downtown Durango is a Nationally Registered Historic District boasting historic hotels, award-winning restaurants, fabulous art galleries and museums, and eclectic shopping. The National Trust for Historic Preservation named Durango to its 2007 list of America's Dozen Distinctive Destinations.

## Museums and Art Galleries

Located in the historical powerhouse building, the newly-opened Durango Discovery Museum is a state-of-the-art interactive science and energy center which offers hands-on science + energy exhibits, historic interpretation activities, Sudden Science™, Solar Roller™, energy demo labs, workshops, and a café. Housed in the oldest surviving coal-fired steam-generating AC power plant, the museum's interactive approach promises to "ignite curiosity, spark imagination and power exploration."

Durango is home to three history museums: the Fort Lewis College Center for Southwest Studies, a national treasure for Native American studies; the Animas Museum which traces the birth and history of our mountain town; and

the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad which brings the steam engine's heritage to life.

Only 20 minutes from historic Durango, Southern Ute Cultural Center offers rich cultural heritage and firsthand experience with Ute culture and tradition. With dynamic multi-sensory exhibits and rare artifact collages, the new 52,000-square-foot facility celebrates the living history of Colorado's longest continuous residents and will ensure that the story of the Southern Ute people will always be told and remembered.

Durango is home to great shops and galleries, most of which can be visited by strolling through the town's historic district. Over a dozen of

Durango's galleries carry a myriad of treasures such as museum-quality sculptures, pottery, baskets, photography home furnishings and custom jewelry from American Indian, Western, and Southwestern artists.

## Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad

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## Live Entertainment

From musicals to melodramas, and from saloon crooners to classical orchestra, Durango offers a wide array of live entertainment options. Durango is particularly known for four unique entertainment selections: The Great Durango Melodrama at the Henry Strater Theater allows audiences to cheer for the hero, boo at the villain, whistle for the vamp and sigh for lovely heroines in their interactive dramatic and comedic performances; Music in the Mountains offers multi-week summer orchestral, chamber, conservatory and pops performances in inspiring locations; the Bar D Chuckwagon provides an opportunity to experience the Old West through a chuck wagon supper, a western stage show, and lively music; and The Diamond Belle Saloon takes people back more than 100 years to era of costumed dance hall girls and bartenders, ragtime piano music, and a summer-time Old West shootout.

Not only does Durango offer a variety of entertainment options, we have great facilities to match. Venues such as the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College and the Durango Arts Center provide the perfect setting for enjoying anything from local productions to world-class performances.

## Mesa Verde

Anchored by Mesa Verde National Park, Ute Mountain Tribal Park, Hovenweep National Monument, Anasazi Heritage Center, and Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, the towns of Cortez, Dolores, Mancos, and Towaoc, located less than an hour's drive from Durango, play a vital role in the country's archaeological history. Mesa Verde National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, offers visitors an unforgettable opportunity to see and experience the life of the Ancestral Puebloans.

## Sky Ute Casino and Resort

Located just a short drive from Durango in the town of Ignacio, the Sky Ute Casino and Resort is a vacation destination with gaming, entertainment, and a wealth of cultural events and museums. During your visit to Ignacio, we encourage you to learn the history and culture of the Southern Ute Tribe by spending time at the Southern Ute Cultural Center.

## Vallecito Lake

Vallecito Lake, which translated into Spanish as the "lake of the little valley," is one of the largest and most beautiful bodies of water in Colorado. Sheltered in a secluded mountain valley 8,000 feet above sea level, the lake is surrounded by the San Juan National Forest and is a playground for fishing, camping, horseback riding, hunting, hiking, boating, and relaxing.

## Go Western

We invite you to experience our western heritage first-hand: whoop it up at a rodeo for bone-jarring bareback riding, classic saddle bronco riding, bull riding, hilarious rodeo clowns and gymkhana. As in the movie *City Slickers*<sup>™</sup>, which was partially filmed near Durango, check out a dude ranch, enjoy a hayride or a stagecoach ride in the summer and a cozy sleigh ride in the winter.

## Get Outside

With 2.5 million acres of public lands in southwest Colorado, Durango is a veritable playground of outdoor adventure; and getting outdoors is a way of life for residents and visitors alike. Enjoy world-class mountain biking and hiking on hundreds of miles of trails, golfing, hot springs, whitewater rafting, kayaking/paddling, backpacking, rock climbing, horseback riding, skiing, snowboarding, dog sledding, and snowmobiling. ■

## How to Get Here

### By Land

**Principal highways to Durango:**  
US Hwy 550 & US Hwy 160

**Driving from the Denver area:**  
From Hwy 285 South, turn right on Hwy 112. In Del Norte, turn right onto Hwy 160. Follow Hwy 160 west to Durango. Hwy 160 and Hwy 550 merge as you enter town. To reach Fort Lewis College, when the highways split again, follow Hwy 550 to College Drive. Turn right onto College Drive, follow for 1.8 miles. Turn left onto Fort Lewis Drive. Follow signs to Office of Admission.

**Driving from the Grand Junction area:**  
Take Hwy 50 south to Hwy 550, and follow south to Durango. Hwy 550 becomes Main Avenue. To reach Fort Lewis College, follow Main Ave through downtown Durango to 8th Street. Turn left on 8th St. When it dead-ends, turn left on 8th Avenue. Follow to top of the hill. At the traffic light, turn left and follow signs for the Office of Admission.

**Driving from Albuquerque, NM:**  
Take Hwy 550 north to Durango. To reach Fort Lewis College follow 550 north to College Drive. Turn right onto College Drive, follow for 1.8 miles. Turn left onto Fort Lewis Drive. Follow signs for Office of Admission.

### By Air

**The Durango/La Plata County Airport (Airport Code: DRO)** offers direct air service to Dallas (American Airlines), Denver (Frontier Airlines and United Airlines) and Phoenix (US Airways). Durango welcomes over a dozen flights daily and is an easy one-stop destination from many US cities. Visit [flydurango.com](http://flydurango.com) for more information ■

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# Academic Calendar

## FALL SEMESTER 2011

Last Day to Withdraw with no Financial Penalty	Sunday, August 28
<b>*Classes begin</b>	Monday, August 29
Deadline for adding classes (Census date)	Tuesday, September 13
Deadline for dropping individual classes without a recorded grade (Census date)	Tuesday, September 13
Mid-term grades due	Monday, October 17
<b>Winter Semester Advising/Registration</b> (for currently-enrolled students):	
• Advising	Monday-Friday, October 24-November 4
• Registration	Monday-Friday, November 7-18
Thanksgiving Break	Monday-Friday, November 21-25
<b>**Last Day of Classes</b>	Friday, December 9
Final Exams	Monday-Friday, December 12-16
Commencement	Saturday, December 17
Final Grades Due 10:00 a.m.	Monday, December 19

## WINTER SEMESTER 2012

Last Day to Withdraw with no Financial Penalty	Sunday, January 8
<b>*Classes begin</b>	Monday, January 9
Deadline for adding classes (Census date)	Tuesday, January 24
Deadline for dropping individual classes without a recorded grade (Census date)	Tuesday, January 24
Mid-term grades due	Monday, Feb 27
Spring Break	Monday-Friday, March 5-9
<b>Fall Semester &amp; Summer Advising/Registration</b> (for currently-enrolled students):	
• Advising	Monday-Friday, March 12-23
• Registration	Monday-Friday, March 26-April 6
<b>**Last day of classes</b>	Friday, April 20
Final exams	Monday-Friday, April 23-27
Commencement	Saturday, April 28
Final Grades due 10:00 a.m.	Monday, April 30

## SUMMER SEMESTER 2012

### May Session

Last Day to Withdraw with no Financial Penalty	Sunday, April 29
<b>*Classes begin</b>	Monday, April 30
Deadline for adding classes (Census date)	Friday, May 4
Deadline for dropping individual classes without a recorded grade (Census date)	Friday, May 4
<b>**Last day of classes</b>	Friday, June 1
Final grades due 10:00 a.m.	Monday, June 4

### June Session

Last Day to Withdraw with no Financial Penalty	Sunday, June 3
<b>*Classes begin</b>	Monday, June 4
Deadline for adding classes (Census date)	Friday, June 8
Deadline for dropping individual classes without a recorded grade (Census date)	Friday, June 8
<b>**Last day of classes</b>	Friday, July 6
Final grades due 10:00 a.m.	Monday, July 9

### July Session

Last Day to Withdraw with no Financial Penalty	Sunday, July 8
<b>*Classes begin</b>	Monday, July 9
Deadline for adding classes (Census date)	Friday, July 13
Deadline for dropping individual classes without a recorded grade (Census date)	Friday, July 13
<b>**Last day of classes</b>	Friday, August 10
Final grades due 10:00 a.m.	Monday, August 13

\* Also deadline (4pm; 3:30pm during summer sessions) for submitting petitions for in-state residency and documents for Native American Tuition Waivers.

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## Daily information sessions

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## Skyhawk Saturdays

Skyhawk Saturdays are half-day programs on certain Saturdays throughout the year. These events provide an in-depth view of Fort Lewis College, where families hear from the different academic departments and professors from across campus. Families also learn about financial aid, scholarship opportunities, student life, and the admission process. Upcoming Skyhawk Saturdays are from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on October 8, November 12, and February 18. To learn more and RSVP for an upcoming Skyhawk Saturday, visit [www.fortlewis.edu/skyhawksaturday](http://www.fortlewis.edu/skyhawksaturday).

## Skyhawk Sneak-Peaks

Southwestern Colorado sees a lot of families visiting during the high school spring break season. At that time, Fort Lewis College also sees a lot of visitors: prospective students and their families who want to see this campus in the middle of such a great place. To accommodate these Spring visitors, we offer Skyhawk Sneak-Peaks, three-hour programs that provide families a solid overview of Fort Lewis College, its academics, and student-life opportunities here. The Sneak Peak program also includes a tour of campus and a complimentary lunch with Campus Dining. The 2011 Sneak Peak dates are March 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30. Learn more at [www.fortlewis.edu/campusvisit](http://www.fortlewis.edu/campusvisit).

## 2012 Preview Weekend

Preview Weekend for Admitted Students at Fort Lewis College is a two-day VIP extravaganza for students who have been accepted for the upcoming academic year. It's an opportunity for students to learn more about Fort Lewis College, and meet their professors and other students. Students also have the opportunity to attend special interest sessions, a campus-wide fair, and tours. The 2012 Preview Weekend will be held on April 13-14. Get more information at [www.fortlewis.edu/preview](http://www.fortlewis.edu/preview). ■

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