

Student Marshalls for Commencement

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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Policy Owner: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Effective date: Immediate

Approval date: March 6, 2025

Schedule for Review: Fall 2030

Policy Summary:

This policy clarifies the selection criteria, responsibilities, and recognition of student marshalls for commencement ceremonies at Fort Lewis College.

Policy Statement:

Student marshalls lead their fellow graduates in the procession at commencement ceremonies and are selected for their exceptional academic achievements.

- **Selection and Eligibility:**
 - The Fall commencement ceremony includes two student marshalls, and the Spring ceremony includes two.
 - The Provost's Office selects marshalls based on the highest GPA. In the case of ties, diversity of degrees represented will be considered.
 - Eligibility is limited to students admitted as undergraduate, degree-seeking students at Fort Lewis College.
- **Academic Regalia:**
 - Marshalls wear regalia as specified in the **Student Academic Regalia for Commencement** policy.
 - Their attire includes a braided fourragère in Fort Lewis College's blue and gold colors, adorned with the college seal, worn on the left shoulder.

Responsibilities:

For oversight of the policy: Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

For procedures for implementing policy:

For enforcement of the policy: Provost or designee

Definitions: (Optional)

Procedures: (Optional)

Cross-Referenced Policies: **Student Academic Regalia for Commencement**

Consequences of Non-Compliance: (optional)

Review and Revision History:

Policy was reviewed in Fall 2023, no substantive changes were made.