Who we are
Fort Lewis College is a selective public liberal arts college that launches careers and changes lives through top-quality academic programs tailored to each student’s strengths, passions, style, and goals. Transformative experiential learning opportunities utilize the Southwest’s landscapes and communities to expand perspectives and hone professional skills, supported by close connections between faculty and students on an inspiring mountain campus.

Values
Our values have evolved from our location and our historical mission. Our setting in the southern Rocky Mountains, between Colorado’s San Juan Mountains and the desert Southwest, inspire our senses of adventure, environmental sustainability, and civic engagement. And our hundred-year-long obligation to Native American education fuels our commitments to diversity, democracy, and accessibility.

Setting
The 247-acre Fort Lewis College campus is in southwestern Colorado, situated at 6,872 feet atop a mesa overlooking the Animas River Valley and historic downtown Durango. The campus’ distinctive architectural theme utilizes locally quarried sandstone to acknowledge the region’s Native Puebloan building style and evoke the Four Corners’ landscape and colors.

Recent rankings & recognitions
>> State of Colorado’s Designated Public Liberal Arts College
>> Diverse Issues In Higher Education Top 100
>> Forbes’ America’s Best Colleges
>> Sierra Magazine Cool School
>> Outside Magazine Top 40 College Towns
>> Princeton Review’s Best Green Colleges
>> Princeton Review’s Best in the West
>> U.S. News & World Report America’s Best Colleges

Students
Number of students 3,891
Students from 49 states, 175 American Indian tribes and Native Alaskan villages, and 23 countries
Male-to-female ratio 51%-49%
Multicultural population 38%
Campus residents 1,341
Mid-range ACT scores 20–25
Mid-range SAT scores
  SAT critical reading: 460–570
  SAT math: 460–560
  SAT writing: 430–550
Average high school GPA of 2012 freshman class 3.13
Percentage in top quarter of graduating class 28%

Faculty profile
Number 192
Tenured/tenure-track faculty with highest degree in discipline 98%
Colorado professors of the year Five – from English, History, Teacher Education, and two from Chemistry.

Mentoring culture Our faculty pride themselves on personal attention to their students, taking an active interest in their students’ progress, tailoring their assistance to each learner’s needs, and assisting students with the graduate school application process and finding employment in the field. “I love the faculty. I have gotten great one-on-one attention for professors, and that’s very unique.” Jordan Saylor // Majors: Business Administration and Accounting

Academic programs
Most popular majors Art, Biology, Business Administration, Engineering, English, Environmental Studies, Exercise Science, Psychology, Sociology, Teacher Education

Accreditations
Higher Learning Commission of North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Accreditation Board for Engineering & Technology, American Chemical Society, Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International, Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education, National Association of Schools of Music

John F. Reed Honors Program A selective curriculum for students seeking interdisciplinary intellectual exploration through forums, interaction with writers and scholars, and cultural events and field trips.

Classroom learning
Average class size 21
Student-to-faculty ratio 19:1
Classes with fewer than 50 students 99%

“I looked at larger universities, but I wanted something different and a little smaller. The small class sizes—that’s huge.”
Max Bohana // Major: Physics

Majors
Accounting
Adventure Education
Anthropology
Art
Athletic Training
Biology
Business Administration
Chemistry
Economics
Engineering
English
Environmental Studies
Exercise Science
Gender & Women’s Studies
Geology
History
Liberal Studies
Marketing
Mathematics
Music
Native American & Indigenous Studies
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Public Health
Sociology/Human Services
Spanish
Teacher Education
Theatre
Experiential learning

>> Internships
“This experience cemented my love of anthropology and archaeology. It let me know that I am ready to go out into the real world and work, and that I am truly doing something that I love.” Bryanna Durkee // Major: Anthropology // Internship: Mesa Verde National Park

>> Study abroad
“My language skills improved a lot, but I also got to see a beautiful part of the world that had been a life-long goal of mine, as well.” Stanley Searfus // Major: Spanish // Study abroad: Bolivia

>> Service learning
“This was a life-changing experience that I will remember for the rest of my life.” Rachel Medina // Majors: Geology and Engineering // Program: Engineers Without Borders

>> Undergraduate research
“I got great research experience, I got a solid resume for grad school, and I’ve had a lot of opportunities to work with faculty.” Sara Bombaci // Major: Biology // Project: Effects of Sudden Aspen Decline Syndrome

Tuition & fees
Resident tuition term $2,616/year $5,232
Non-resident tuition term $8,036/year $16,072
Residence Hall rates
- Residence Halls (double rooms) $2,135
- Residence Halls (suites) $2,465
- West Hall (suites) $2,965
- Animas Hall (single room suites) $3,765
Meal plans $440 – $2,160
Fees $56.35 per credit hour

Scholarships & financial aid
Scholarships Fort Lewis College and the Fort Lewis College Foundation offered more than $7 million in merit scholarship aid in 2011–12. Annual awards are valued up to $10,000 and are renewable.

Financial aid The Office of Financial Aid coordinates federal, state, and Fort Lewis College Foundation financing for students with demonstrated need through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process.

Work opportunities About 600 students work on campus. Federal, state, and the Fort Lewis College Foundation fund work–study for students with demonstrated financial need. Fort Lewis College funds on–campus jobs for other students.

Admission requirements
Freshman standards 92 CCHE index, defined at www.fortlewis.edu/admissionindex
Freshman applicant acceptance rate 68%
Transfer standards 2.4 GPA or higher at previous colleges attended Transfer applicant acceptance rate 65%

Career preparation
Career Services offices are located in each of the academic divisions. They coordinate internships, on–campus recruiting by employers and graduate programs, and offer skill–development workshops on resume writing and interviewing.

Student organizations
There are more than 60 student–run organizations, ranging from the All People’s Lodge to the Juggling Club to the Westerner’s Club.

Academic clubs, groups, and honor societies include the American Indian Science & Engineering Society, Beta Alpha Psi (the accounting and finance honor society), a chapter of AIGA (the professional association for design), and the National Association for Music Education.

Service–based organizations include Engineers Without Borders, Teachers Without Borders, and the Sociology Club.

Other clubs and organizations align students who have common cultural, recreational, media, or career–based interests.

The Terry R. Bacon Leadership Center, centrally located in the Student Union, offers resources, assistance, and guidance to student groups.

Colorado lifestyle
We believe it’s healthy to balance hard work with getting outside to adventure and play. And in our mountain location, that’s easy to do.

Join Outdoor Pursuits
Benefits Members can borrow equipment to outfit almost any outdoor adventure. OP also offers guided trips, clinics, and use of an indoor climbing wall
Not to be missed Thanksgiving Grand Canyon backpacking trip and Spring Break rock climbing trip in desert Southwest
On top of the world Summit expeditions to Kilimanjaro (Africa), Denali (North America), Aconcagua (South America), Elbrus (Europe)

Residential options
Student housing offers six residence halls and two apartment buildings, with singles, doubles, and suites.

Animas Hall, our newest residence hall, features a faculty–in–residence who lives on the first floor of the hall. Suites have private rooms that include a mini–fridge, microwave, and an LCD television.

Living Learning Communities are an exciting way to connect with students who share your interests.

Campus amenities include the Student Life Center, an indoor pool, an expanded and remodeled Student Union, and access to an extensive trail system for mountain biking, running, and hiking.

Athletics & recreation
Nickname Skyhawks
Mascot Skyler the Skyhawk
NCAA Division II sports Basketball, Cross–country, Football, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Volleyball
Intercollegiate Club sports Baseball, Lacrosse, Cycling, Rugby, Skiing & snowboarding, Soccer, Track & field, Tennis, Triathlon, Ultimate Frisbee
Intramural sports Badminton, Basketball, Dodgeball, Flag football, Kickball, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, and more

On the podium
>> 2005, 2009 & 2010 NCAA Division II Men’s Soccer National Champions
>> 2009–10, 2010–11 & 2011–12 #1 ranked Division I cycling program
>> 2010 NCAA Division II Women’s Basketball National Runners–up

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