

GAP YEAR POLICY STATEMENT

Conditions of Gap Year:

1. A non-refundable tuition deposit of \$500 is required from all students who intend to enroll at Lewis & Clark College prior to requesting a gap year. **The postmark deadline for the deposit and the Admitted Student Reply Form is January 15, 2024 for Early Decision students (or upon receipt of financial aid offer, if applicable) and June 1, 2024 for Early Action, Regular Decision, and transfer students.**
2. Requests for a gap year must be submitted by **July 1, 2024** and subsequently approved by the Office of Admissions.
3. A second non-refundable tuition deposit of \$500 is required by **January 15, 2025** to confirm a student's intention to enroll at Lewis & Clark College for the fall of 2025. Note that both tuition deposits are applied to the student's account toward the fall 2025 bill.
4. The gap year option is not intended to allow students to begin or continue their college career elsewhere. **A student may not attend another institution on a full-time basis during their gap year period. Full-time status is considered to be enrolled in 12 or more credits per term.**
 - a. As a result of this policy, a student may be granted transfer credit up to (but NOT to exceed) 11 credits per semester during the deferral period. The College's standard rules for transfer credit will apply. See the college catalog online for more information.
 - b. It is assumed that any academic work pursued during the gap year period will be at a level consistent with or above the student's record with which they gained acceptance to Lewis & Clark College. The College reserves the right to reverse a prior admissions decision based on poor results of academic work completed during the gap year period.
 - c. **Students who enroll at another institution on a full-time basis during their deferral period will forfeit their gap year status and all deposits submitted.** Students whose gap year status has been forfeited must reapply for admission and financial aid as a transfer student. Reapplicants are not guaranteed admission; those readmitted may find their financial aid offer, including merit-based aid, differs from their previous offer.
5. Prior to enrollment at Lewis & Clark, each student who chooses the gap year option will be required to:
 - a. Reaffirm their intention to enroll at Lewis & Clark College as originally requested;
 - b. Update their contact information, including mailing and email addresses, with the Office of Admissions;
 - c. Provide a statement of activities since being admitted to the College. If you will complete college coursework during your gap year period, your statement must include official transcript(s) showing courses completed and grades received, or anticipated coursework and expected credit(s), as applicable.
 - d. Submit the second non-refundable tuition deposit.

PLEASE NOTE: Any student who chooses the gap year option for the fall semester of the next academic year, who has applied for **need-based financial aid**, will need to file the FAFSA for the new academic year by the Nov. 1, 2024 priority filing date.

Most students choosing the gap year option remain eligible for merit-based scholarships the next academic year, assuming satisfactory performance in any subsequent academic work. However, we do not guarantee receipt of the Neely Scholarship after a gap year. Neely Scholarship recipients should consult

with their admissions counselor before making this decision. Music and Forensics scholarships cannot carry over to the new academic year; recipients of those talent-based awards must compete with candidates for the new academic year as well.

Please submit for approval a short description of your anticipated plans for your gap year.

By clicking the box below and typing my full name, I affirm to Lewis & Clark College that I have read the gap year conditions. I understand that my acceptance to Lewis & Clark College is contingent upon fulfillment of these conditions.

I agree

Full Name