

# FACT SHEET 2010

## Fort Lewis College



### OVERVIEW

Fort Lewis College is a selective public liberal arts college in Durango, Colorado. Our hallmarks are the remarkably close relationships between students and faculty, the freedom of intellectual exploration, and the challenge of experiential learning. Getting outdoors is a way of life at Fort Lewis, which motivates in no small way our campus' commitment to environmental sustainability.

### Mission

Fort Lewis College offers accessible, high quality, baccalaureate liberal arts education to a diverse student population, preparing citizens for the common good in an increasingly complex world.

### Rankings & Recognitions

- *Forbes'* America's Best Public Colleges (#41)
- *Forbes'* America's Best Colleges (#246)
- *Princeton Review's* Best in the West
- *Diverse Issues in Higher Education's* Top 100 Undergraduate Degree Producers (#8 for baccalaureate degrees award to American Indians)
- *Outside Magazine's* Top 40 College Towns (#30)

### Campus

- **Location** Durango, Colorado
- **Elevation** 6,872'
- **Mascot** Skyler the Skyhawk

### Students

- **Number** 3,685
- **Students from** 47 states, 122 American Indian tribes and Native Alaskan villages, 18 countries
- **Freshmen in top quarter of high school class** 30%
- **Gender** 49% female 51% male
- **Multicultural population** 30%

### Faculty

- **Number** 261
- **Tenured/tenure-track faculty with highest degree in discipline** 93%
- **2009 Colorado Professor of the Year** Dr. Ron Estler, Chemistry

### Academic Programs

- **Number of majors, minors, and certificates** 102
- **Largest majors** Business Administration, Biology, Psychology, Art, English, Exercise Science, Teacher Education, Sociology/Human Services, History, Accounting, Adventure Education, Political Science
- **Specially accredited programs** Accounting, Athletic Training, Business Administration, Chemistry, Economics, Engineering, Marketing, Music

### Classroom Learning

- **Student-to-faculty ratio** 17:1
  - **Average class size** 21
  - **Classes with 50 or more students** 1%
- "The small classes work really well for me. I like to be able to get to know people and form close relationships with teachers and other students. That is a big advantage of Fort Lewis." Lily Stroud//Major: Art

### Experiential Learning

#### Internships

"I learned the ropes of accounting and what I'll be doing in my career." Rachel Lasiewicz//Major: Accounting//Internship: Gervais, McCannon Tyler & Associates

#### Study abroad

"I have a strong desire to work in developing countries throughout the world as a career." Colter Boita//Major: Cellular Molecular Biology//Study abroad: Tanzania

#### Service learning

"I helped Los Compañeros create materials to communicate their message." Sal Plascencia//Major: Political Science//Course: Professional & Technical Writing

#### Undergraduate research

"I learned how to meet deadlines, be extremely organized, and work with a team." Edlin Molinar-Enriquez//Major: Cellular & Molecular Biology//Research project: Detection and prevention of diabetes



## Getting Outdoors

- **Join Outdoor Pursuits**
  - > **Benefits include** use of \$100,000 worth of equipment, guided trips, clinics, use of 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)

## Intercollegiate Athletics

- **Top of the Podium**
  - > 2009 NCAA Division II Men's Soccer National Champions
  - > 2009-10 USA Cycling Division I National Champions
  - > 2010 NCAA Division II Women's Basketball National Runners Up
- **NCAA Division II Sports** Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Volleyball
- **Club Sports** Baseball, Cycling, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Rugby, Ski, Snowboard, Soccer, Track & Field, Wrestling

## Scholarships & Financial Aid

- **Students receiving merit scholarships** 67%
- **Students receiving financial aid** 91%

## Cost of Attendance (10/11 estimated per year)

	IN-STATE			OUT-OF-STATE	
	Living at Home	On Campus	Off Campus	On Campus	Off Campus
<b>Tuition</b>	\$3,380	\$3,380	\$3,380	\$16,072	\$16,072
<b>Fees</b>	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440
<b>Books/Supplies</b>	1,680	1,680	1,680	1,680	1,680
<b>Room</b>	1,696	5,280	5,046	5,280	5,046
<b>Board</b>	2,000	3,854	2,656	3,854	2,656
<b>Personal/Misc.</b>	1,996	2,094	2,094	2,094	2,094
<b>Transportation</b>	1,152	1,590	2,118	1,620	2,148
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$13,344	\$19,318	\$18,414	\$32,040	\$31,136

## Student Life

- **Students living on campus** 1,312
- **Happening places** Student Life Center and Student Union
- **Campus media** radio, newspapers, and literary magazine
- **Cultural centers** Native American Center and, El Centro de Muchos Colores
- **Number of student organizations** 70+

## Career Outcomes

- **Private sector**
  - > **Matt Taylor** (2001) CEO, Mercury Payment Systems
  - > **Tom Danielson** (2009) Professional cyclist, Team Garmin-Transitions
- **Non-profit sector**
  - > **Lisa Kelloff** (1998) President, Safer New Mexico Now
  - > **Jason Gue** (2006) Elephant Keeper, National Zoo
- **Public sector**
  - > **Charles Hobbs** (1981), Colorado 13th Judicial District Judge
  - > **Dr. Ferlin Clark** (1988) 14th President of Diné College

## Admission Requirements

- **Freshman standards** 92 CCHE Index, defined at <http://explore.fortlewis.edu/forms/index.pdf>
- **Freshman applicant acceptance rate** 68%
- **Transfer standards** 2.4 GPA or higher at previous colleges attended
- **Transfer applicant acceptance rate** 65%



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