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# STUDENT AFFAIRS INFORMATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES

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Student Affairs, working with Academic Affairs, creates a living-learning community which provides a sense of affiliation; respects and values the worth of all members; supports academic success; and encourages the personal development, wellness, and safety of students. Students in this community participate in meaningful leadership and service opportunities which build a foundation for lifelong learning and the attainment of career goals.

**Bookstore** - The College Bookstore provides new and used textbooks, reference books, and fiction and nonfiction books in hardcover and paperback, school supplies, a selection of insignia clothing, newspapers, magazines, snacks, software, holiday specials, greeting cards, and assorted Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts glassware and ceramics. Book buy-back, special book orders, and check-cashing are also available.

**Campus Center** - One of the main focal points of student and college-wide activities is the Amsler Campus Center. The west wing (or Athletic wing) houses the Athletic Department and Physical Education offices, locker rooms, swimming pool, gymnasium, handball/racquetball and squash courts, and a dance complex that is used for several activities including dance, boxing, karate, and aerobic classes.

The east wing (or Student Affairs Wing) houses the College dining area - the Centennial Room, Sharky's (a late night social space), the college bookstore, Fitness Center, the campus convenience store (known as the C-Store), lounges, and meeting rooms. The following Student Affairs and student organization offices are also a part of the east wing: Public Safety, Non-Traditional Student Organization, Dean of Students, Associate Dean of Students/Judicial Affairs, Student Activities Office, Student Activities Council, ALANA/International Student Services & Programs, Multicultural Student Society, Latin American Society, African American Studies Club, Asian Student Society, Student Government Association, WJJW/ the College radio station, B-GLAD, Stop the Hate, Center for Service and Citizenship, Orientation/Student Leadership Program Office, Susan B. Anthony Women's Center, and the Commuter Student Lounge.

An annex to the Campus Center is Hoosac Harbor, located in the lower level of Hoosac Hall. Activities such as dances, comedy shows, and movies take place there. Hoosac Harbor also provides open recreational time for students where they can play pool, ping-pong, foosball, air hockey, board games, and have access to a large screen television at no cost. E-mail stations are located in Sharkey's.

**Center for Service and Citizenship** - The relationship between Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and Northern Berkshire Community is enhanced by the large number of students who give their time and effort to the community. Students participate in a variety of experiential learning and community service opportunities, such as one-time events, like the Alternative Spring Break program or in on-going programs such as providing literacy support to local elementary school children in the community. Students can also engage in service-learning activities within course curriculum, receiving academic credit for fulfilling the service requirements of the course. LEAD Academy is also managed through the Center. This summer program is designed for first year students to jump start their service and leadership interests. By providing service to the community, students make positive differences, learn from the experience, and are better prepared to be contributing citizens in the future. The Center is located on the 3rd floor of the Campus Center.

**Fitness Center** - Located on the second floor of the Campus Center, the Fitness Center includes a variety of strength conditioning equipment for each of the main muscle groups, as well as cardiovascular equipment. The fitness equipment, with treadmills, rowing machines, stair steppers, computerized cycles, upper body ergometers and free weights assists students to develop endurance and maintain overall physical fitness. Workshops are offered for the novice, and both group and individual programs challenge students to achieve their personal best.

## Housing

**On-Campus Housing** - The College provides on-campus accommodations conducive to intellectual development, personal growth, and the building of friendships. The residential experience is an integral part of the educational process at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. Students in good standing are guaranteed on-campus housing throughout their college career.

The three on-campus residence areas (Berkshire Towers, Hoosac Hall, and the Flagg Townhouse Apartment Complex) house approximately 800 students. The staffing in each residence area includes a professional administrator and a team of para-professional Resident Advisors. On-campus housing is managed by Residential Programs & Services (RPS) which is located in Townhouse 89 of the Flagg Townhouse Apartment Complex.



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## FALL

Soccer (Men)  
Soccer (Women)  
Tennis (Women)  
Volleyball (Women)  
Golf (Men)  
Cross-Country (Men)  
Cross-Country (Women)

## Sports offered are:

### WINTER

Basketball (Men)  
Basketball (Women)

### SPRING

Softball (Women)  
Baseball (Men)

Approximately two and a half miles from the campus MCLA's Joe Zavattaro Athletic Complex is on West Shaft Road, south off Route 2 or east off Church Street.

**Intramural Program** - Intramural activities support a wide range of interests from quiet recreational games to team sports. Close to seventy percent of the student population typically participates in intramural offerings. Intramurals provides students with many opportunities to gain leadership experience by serving as an Intramural Council member, team captain, timer, scorer, official, statistician, or supervisor. Students may also gain experience in program organization and administration.

**Student Government Association (SGA)** - The SGA appoints students to participate in the College's decision-making and governance process. Through SGA, students can participate in decisions about campus programs, services, and academic issues. The SGA also administers the Student Activities Trust Fund, which is created through Student Activities Fees and supports all SGA recognized clubs and organizations. The Student Government office is located on the 3rd floor of the Campus Center.

**Wellness Center** - The Hoosac Bank Student Wellness Center, located next to the Admissions Building on Blackington Street, opened in April, 2001. Within the newly renovated building, students will find **Health Services**, on the first floor, and **Counseling Services**, on the second floor.

**Counseling Services** - Counseling Services provides personal and psychological counseling to help students achieve their academic and individual goals. Licensed mental health counselors offer individual and group counseling, addressing emotional and social concerns and/or personal growth and development. The office is open Monday-Friday, from 8:30 am to 4:45 p.m.

Also provided are educational workshops and mental health programs (i.e., assertiveness, positive attitude, interpersonal communication, making intelligent choices about the use of alcohol and other drugs) and provide screenings for (depression, eating disorders and alcohol abuse).

**Health Services** - The Office of Health Services provides students with acute health care at no charge for on-campus visits. A nurse practitioner or registered nurse is on duty from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. A physician is available for consultation between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Necessary referrals to off-campus specialists are arranged through Health Services located in the Hoosac Bank Student Wellness Center.

Health Services offers a broad range of services including; out-patient services on a walk-in basis, first aid for injuries, referrals, basic bloodwork, throat culture, urinalysis, pregnancy testing, free condoms, routine gynecological services, birth control counseling, routine medications, resources for health information, health counseling, and education.

Emergency room and in-patient services are available at North Adams Regional Hospital, which is about five minutes from the campus. Students coming to Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts should have a copy of their health insurance card to facilitate off-campus health care or the purchase of prescription medications.

**Required Insurance** - A student health insurance policy providing basic health care coverage is required by the Commonwealth. Unless a waiver form with a copy of the student's health insurance card showing proof of comparable insurance is received, the Bursar's Office will bill for this insurance.

**Required Health Information** - All students carrying a course load of 9 credits or more are required to submit a completed health form to the Health Services Office to prevent delay and/or invalidation of registration for classes. This health form includes a completed physical within one year prior to admission. The College Immunization Law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Chapter 76, Section 15C) requires the following immunizations: (1) proof of 2 doses of live measles vaccine

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given at least one month apart at or after 12 months of age. (2) proof of at least one dose of mumps and rubella vaccine(s) given at or after 12 months of age (2 MMRs acceptable), (3) a booster dose of tetanus and diphtheria within the last ten years prior to admission, (4) entering freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors are required to have Hepatitis B immunization series (three vaccinations with dates recorded as month and year for each vaccine signed by a licensed medical professional), and (5) exemption from measles, mumps, rubella, and Hepatitis B vaccination is made for students presenting laboratory evidence of immunity (titres) or for students providing written documentation that he or she meets the standards for medical or religious exemption set forth in M.G.L.Ch. 76, Sect. 15C. (The above immunization requirements may be different for international students. Prospective international students should contact the Admission's Office for information.)

The American College Health Association also recommends meningococcal immunization (to prevent meningitis). The Center for Disease Control and the Massachusetts Public Health Department recommend 2 doses of varicella vaccine (to prevent chickenpox) for students who have never had documented chickenpox.

The College is committed to protecting medical information about our students. We understand that medical information about a student is personal. The College complies with the policies and practices of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). All campus Health Care Providers post our Notice of Privacy Practices, per the HIPAA regulations. If you have any questions regarding our practices, or your rights under HIPAA, please contact the Dean of Students (3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Amsler Campus Center).

For more information about Health Services visit the Office or call extension 5421.