

Student Involvement Policy

I. Introduction

As a Student-centered, Catholic University rooted in the Jesuit and Marymount traditions, Loyola Marymount University values the creation of a campus community in which all members are appreciated, respected and free to develop their personal gifts.

The University recognizes the importance of undergraduate and graduate Registered Student Organizations and Departmental Student Programs in fostering the educational mission of the University and provides support through the department of Student Leadership & Development and the Division of Student Affairs. Student involvement outside of the classroom provides significant personal and professional development opportunities for the Students involved.

II. Definitions

Registered Student Organizations

Registered Student Organizations contribute to the University's mission and culture by regularly hosting events for their members, their guests and the University Community. The complexity or scope of their events is generally moderate in nature. The activities, direction, leadership and decisions of Registered Student Organizations rest predominately in the hands of the Student leaders and members of the organization. Oversight of Registered Student Organizations comes from Student Leadership & Development. Registered Student Organizations must apply annually to receive formal registration from the University.

Departmental Student Programs

Departmental Student Programs are designated by the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs and operate under the direct guidance and supervision of a University department. Their purpose, activities and functions are seen as key elements in carrying out the University's mission. They provide a service to the University and are integral to the function of the department and/or University. Student leaders of Departmental Student Programs are typically chosen or selected by the department, must adhere to the leadership position eligibility in this policy and in some cases may be compensated. Intercollegiate Athletics Department Teams are not considered Departmental Student Programs nor are they subject to this policy.

2022-2023 Departmental Student Programs	
Program	Department
The Loft	Campus Recreation & Student Facilities
Lion's Den	Campus Recreation & Student Facilities
Intramural Sports	Campus Recreation & Student Facilities
Esports	Campus Recreation & Student Facilities
FitWell	Campus Recreation & Student Facilities
Special Games	Center for Service & Action
Alternative Breaks Program	Center for Service & Action
Intercultural Facilitators	Ethnic & Intercultural Services
Student Worker Program	Student Employment Services
Emergency Medical Services	Student Health Services
Residence Hall Association & Building Councils	Student Housing
ASLMU	Student Leadership and Development
GSLMU	Student Leadership and Development
Mane Entertainment	Student Leadership and Development
The Los Angeles Loyolan	Student Media
The Tower Yearbook	Student Media
ROAR Studios	Student Media
Del Rey Players	Student Media
Wellness Educators	Student Psychological Services

III. Policy

A. Responsibility and Authority

1. Registered Student Organizations and Departmental Student Programs have a responsibility to manage their business and related affairs in accordance with University policies and requirements. Registered Student Organizations and Departmental Student Programs exercise their authority subject to and in accordance with applicable University policies and legal requirements.

2. The Student Conduct Code shall supersede any and all regulations and/or decisions made by Registered Student Organizations, Departmental Student Programs and their affiliates, including, but not limited to, the Associated Students of LMU (ASLMU), Graduate Students of LMU (GSLMU), Black Greek Council (BGC), Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), Collegiate Panhellenic Council (CPC), InterFraternity Council (IFC), Residence Hall Association (RHA), Service Organization Council, fraternity/sorority chapters, club sport teams and service organizations.

B. Membership Eligibility

1. Academic Standing: Students must typically be currently enrolled undergraduate Students or matriculated graduate Students at Loyola Marymount University. Students must be in good academic standing and may not be on academic probation or subject to disqualification per the University Bulletin in order to be eligible to participate as a member of a Registered Student Organization or Departmental Student Program. Undergraduate Students must maintain a C average (2.0) term and cumulative GPA. Graduate Students must maintain a B average (3.0) term and cumulative GPA. Registered Student Organizations and Departmental Student Programs may impose a higher standard. Members may be removed from the organization if they do not meet the eligibility requirements.

2. Registered Student Organizations and Departmental Student Programs that have and follow an established member academic improvement program approved by Student Leadership & Development or their respective departments may be given deference to handle membership GPA eligibility issues within their organization or program.

C. Leadership Position Eligibility

1. Academic Standing: Students must be in good academic standing and may not be on academic probation or subject to disqualification per the University Bulletin in order to be eligible to participate as a leader of a Departmental Student Program. Undergraduate Students must maintain a minimum 2.5 term and cumulative GPA. Graduate students must maintain a minimum 3.0 term and cumulative GPA.

a. A higher academic standard may be imposed by Departmental Student Programs for their respective programs.

b. Departmental Student Programs that have and follow an established Student leader academic improvement program approved by their respective department may be given deference to handle

leadership GPA eligibility issues within their program.

2. Disciplinary Standing: Students must be deemed in good disciplinary standing by the Office of Student Conduct & Community Responsibility in order to be eligible to serve in a leadership position for a Departmental Student Program.

D. Membership Selection

1. Registered Student Organizations and Departmental Student Programs are expected to follow their organizational and/or departmental policies and procedures as well as all University policies related to membership selection including, but not limited to, the University's Non-Discrimination Policy, the only exception being based on sex provided by Title IX, 20 U.S.C. §1681(a)(6)(A).

E. Membership Suspension and/or Removal

1. Registered Student Organizations and Departmental Student Programs have a responsibility to manage their business and related affairs in accordance with University policies and requirements. Registered Student Organizations and Departmental Student Programs exercise their authority subject to and in accordance with applicable University policies and legal requirements. In this connection and by way of example, the Student Title IX Policy, the Student Conduct Code and the Student Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct Policy are superseding authority and the exclusive University and campus related process for determining misconduct subject to their provisions. For purposes of clarity and understanding this would preclude Registered Student Organizations and Department Student Programs from adjudicating any behavior where the University has a superseding responsibility, including but not limited to, issues related to sexual and interpersonal misconduct. These entities are expected to conduct any member suspension and/or removal proceedings within their jurisdiction in a respectful manner consistent with, and not in violation of, their organizational and/or departmental policies as well as University policies. Suspension and or removal decisions are expected to be evidence based, conducted with fundamental fairness, and not be conducted in an arbitrary or capricious manner.