

Student Life

The following regulations govern the submission and the competition:

- The essay must be typed, double-spaced, and 12-15 pages in length.
- Proper attribution of all outside sources must be given in footnote, endnote, and bibliographic form. No specific style manual is prescribed, but the style used must be a standard one and consistent throughout the paper.
- The essay must be submitted to the Office of the President no later than March 7, 2003. Announcement of the Oxford Scholarship award will be made March 21, 2003.

Graduation Honors

Students fulfilling requirements for a bachelor's degree will be graduated with honors if they have completed a minimum of 60 credits at Marymount University and their cumulative grade point average meets or exceeds the following:

- 3.8 summa cum laude (with highest honors)
- 3.6 magna cum laude (with high honors)
- 3.4 cum laude (with honors)

The grade point average is not rounded when calculating honors.

Graduation Awards

- **The Mother Butler Gold Medal**, awarded at Commencement to the undergraduate student who has shown the greatest devotion to the ideals of the University.
- **The Coopersmith Leadership Award**, given to the graduating senior who exemplifies outstanding leadership qualities.
- The insignia of the **Gailhac Honor Society**, awarded at Commencement to the members of the Society.
- **The Bishop Ireton Gold Medal**, awarded at Commencement to the undergraduate student who has exerted the greatest influence of good on his or her companions.
- **The Mother Gerard Phelan Gold Medal**, traditionally presented at Commencement to a woman noted for achievement of an exemplary nature.
- **The President's Award** may be conferred to honor an individual or institution that significantly contributes to the cause of education, thus deepening the concept of humankind's progress toward knowledge.

- **The Zerega Medal**, awarded at Commencement to the student judged to be most promising and outstanding in talent and performance in the Applied Arts.
- **The Sister Majella Berg Medal**, awarded to a graduate who has made an outstanding contribution of service to the community.

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Student Government

The Student Faculty Council serves as a vehicle for building community among students, faculty, and administration, and as an organization through which students may make policy recommendations related to student issues. Council members elect student representatives to participate in the work of the Admissions and Academic Standards, Curriculum and Instruction, Student Services, and Learning Resources Committees of the Faculty Council. Developing leadership, communication, and negotiating skills are valuable by-products of participation in student government.

Code of Conduct

Honesty and integrity are requirements for membership in the Marymount University community. By enrolling in the University, students agree to accept the University Academic and Community Conduct Code and abide by the University's academic and social regulations. Regulations are published either in this catalog, in the Student Handbook, or in both. Regulations may be modified or changed at any time; revisions of regulations, written or oral, will be appropriately promulgated and have the same binding force as those in the catalog or Student Handbook. A student may be subject to disciplinary action for behavior in violation of the Academic and Community Conduct Code or of other University regulations.

Campus Activities

Marymount encourages and supports a varied and imaginative activities program in keeping with the aims of the University. The director and the assistant director of Student Activities guide students in planning and implementing activities that are culturally enriching, intellectually stimulating, and recreational. Current student interest influences the kinds of programs that receive emphasis.

The Activities Programming Board (APB) schedules comedians, movies, concerts, trips, performing arts, social, and co-curricular events. Most activities are open to members of the Marymount community, local residents, and members of the Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area.

The Co-Curricular Council coordinates club activities and provides a cooperative framework for planning and evaluating the quality and diversity of student-sponsored programs. The membership includes presidents of official organizations. The list that follows offers a sampling of organizations represented on campus.

The club roster includes the Black Student Alliance, Campus Ministry Association, College Democrats, College Republicans, Dance Team, Fashion Club, Gospel Choir, Habitat for Humanity, Health Fitness Association, History Club, International Club, PANGEA Student Awareness Club, Residence Hall Association, Theater One 2 One, the Marymount University Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), Alpha Lambda Math Club, Best Buddies, Pre-Physical Therapy Club, Saudi Student Society, Science Club, Society for Human Resource Management, Student Nurses Association, Student Physical Therapy Association, and Vietnamese Student Association. In addition, the Commuter Advisory Board identifies commuter needs and presents them to appropriate offices. Student publications include *The Banner* (campus newspaper), the Literary Art Magazine, and Yearbook.

Residence Requirements

Students who are under 21 years of age and whose families do not live within commuting distance of the University are required to live on campus during their first two years of college. Due to space limitations, and in accord with the mission of the residence life program to provide a developmentally appropriate residential living experience, on-campus housing is only available to undergraduate students who are 21 or under at the time they first become residents. Residence life policies are fully described in the Student Handbook and in Residence Life Guidebook. Interhall visitation on men's and women's floors may occur between 11 a.m. and 2 a.m. on weekends and between 11 a.m. and 1 a.m. on weekdays. A community spirit built on

consideration and cooperation is fostered by a qualified and trained residence hall staff. In conjunction with the Student Activities Office, the Residence Hall Council plans social and educational programs for resident students and their guests.

Campus Ministry

In accord with the mission of the University as a Catholic institution, the Campus Ministry program seeks to provide religious services, activities, and counseling that encourage the spiritual growth and development of students. The Mass is celebrated daily and at times convenient for students. Retreats, prayer services, sacramental preparations, religious education programs, and social service activities are sponsored by the Campus Ministry Office each semester. Campus Ministry also sponsors Universitywide volunteer service programs operated by students under the guidance of the coordinators of Volunteer Services.

Schedules for services at churches, temples, synagogues, and mosques easily accessible from the University and referrals for spiritual counseling are available through Campus Ministry. While attendance at any exclusively religious service is voluntary, all members of the community are invited to attend all Campus Ministry services and programs.

Athletics

Marymount University is a member of Division III of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Varsity intercollegiate sports for men include basketball, golf, lacrosse, soccer, and swimming. Varsity intercollegiate sports for women include basketball, lacrosse, soccer, swimming, and volleyball. The University is a member of the Capital Athletic Conference. Intramural sports and activities include most of the sports mentioned above and also include flag football, softball, aerobic dance, weight training, and water polo.

Campus Safety and Transportation

All students are required to obtain a Marymount University photo identification card, which is used in conjunction with a card control system for access to certain campus locations and facilities, as well as for general identification purposes. ID card policies are

issued to each student with the ID card. All cars parked on campus must be registered and display a current Marymount parking decal. Information about parking options, fees, and regulations is available from the Office of Campus Safety. Students may take advantage of the University's free shuttle bus service between the Main Campus, Ballston Campus, and Ballston-MU Metro station. Shuttle timetables are arranged to accommodate class starting and ending times and service to the Metro on weekends. Security escort service is available on request to students, faculty, and staff 24 hours a day on the Main Campus and during class hours at the Ballston Campus.

Off-campus Activities

The Student Activities Office publishes information about off-campus activities in its weekly calendar so that students may attend some of the most outstanding professional performances in America. The Kennedy Center Concert Hall, Opera House, and Eisenhower Theater, Ford's Theatre, Arena Stage, Hartke Theatre, MCI Center, Constitution Hall, National Theatre, Wolf Trap Farm, and Lisner Auditorium present popular, classical, and traditional programs in drama, music, and dance.

The University also arranges trips and encourages informal visits to the Smithsonian Institution, which includes the Museum of American History, Museum of Natural History, Hirshhorn Museum, Freer Gallery, National Air and Space Museum, the Holocaust Museum, and other museums, parks, and monuments. Marymount students join many other students from area universities for weekend and afternoon visits to the Corcoran Gallery of Art, National Gallery of Art, Renwick Gallery, Phillips Collection, National Portrait Gallery, and National Zoo.

Most of these Washington resources are no more than 15 minutes from the University by car or are easily accessible by public and Marymount shuttle transportation. Most Washington museums and monuments do not charge admission.

Student Health Center

The Student Health Center is designed to provide care for those illnesses or accidents that may occur while the student is a campus resident and

to coordinate with the resident student's personal physician in continuing treatment initiated at home. Emergency care is available to commuter students. Health Center personnel strive to maintain a healthful environment for all students through health education programs.

During the fall and spring semesters, the Health Center is staffed 24 hours a day by registered nurses. The University physicians meet a regular clinic schedule and are on call when the Center is open. Referral is made to specialists or clinics in the Washington area, as appropriate.

Because immunization records and adequate health information are essential to maintaining the health of the student and the entire college community, a confidential medical form, including a record of updated immunizations and physical examination, is required for all undergraduate degree and nondegree students and must be completed before the student may register for classes. The form is available from the Admissions Office or the Health Center. Regulations governing the Health Center are published in the Student Handbook.

Health and accident insurance is available through a commercial underwriter. It is provided for resident students as part of their room and board fee and is required for international students and students on intercollegiate athletic teams. Insurance is also available to all full-time students. For details, contact the Business Office. See page 19 for more information on insurance.

Career and Personal Counseling

Professional staff provide individual guidance and offer frequent seminars on choosing careers, developing a résumé, gaining employment, interviewing, and establishing educational goals suited to career plans and personal talents.

A schedule of career programs is offered throughout the academic year, including Employer Expo Job Fair; an Education Job Fair for students who have completed student teaching, School Counseling, and Physical Therapy programs; Career Day, a spring career information and networking program; and on-campus recruitment sessions. Marymount students also participate in area career programs sponsored by The Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area, such as the Graduate and Professional School Fair.

For student convenience, career centers are located on the Main and Ballston Campuses. Both centers house libraries containing information on all facets of the career development process as well as computer technology to support students' career planning and job searches. The Center for Counseling and Career Services on Main Campus specializes in undergraduate career planning and job search assistance. Graduate students receive similar career counseling and job search assistance at the Ballston Career Center. Several hundred employers publicize openings at Marymount's two career centers.

Students studying at an off-campus site are invited to use counseling and career services provided at both campuses. Upon request, counselors will schedule appointments to see students at the Loudoun Academic Center (LAC). Interested students should contact either of the career centers to schedule an appointment at the LAC.

Personal counseling services assist students in identifying and solving problems, increasing self-understanding, improving academic performance, adjusting to college, managing stress and time, and developing and maintaining friendships. Counseling sessions are private and confidential and are available to all students by request through the Center for Counseling and Career Services, Student Health Services, Campus Ministry, Residence Hall staff, and the vice president for Student Services.

Disability Support Services for Students

Disability Support Services (DSS) are available through the Center for Counseling and Career Services. The coordinator for DSS assists students with disabilities in determining reasonable accommodations and is available throughout the year for information and referrals. DSS complements, but does not duplicate, services offered to all students through other campus offices.

To receive services from DSS, the student must give the coordinator written documentation from a qualified professional that describes the disability and its current impact on the student. Marymount does not provide testing and/or diagnosis, but will make appropriate referrals.

The types of accommodations a student is eligible to receive are determined on a case-by-case basis by the student and the coordinator using information contained in the student's documentation. Students wishing to receive accommodations must develop a "Faculty Contact Sheet" with the coordinator of Disability Support Services at the beginning of each semester. The student must then present this contact sheet to each of his/her instructors and discuss the accommodations needed. This document helps students and instructors work together to develop effective accommodation strategies. Some accommodations made in the past have included allowing extended time for examinations; the use of readers, volunteer note-takers, and sign language interpreters; program modifications; and the option to tape record lectures.

Services for Off-campus Students

Student development services offered at Main Campus are available to all students in accord with provisions in the Student Handbook. During fall and spring semesters, upcoming student activities are listed on the Marymount University Web site under Student Services and in *FYI*, the weekly calendar distributed on the Main and Ballston Campuses and at the Loudoun Academic Center (LAC). Services are described in the Student Handbook and the Services for Adult Learners brochure, available from the Office of Student Activities and at the LAC.

At the students' request, counselors will make appointments for career and/or personal counseling at the LAC. Career workshops and seminars can also be arranged at the Loudoun Academic Center.