

LUTHERAN COLLEGE WASHINGTON CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT

The Lutheran College Washington Consortium, also known as LCWC, was founded in 1986 by a core group of Lutheran colleges to provide a residential Washington, DC semester exclusively for their students. In addition to the three founding colleges, Muhlenberg, Gettysburg, and Roanoke, ten additional colleges are members of the LCWS. They are Augustana College (SD), California Lutheran University, Concordia College (MN), Concordia University Chicago, Lenoir-Rhyne University, Luther College, Susquehanna University, Thiel College, Valparaiso University, and Wittenberg University. Students receive academic credit from their home institutions for courses and internships completed during the semester in Washington.

LIASON

Dr. Douglas E. Clark serves as the Executive Director and Dean of the LCWC and its primary program, the Lutheran College Washington Semester (LCWS). He is also the liaison between the organization and its member institutions and holds adjunct faculty rank at Roanoke College.

ACADEMIC CREDIT

Through the LCWS, Roanoke College students participate in classes sponsored by the program and receive credit and grades on their Roanoke College transcript. Because Roanoke College does not directly employ the instructors, their credentials are reviewed and approved by the LCWS Executive Director and Dean, who provides Roanoke College with a summary of the instructors' qualifications for teaching each course. The Roanoke College program coordinator, who is a member of the LCWC Board of Directors, reviews and approves that the instructors' qualifications meet SACS standards. If questions or concerns arise, the program coordinator consults the chair of the Public Affairs Department or other appropriate department at Roanoke College.

Students are registered for four units of credit. Ordinarily, two units are transcribed as POLI 261-W, which are special topics seminars. If a special need arises, one unit of credit may be transcribed as an independent study, to be directed by a faculty member from Roanoke College. Approval for this offering must be granted, in advance, by the student's academic advisor, the chair of the department of the faculty member supervising the study, the Roanoke College Registrar and the LCWS Executive Director and Dean. In addition, students complete two units of internship credit. Grades for the two seminars are assigned by the appropriate LCWS professor(s); grades for internships and independent studies are assigned by a designated faculty member from Roanoke College, known as the student's on campus reader/supervisor.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Students approved by Roanoke College to be in its Washington Semester are also expected to complete requirements set by LCWS including participation in field trips and related activities as determined by the LCWS staff.

PROGRAM FEES

Each member institution pays an annual membership fee of \$2,500 to the LCWC. Students pay their regular semester's tuition to Roanoke College which then remits a portion of that tuition to LCWC. The amount paid to LCWC is determined by the LCWC board of directors. Costs of residing in Washington, DC are the responsibility of the student.

WITHDRAWAL AND DISSOLUTION

Under the bylaws of the LCWC, approved by the LCWC Board of Directors on March 28, 1998, member institutions may withdraw from membership in the LCWC at any time after having given twelve months' notice to the Board of Directors. Such institutions will be responsible for payment of dues during those twelve months, but not afterward.

In the event of the dissolution of the LCWC, the value of any assets remaining after all claims against the corporation have been settled shall be evenly divided among the member institutions of the LCWC at the time the decision to dissolve is made.

Douglas E. Clark

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Date: 06/02/2020

Michael Creed Maxey

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Date: Oct 7, 2020