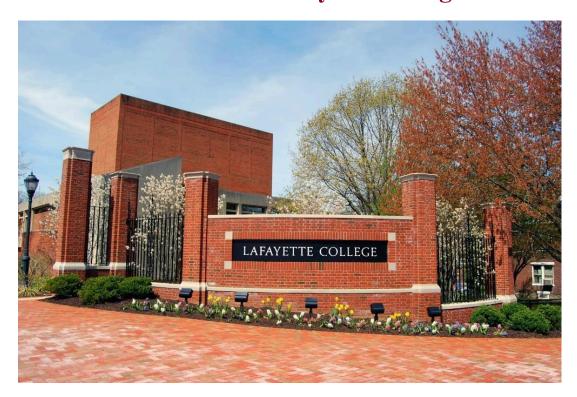


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# **Overview of Lafayette College**



Lafayette College, founded in 1826, is a private, academically competitive liberal arts institution located in the Lehigh Valley area with wonderful opportunities in the arts, sciences, and engineering for faculty dedicated to undergraduate education. The college enrolls roughly 2700 undergraduate students and employs about 260 full-time faculty, resulting in an enviable student-faculty ratio of approximately 10 to 1. Over sixty part-time faculty each semester educate our learners, with many bringing their vocational experiences into the classroom. Hundreds of staff also play essential roles in the operations of the college. There are four major academic divisions at Lafayette - the Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, and Engineering - as well as a variety of interdisciplinary programs, and excellent opportunities for students to be involved in performing scholarship as undergraduates. Lafayette is a Division I institution; in addition to academics, athletics are an important part of the culture.

Lafayette embraces the words of the Marquis de Lafayette of "Cur Non" or "Why Not?", challenging students to be critical thinkers and grow as leaders. The institution operates on a shared governance system described in the Faculty Handbook, which "recognizes the mutual interdependence and the unique expertise of different College constituencies, including faculty, staff, administrators, trustees, students, and alumni" (Section 1.1.1). Of note is the ongoing development of a new strategic plan and campus master plan led by President Nicole Hurd, the 18<sup>th</sup> president of the College. You are teaching at Lafayette during a season of change and possibility.

# Becoming Lafayette Working Group Themes and Values (Spring 2024)

The values should be reflected across the goals and initiatives that each working group will recommend.	Engaged Learning	Community belonging	Responsible Citizenship	Environmental Sustainability	Institutional Excellence
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The Lafayette Campus					

# **Getting Started at Lafayette**

# **Key Initial Contacts**

#### Departmental Head/Program Chair and Administrative Assistants & Coordinators

Your main points of contact are your department head/program chair and administrative assistant or coordinator. All departments and programs are listed on the <u>Lafayette College website</u>. Contact your departments and programs for questions about: (1) syllabi for your specific courses, (2) course materials and resources, (3) office space and keys, (4) course times and locations, (5) listing you as the instructor of record for a course, and (6) ways to engage in the department or program.

### Center for the Integration of Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship (CITLS)

CITLS partners with faculty on their teaching efforts. If you have questions specifically related to teaching your courses at Lafayette, please be sure to get in touch with CITLS. There are also a number of teaching resources on the CITLS <u>website</u> and session recordings on the <u>media channel</u>. Contact: <u>citls@lafayette.edu</u>

Learning & Research Technologies Group (LRT) of Information Technology Services (ITS)

Lafayette College's Information Technology Services (ITS) department, is your partner in leveraging technology to enhance your teaching and research endeavors. Whether you need personalized consultations, assistance with high-performance computing, or ensuring your devices are optimized for your work, ITS is here to collaborate with you every step of the way. Reach out to our Help Desk at help@lafayette.edu or (610) 330-5501 to connect with the right team member for your needs.

#### **Human Resources**

Please contact Human Resources if you have questions related to benefits. Several sample benefits can be found in the FAQs below. Contact: <a href="https://hr/https://hr/https://hr/https://hr/https://hr/https://hr/https://hr/https://hr/https://hr/https:/

#### **FAQs**

#### Where can I obtain the keys to my office?

Please be in touch with your department or program administrative support person. They will need to place a formal request with Facilities for your keys before you can pick them up. Once that request has been processed and your keys are ready, you will be contacted by Facilities regarding pick-up at <u>Facilities Operations</u> at 901 Bushkill Drive.

#### Where can I park on campus?

The two larger parking decks on the main campus are Markle and Sullivan. Markle Parking Deck has visitor parking. You will need to register your vehicle and obtain a parking pass from <a href="Public Safety">Public Safety</a> and they will assign you to a parking lot.

#### How do I obtain a campus ID?

Please follow the steps on the **ID Office website** to obtain your ID.

# Where can I eat on campus?

Please check out the <u>Lafayette Dining website</u> for campus dining options. Included is a faculty and staff dining hall in the Clay Ketchum Room that is open during the semester. Meal plans are also

available for faculty. Please note that most dining options typically are not open until near the start of the semester however there are eateries on Cattell and McCartney Streets.

# How do I connect to the campus WiFi?

View the <u>ITS webpage</u> on how to connect to the network.

# How can I stay aware of campus alerts?

Please sign up for <u>Lafavette College Leopard Alerts</u> to receive emergency notifications.

#### How can I obtain access to the gym for my family members?

Please visit the <u>Recreation Services website</u> and select "Buy a Facility Pass." There are packages that can be purchased for part-time employees as well as immediate family members.

#### Can immediate family members obtain access to the library?

Yes. Spouses/partners and children aged 16 years and older can borrow books for up to one academic year. Visit the Skillman Library Circulation desk to obtain library cards and feel free to view the library FAQs.

#### Is there an on-campus childcare facility?

Yes. Bright Horizons operates the <u>Lafayette College Early Learning Center</u> and the college provides support to the center to provide discounted rates to employees.

# **Building Community**

As a part-time faculty member you may have limited time to be on campus. However, there are opportunities to build community. Please consider ways that you can engage with your department or program or attend evening programming held at the college (see the <u>Lafayette Calendar of Events</u>; <u>Athletics</u>; or <u>Lafayette Today</u>, the internal newsletter, for upcoming events). There are a variety of programs that happen after 5 pm or on weekends such as athletics events and guest speaker presentations. Also keep an eye out for virtual events held around noon if you have a lunch break that corresponds to that time. Please also consider asynchronous ways to engage with the Lafayette community. For example, CITLS created Google groups on various teaching and learning topics of which you are welcome to be a part.

# **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

Lafayette College is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion.



# **Lafayette College Diversity Statement**

Lafayette College is committed to creating a diverse community: one that is inclusive and responsive, and is supportive of each and all of its faculty, students, and staff. The College seeks to promote diversity in its many manifestations. These include but are not limited to race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, disability, and place of origin.

The College recognizes that we live in an increasingly interconnected, globalized world, and that students benefit from learning in educational and social contexts in which there are participants from all manner of backgrounds. The goal is to encourage students to consider diverse experiences and perspectives throughout their lives. All members of the College community share a responsibility for creating, maintaining, and developing a learning environment in which difference is valued, equity is sought, and inclusiveness is practiced.

It is a mission of the College to advance diversity as defined above. The College will continue to assess its progress in a timely manner in order to ensure that its diversity initiatives are effective.

### Campus Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

The Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is a campus-wide advisory committee dedicated to advancing an inclusive culture that enables all members of the Lafayette College community to thrive. Created in 2022, the Committee fosters understanding and alignment around diversity throughout campus and ensures that equity, inclusion, and diversity are woven into the fabric of the College's strategic plans and daily operations. The Committee also proactively learns and shares diversity trends and topics that further enrich the Lafayette community. Committee members represent the various stakeholder groups throughout the College, so each group is considered during the development,

implementation, and measurement of all diversity-driven initiatives. More information can be found at <a href="https://belong.lafayette.edu/">https://belong.lafayette.edu/</a>

#### **Preferred First Name Policy**

To foster an environment that is inclusive and that encourages self-expression, Lafayette College has established a policy whereby any College community member may use a preferred first name.

# **Inclusive Teaching**

The Center for the Integration of Teaching, Learning, & Scholarship has several online resources on inclusive teaching to support equitable and welcoming classroom environments at Lafayette, and encourages all faculty to review them. The Center also facilitates the Inclusive Teaching & Excellence programming.

# **Creating Accessible Course Materials**

There are a variety of resources available on creating accessible course materials. Please see the website containing ITS help information on creating accessible course content. Faculty can also receive additional support through ITS.

#### **Accommodations**

Accessibility Services collaborates with students, faculty, and staff to create an environment that is equitable and inclusive to all students in the college community. Accessibility Services is the only designated office at the college where students can voluntarily disclose their disability (or disabilities), submit documentation, and request accommodations. Faculty are encouraged to work with Accessibility Services on their student requests.

### **Office of Intercultural Development**

The Office of Intercultural Development (OID) advances Lafayette's commitment to diversity and inclusion through educational outreach, cultural programming, support and advocacy, and coalition building. OID offers numerous opportunities for Lafayette students and employees to develop their multicultural competence and to commit to lifelong learning about our world and its diverse citizens. The Intercultural Development portfolio encompasses Gender and Sexuality Programs (GSP), International Student Advising, and Religious and Spiritual Life. GSP specifically helps the campus community increase understanding and appreciation of how gender and sexuality influences and frames daily lives and social interactions.

<u>Safe Zone Training:</u> The GSP office offers the Lafayette Safe Zone Certification program that provides resources and foundational education on allyship for our LGBTQ+ community. If you are interested in certification, please <u>visit our website</u>.

# **General Resources**



# Central

#### • Academic Calendar

Online calendar listing of major academic events at Lafayette. Printable versions of future calendars can also be found on the Office of the Provost's website.

#### • Calendar of Events

Centralized calendar of campus events.

# • Campus Directory

Search engine for the college directory. Note that emergency contacts, a department index and campus map can also be found on the menu on this website.

### • Campus Map

Online map of institutional buildings. A printable version can also be found <u>here, Check out the Lafayette Virtual Tour,</u>

- Contacts for Lafayette Finance and Business Services
- Human Resources

Provides a variety of resources for new faculty as well as information on benefits, job opportunities, wellness, and forms.

#### • ID Office

The ID office is located in suite 011 on the ground floor of Marquis Hall (across from the Printing & Copy Services Center), the ID Office produces new and replacement IDs and photographs students and employees for the College's systems. To obtain a new ID, follow the instructions for Online ID Photo Submission on the ID Office webpage.

#### • Information Technology Services

Provide support to the Lafayette community around technology. They also have a <u>Technology Help Guide</u>.

#### • Lafayette College Faculty Handbook

Comprehensive handbook of general information, policies and procedures pertinent to faculty.

# • Lafayette Diversity Statement

Statement of Lafayette's commitment to diversity & inclusion. Faculty may choose to include this statement on a course syllabus.

# • Lafayette Today

Lafayette Today is an internal newsletter with student and faculty/staff editions sent weekday mornings during the school year and less frequently over the summer. Messages and articles intended for all students, all staff, all faculty, or a combination of these are included in Lafayette Today rather than being distributed via separate mass emails. If you have a message for Lafayette Today or a story idea, contact them.

#### • My Lafayette

Centralized site with links to a variety of Lafayette resources and software platforms.

#### • National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity

As a Lafayette faculty member, you have free membership and access to resources available from the National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity. Lafayette faculty members have enjoyed participating in their writing challenges in addition to webinars on a variety of topics relevant to faculty members.

#### • Provost's Office Support for Professional Development

This site describes funds available for First Year Seminar development, curricular and pedagogical development, computer-integration, diversity initiatives, advanced study and research, summer research, Excel student research assistance, professional travel, research leaves, and sabbatical leaves.

# • Research Support

Site containing a variety of resources to support faculty and student research. Includes the <u>Research Manual</u> which outlines important deadlines, application procedures and forms of research support available to faculty and students. There is also information on research protocols on the site.

# • Support for Faculty Travel

The Provost's Office provides Faculty Conference Travel support. Please see the website for relevant memos and forms.

# • Title IX Reporting, Resources and Information

Resources on sexual misconduct including general information on reporting, policies and procedures.



#### Curricular & Co-curricular

#### • Advising and Co-Curricular Programming

Resources for advising Lafayette students.

#### • The Arts

Information on all things relating to the arts at Lafayette.

#### • Athletics

Site including information on Lafayette athletic teams and events.

# • Campus Life

Information on a variety of resources and activities for the Lafayette community related to life on campus.

#### • Community-Engaged Learning & Research

Site describing resources for faculty to become involved in community-engaged learning and research at Lafayette.

### • Common Course of Study

Site describing Lafayette's general education curriculum.

#### • FERPA

FERPA stands for the *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* of 1974. This is a Federal law regarding the privacy of student records and the obligations of the institution, primarily in the areas of release of the records and the access provided to these records.

# • First Year Seminar (FYS) Courses

Site with information on the First Year Seminar course taken during a student's first semester at Lafayette as part of the Common Course of Study.

# • Lafayette Libraries

Site with information on Lafayette Libraries including general information and resources.

# • Student Support and Intervention Team

Works to provide a safe living and learning environment where all members of the Lafayette College community thrive and embrace the Cur Non spirit.



#### **Student Services**

#### • Academic Resource Hub & Accessibility Services

The Academic Resource Hub provides Accessibility Services to support students with disabilities as well as learning assistance programs that are open to all Lafayette students.

The Hub's Assistant Director for Accessibility Services has primary responsibility for establishing eligibility for accommodations and ensuring that they are fulfilled in accordance with applicable civil rights laws and regulations. Consultation, coordination, and resources are offered to faculty to support the provision of reasonable accommodations. For additional information regarding accommodations, an <u>Accessibility Services Faculty Guide</u> is available for your convenience. Frequent areas of collaboration include:

**Exam Proctoring** 

**Policies and Procedures** 

Alternative Format Course Materials

The Hub's academic support and enrichment programs are based on empirically-supported, peer-facilitated models of support:

<u>Supplemental Instruction (SI)</u> is a student-led, collaborative learning opportunity available for academically demanding courses. It is designed to assist students integrate course content with the best approach to learn. The Hub collaborates with faculty to identify, hire, train, and supervise upper-level students who have previously completed the course, to *sit-in* on class sessions a second time to help prepare them to facilitate four hours of support per week.

Mentored Study Groups were initially developed at Lafayette to provide a more structured means of support to second tier STEM courses, but they have proven to be a versatile program capable of providing targeted academic support in a variety of subjects. MSGs are intended to provide students with a consistent and reliable resource to help model and reinforce the best methods to master challenging material.

In addition to these more structured supports, traditional Peer Tutoring is readily available for most 100-200 level courses. Every year the <u>Hub hires and trains</u> over 50 Peer Tutors who go on to provide hundreds of hours of support to their classmates. Tutors that accumulate 25 hours of tutoring through the Hub and complete <u>ten hours of targeted training</u> may be certified as a CRLA Level 1 Tutor.

Also housed on the third floor of Scott Hall, the Hub enjoys a close relationship with the <u>English for Academic Purposes</u> Program as well as <u>support services for Student Athletes</u>.

#### • Bailey Health Center

Healthcare provider for Lafayette students.

#### • Counseling Center

Center providing counseling support for students at Lafayette.

#### • English for Academic Purposes Center

### For Faculty:

The EAP Center offers a <u>broad range of resources to assist faculty</u> in providing culturally sensitive and linguistically inclusive pedagogical practices in their classrooms and advising resources for advisors who are working with international students along with other resources for internationalization of the curriculum. Some resources include:

<u>Teaching Suggestions for Working with Multilingual Students</u>: This includes a comprehensive list of research-based tips and recommendations to help the faculty members ensure culturally sensitive and linguistically inclusive pedagogical practices in their classroom.

<u>Advising Syllabus for Multilingual Learners:</u> Students may not have an understanding of what an academic advisor does for students or vice versa. One of the best ways to help the advisor/advisee relationship is to develop an advising syllabus.

<u>Tips for Successful Communication with International Students</u>: This includes tips such as don't assume that all students from a particular country or culture will behave or respond the same way and limit the use of acronyms, abbreviations, jargon, colloquialisms, and idioms when speaking (or writing) to an international student.

<u>Internationalization of the Curriculum</u>: The article discusses what is curriculum internationalization, why it is important, and some tools and strategies that you can use to internationalize academic programs and courses.

#### For Students:

The EAP Center also offers <u>resources to assist international students</u> who are English language learners on their reading, writing, and oral communication skills and the knowledge of US culture necessary to succeed in an English-speaking college setting. Some resources include:

<u>Four-Year Academic Success Plan for International Students:</u> This plan is designed to assist international students in honing their learning strategies, as well as developing their mindset and personal management skills, throughout their undergraduate studies at Lafayette College. It is organized into four sections: Academic Success, Career Preparedness, Networking, and Professional Development.

<u>Global Expressions: Writing Beyond the Mother Tongue:</u> This online magazine aims to celebrate and recognize the multi-language writers at Lafayette College and develop intercultural communications within our community by showcasing the writings written by multi-language writers.

Other programs for multilingual learners: EAP Placement Test, <u>EAP Tutors</u>, EAP Workshops, Speaking Institute, ENG100-01 Intro to Academic Writing class, One-on-one Meetings, <u>Conversation Pardner Program</u>, etc.

#### • Gateway Career Center

Resources and information on Gateway, a four-year career development program for students at Lafayette, as well a number of other related resources.

# **Pedagogical & Research Funding Opportunities**



There are a variety of initiatives on campus and with regional consortia that fund or provide other support for pedagogical and research efforts.

# Pedagogical

#### **Course Affordability Initiative**

The purpose of the Course Affordability Initiative is to foster equitable and inclusive classrooms by supporting the adoption, adaptation, creation, or reuse of Open Educational Resources (OERs) or other freely available alternatives to commercial textbooks and course materials. The program supports instructors who want to make the transition to low-cost alternatives by providing grants and assistance for reworking course syllabi or creating new open materials.

# Provost's Office: Curricular and Pedagogical Development Grants

Through various funding sources, the Provost's Office is able to provide support for certain curricular and pedagogical development projects. Interested faculty should submit a proposal that includes a description of the project and its intended impact. Each applicant should also provide a curriculum vitae and should ask their Department Head or Program chair to send an evaluation of the project. It is expected that each recipient will submit a brief report of the results of their work within six months of the end of the development period.

# **Provost's Office: Diversity Initiative Grants**

Faculty wishing to revise courses in order that we might achieve a more inclusive curriculum or who have initiatives that would support diversity, equity, and inclusion more broadly, should submit a

request via the form linked above. Such awards are typically \$1,000 or less, but initiatives that would require resources beyond this level will be considered. Contact the Provost's office if you have any questions.

### **Information Literacy Grants**

Librarians and faculty at Lafayette are increasingly concerned about the need to graduate 'information literate' students, those who know how to find, evaluate, and use information and who understand the ways in which information is created, disseminated, and organized in our society. The goal of the Lafayette Libraries' Information Literacy Grants is to encourage faculty to develop more classes in which students have these opportunities to develop information literacy skills.

# **Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges (LVAIC)**

The Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges (LVAIC) is an independent non-profit organization governed by a Board of Directors comprised of the presidents from the six founding colleges and universities and the LVAIC Executive Director. LVAIC is dedicated to advancing a culture of intentional and innovative collaboration that expands academic excellence, educational access, community engagement, and student experiences at each of its distinctive member institutions and positions the Lehigh Valley as a leading destination for higher education. Working together allows for the building of support networks, the creation of new projects and chances, the maintenance of shared optimal strategies, and the enhancement of cost efficiency. Intentional and dynamic collaboration is at the core of what LVAIC does. Please visit LVAIC's New Employee Welcome Page for a guided introduction to who LVAIC is and how you can get involved.

# **Resources for High-Impact Educational Practices**

There are a variety of high-impact educational practices that are known to benefit student learning. Several centers and offices support these endeavors at Lafayette and partner with faculty and students.

#### **First-Year Seminar Courses**

First-Year Seminars (FYS) are a critical part of the Common Course of Study, a co-requisite for other courses taken by students in their first semester, and a prerequisite for subsequent courses. First Year Seminars are limited to around 16 students per section, include significant reading, writing, discussion, and presentation and are affiliated with the College Writing Program. Students in First-Year Seminars are introduced to the use of the library for research. Faculty interested in teaching or learning more about FYS courses can contact Bianca Falbo, Director.

# **College Writing Program**

The College Writing Program (CWP) offers a variety of writing-related pedagogical support services for Lafayette faculty and students.

Faculty support for writing-intensive classes: CWP offers workshops and individual consultations for helping with writing-intensive course and assignment design. CWP also works with the curriculum and educational committee (CEP) to help faculty design new writing-intensive classes so that they meet institutional requirements. If you have any questions about writing in the curriculum at Lafayette, contact them directly.

**First-Year Seminar**: If your department asks you to develop and teach a first-year seminar, CWP will help you develop your syllabus. And, as part of your course-development stipend, you will attend a series of CWP-led workshops on the teaching of writing.

Writing Associate Program: Each year, CWP trains about 50 stellar students to be undergraduate writing tutors (WAs). In the fall, most tutors are embedded in first-year seminar classes (if you teach in the FYS program you will work with a writing associate). In the spring, WAs are available to be embedded in writing-intensive classes. WAs will meet with students four times during the semester to help them develop their drafts. WAs are trained to act as intelligent readers capable of asking critical questions about argument development, evidence and support, organization, clarity, and style.

Writing Associate drop-in services: CWP offers a "drop-in" service for students, which is staffed by writing tutors. Students can access the service Sunday through Thursday in the evening in Pardee Hall and the library. If you have a student struggling with a draft, feel free to suggest this service.

#### **Community-Engaged Learning and Research**

The Landis Center for Community Engagement promotes active citizenship by providing experiential learning opportunities in engaged scholarship, civic leadership, and social advocacy. Engaged scholarship links practical academic learning and research opportunities with expressed community needs and interest. Through engaged scholarship activities, our community partners become our team-teachers as students learn from residents, professionals, and organizations in ways that are not possible through traditional classroom learning. Community partners, in collaboration with faculty,

generate researchable questions that are integrated into courses, internships, fellowships, independent studies, EXCEL scholar projects, and independent faculty research. The Center supports faculty interested in adding community-based learning and research components into their courses. For more information, please contact Chelsea Morrese, Director, cefaluc@lafayette.edu.

# **Gateway Career Center - Internships, Externships, and Career Tracks**

Gateway is a personalized, four-year career-development program that helps students prepare for life after graduation. Students are encouraged to start taking advantage of all the resources and benefits of the Gateway program from their first semester on campus. The ultimate goal of Gateway is to prepare students for the future and give them an edge over the competition by providing them with valuable real-world experience that will help them transition from college to career or graduate school. Gateway begins with self-discovery. Gateway Counselors help students evaluate their interests, strengths, and values to help them determine their right path. Throughout their four years, students receive valuable guidance and insight from experienced staff. Together, students and their Gateway Counselor identify activities to move students forward toward their goals and develop a flexible road map for life after graduation. Utilizing the Gateway 8 competencies, Counselors help students develop language to articulate how experiences inside and outside the classroom illustrate their competency development.

We have developed Gateway 8 resources including icons and descriptions to encourage the use of consistent language around the competencies so students see and hear the same information across all areas of their Lafayette experience. Please feel free to access those resources <a href="here on Career Resource Central">here on Career Resource Central</a> (the Gateway Career Center website).

Examples of activities designed, by the Gateway Career Center, to help students explore possibilities to find their path include Internships, Externships, and Career Tracks. In addition, the Gateway Career Center offers stipends for students engaging in unpaid, low-paid or high-cost summer experiences. More information about each program can be found here on Career Resource Central (the Gateway Career Center website):

- <u>Information regarding Internships</u>
- Information regarding Externships
- Information regarding Career Tracks
- Information regarding Summer Stipends

Please direct any questions to the Gateway Career Center, 201 Hogg Hall, 610-330-5115.

#### **Dyer Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship**

The mission of the Dyer Center is to foster and sustain a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship that increases the creative capacity of Lafayette students to lead and inspire change. Through co-curricular programs, the Dyer Center not only provides students with opportunities to apply their knowledge and skills beyond the confines of the classroom but also cultivates an entrepreneurial mindset that fuels further academic pursuits and project endeavors. Whether dreaming of launching a startup or driving social change, at the Dyer Center students can engage in activities that immerse them in the foundational principles of entrepreneurship such as creativity and innovation, opportunity recognition, vision and goal-setting, and mobilizing resources to create change. By collaborating with faculty, participating in co-curricular programming, securing internships, receiving mentoring, leveraging

alumni connections, and competing in various competitions, students are empowered to explore, refine, and test their innovative and entrepreneurial ideas. The Dyer Center serves as a hub where students can immerse themselves in the entrepreneurial spirit, develop a growth-oriented mindset, and gain hands-on experience as creators and innovators. For more information, visit <u>dyer.lafayette.edu</u>.

#### **Study Abroad**

The Office of International and Off-Campus Education (IOCE or Study Abroad) facilitates transformational credit-bearing international and domestic semester, summer, and January interim programs. Semester abroad students may select from four Lafayette faculty-led programs (two specific to sophomores in Engineering) and over 240 affiliated programs. Interim and summer programs are typically run by pairs of Lafayette faculty and can be discipline-specific or interdisciplinary in nature. We strive to guide students of all linguistic backgrounds and majors to find the right fit program for them. Students interested in conducting honors thesis research abroad are encouraged to apply to the Assante-Carrasco Fund for Honors Thesis Travel, which is also managed by IOCE.

IOCE also supports students, faculty, and staff engaged in College-sponsored international travel through the Travel Registry (for example, for College-supported research, internships, conferences, student clubs, etc.).

For more information on any of IOCE's programs and opportunities for faculty collaboration, please visit <u>studyabroad.lafayette.edu</u> or contact Rochelle Keesler <u>keeslerr@lafayette.edu</u>.

# **Teaching Resources**



# **Teaching and Learning Newsletter**

The Teaching & Learning e-newsletters are designed to keep members of the Lafayette community updated on current research in teaching and learning. Faculty and staff can subscribe on the CITLS website.

# **CITLS Media Channel**

A platform that Lafayette faculty can access to view all recorded training and programs that aim to inform the pedagogical and scholarly efforts of Lafayette faculty. Recent recordings have a focus on resources and information related to remote teaching.

# **Information Technology Services (ITS) Resources**



#### Overview

Lafayette College's Information Technology Services (ITS) department, is your partner in leveraging technology to enhance your teaching and research endeavors. Whether you need personalized consultations, assistance with high-performance computing, or ensuring your devices are optimized for your work, ITS is here to collaborate with you every step of the way. Reach out to our Help Desk at help@lafayette.edu or (610) 330-5501 to connect with the right team member for your needs.

#### Teaching and Learning Technologies and Support

ITS provides a comprehensive range of services tailored to support the academic mission of the College. Moodle serves as our primary platform for hosting course materials, quizzes, and discussion forums. Integrated with Moodle is Panopto, our streaming media service, empowering faculty to record lectures and create engaging video content. Our web-hosting service, WordPress, offers an intuitive platform for hosting personal websites and course projects. For survey creation, the College provides a range of tools including Qualtrics, Google Forms, and Gravity Forms, catering to diverse community needs. Additionally, we support various notebooking platforms like Postit (formerly RStudio Cloud) and Google Colab to enhance classroom experiences through technology integration.

# Research Computing and Support

Our <u>Research and High-Performance Computing</u> Team delivers a suite of services tailored to support cutting-edge research and teaching needs. The high-performance computing (HPC) cluster enables resource-intensive tasks, providing computational power beyond standard desktop hardware. Supported software includes MATLAB, Stata, Mathematica, Gaussian, Amber, R, and Python/Anaconda. Moreover, platforms, Google Colab and Postit (formerly RStudio Cloud) are available for both teaching and research endeavors.

### **Personal Computing**

Full-time faculty receive Windows or Mac computers loaded with essential software packages like Microsoft Office and Adobe Creative Cloud. <u>Additional applications</u> can be installed on College-managed computers, and Microsoft Office 365 is available for personal devices. Data is backed up automatically using Crashplan, with external storage options provided through Google Drive. Printing services are accessible via networked departmental Xerox copiers/printers, and equipment such as digital cameras and microphones can be borrowed from the Skillman Library circulation desk. Desktop support is provided by the User Services Group.

#### Communications and Network Access

Our campus boasts extensive wireless network coverage, including access to the <u>Eduroam Network</u> in most buildings. With a robust 80Gbps backbone and 1Gbps wired connectivity, our network infrastructure ensures reliable access for faculty. All faculty members have VPN access for remote services, and Lafayette operates as a Google Workspace campus, providing access to Gmail, Calendar, Drive, and Meet. Additionally, Zoom Pro licenses are available to all faculty, staff, and students.

#### Technology Support

In addition to personalized consultations, ITS offers an extensive library of <a href="help-documentation">help-documentation</a> to address common technology queries. For immediate assistance, contact the Help Desk at <a href="help@lafayette.edu">help@lafayette.edu</a> or (610) 330-5501. Faculty teaching in smart technology-equipped classrooms are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the systems before the semester begins, with the option for one-on-one orientation sessions arranged through the Help Desk.

# **Library Resources and Contacts**



#### Overview

The Lafayette Libraries are known for our innovative approaches to information literacy, digital scholarship, and the use of archives and primary sources in research and teaching. In addition to the services listed below the Libraries welcome collaborations with faculty in emerging areas of information management and scholarly communication. Please contact any of our librarians if you have a need not listed below, and we will be happy to discuss it with you. The Libraries also sponsor lectures, exhibits, and events throughout the year, including the John L. Hatfield '67 Lecture--which brings a prominent author to campus each spring--and the Schlueter Lecture in the Art and History of the Book in the fall. We aim to integrate our lecture series and events into the curriculum and welcome your ideas.

# **Collections and Collection Development**

The Libraries collections are built around faculty's teaching and research needs, so we welcome your recommendations for purchases of books, films, and electronic resources. Although each department has a faculty member specifically charged with the responsibility for helping build the collection, the library welcomes recommendations from all faculty and accepts them in any format, including via our web recommendation form.

The Libraries provide access to all journals from major publishers such as Elsevier, Springer/Nature,

and Wiley as well as select titles from many other publishers. Periodical subscriptions are reviewed once a year in early fall by each department and changes are made at the beginning of each calendar year.

#### Information Literacy

Librarians work with classes of all levels, including first year seminars, 100-level courses, and capstones, to help students develop skills in finding, evaluating, and using information. To supplement the in-class instruction, librarians also provide research assistance at the research help desk and in their offices with individual students or student groups. Students, including your EXCEL scholars, can sign up for personalized research assistance (PRA) appointments with a librarian. A similar service is available to thesis students. If you have any questions about our program and/or are interested in incorporating information literacy into your courses, please contact Lijuan Xu (xul@lafayette.edu). Interviews with faculty about their information literacy integration experiences are available on our website.

# Special Collections

Special Collections & College Archives is home to Lafayette's rare book and manuscript collections and the historical records of the College. The department offers an array of classroom instruction opportunities and public programs, supports faculty and student research, and develops physical and digital exhibitions. For more information, please stop by our reading room on the second floor of Skillman Library or <u>visit our website</u>.

### Technology & Life Library Lending

Technology equipment is available to borrow from the Skillman Library circulation desk. Most equipment is available for a 48 hour loan and can be viewed in the <u>Library's catalog</u>. Some items like laptops are restricted to in-library use only. The Lafayette Life Library is a combination of circulating items and programming that aims to foster practical and holistic skill-building and engagement. Available items include museum passes, a toolkit, bicycle tire pump, travel outlet adapters, and more. Most are available for a 48 hour loan and can be viewed in the <u>Library's catalog</u>.

#### **Digital Scholarship Services**

Digital Scholarship Services (DSS) partners with Lafayette faculty and student researchers to create and sustain dynamic digital research projects in the humanities, arts, and social and environmental sciences. DSS can help faculty manage research data, use and build digital collections, create visualizations of your research on interactive platforms, generate projects using geospatial data, and design digital humanities curricula. DSS also runs the Lafayette College Libraries digital repository.

#### **Course Affordability Initiative**

The purpose of the Course Affordability Initiative is to foster equitable and inclusive classrooms by supporting the adoption, adaptation, creation, or reuse of Open Educational Resources (OERs) or other freely available alternatives to commercial textbooks and course materials. The program supports instructors who want to make the transition to low-cost alternatives by providing grants and assistance for reworking course syllabi or creating new open materials.

# **Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery**

Faculty may submit requests for materials unavailable in Skillman and Kirby Libraries by using the Full Text Finder button within the Libraries' electronic databases or the interlibrary loan forms on the Libraries' website. Journal articles typically arrive within a day or two; books usually take several days. Faculty may also use the Document Delivery Request feature within the interlibrary loan system to request PDFs of journal articles and book chapters available in the Libraries' print collection.

# Citation Management

The Lafayette Libraries support Zotero for citation management. Zotero is an open-source tool that lets you easily collect, organize, and share references and generate bibliographies (including plug-ins for Word and Google Docs to allow you to cite while writing). If you're interested in learning more about Zotero, please visit our website here or contact Ben Jahre, Head of Electronic Resources.

# Digitization Support

The Lafayette Libraries offers multiple services for digitization: self-scanning support, scanning of visual materials for research and teaching, and 3D scanning. Self-scanning services include workflow development, training, and troubleshooting for readings and reference materials, while scanning of visual resources (including 3D objects) is completed on a case-by-case basis. If you are interested in learning more about the library's digitization programs, please review the <u>scanning policy</u> or contact <u>Sarah Beck</u>, Visual Resources Curator.

# Parking and Transportation at Lafayette

Please refer to the <u>Lafayette College Public Safety website</u> for access to any of the information below.

### **Parking**

Locations of parking lots Registering vehicles Medical transport services

# **Transportation**

Lafayette College Area Transportation (LCAT) Lehigh and Northampton Transit Authority (LANta) - free with college ID Public Transportation & Other Options

# **On-campus Dining and Shopping**

# **On-campus Dining**

There are a variety of dining options on campus:

Clay Ketcham Room - this dining hall is specifically for faculty and staff Marquis Dining Hall
Upper Farinon Dining Hall
Lower Farinon Commons
Gilbert's Cafe
Skillman Coffee Shop Café
Simon's Market
ECO Café

#### **On-campus Shopping**

Lafayette College Store

The college store sells a number of products including Lafayette gear and other items.

# **Additional Amenities**

### **Lafayette College Early Learning Center**

328 McCartney Street, Easton, PA 18042

This is a childcare facility located on campus for Lafayette faculty, staff, and the local community. They offer childcare for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and kindergarten prep, as well as summer camps for school-aged children.

#### **Lactation Room**

Skillman Library, Room 214

A reservable lactation space, bookable through <u>EMS</u>, available to all Lafayette community members and visitors to campus. Visitors without access to EMS, contact <u>library-outreach.group@lafayette.edu</u> to request a reservation.

#### **Recreation Center**

700 West Pierce Street, Easton, PA 18042

Recreation Services offers faculty, staff, and students access to gym facilities and the swimming pool.

#### **Williams Center**

317 Hamilton Street, Easton, PA 18042

The Williams Center for the Arts is home to a 400-seat concert hall and theater, the Williams Center Gallery, and the Art Study Center; as well as the departments of Art and Music. The award-winning Performance Series at the Williams Center presents a robust schedule of internationally acclaimed artists in classical and new music, jazz, modern and classical dance, traditional and devised theater, world stage traditions, and family programs. Admission for Lafayette College faculty and staff for most events is \$10, and \$6 for their dependent children.

#### **Rental Properties**

The College recognizes that there are mutual benefits if faculty and employees live near the center of campus life. Consequently, properties acquired adjacent to the campus are maintained to accommodate new employees moving to the Easton area. The College currently owns a limited number of apartments and houses that are available for rent to employees of the College. The College housing rental program is administered through the Business Services office in Finance & Business.

# **Information About the Easton Area**

# **Lafayette College Campus Life**

This website provides helpful information on hotels, dining, shopping, things to do, and transportation in the Easton area.

# **Easton Main Street Initiative**

This website provides information about activities, shopping, and events in downtown Easton. There is also the option to sign-up for their newsletter.



# Lafayette Acronyms

- <u>CITLS</u> Center for the Integration of Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship
- <u>CCS</u> Common Course of Study (the general education curriculum that all students complete)
- <u>CWP</u> College Writing Program
- EXCEL Scholars students funded to perform undergraduate scholarship
- <u>FAMIS</u> Facilities Asset Management Information System (the system that the College uses to place campus work orders online)
- FYS First Year Seminar
- NCUR National Conference on Undergraduate Research
- OCGE Oeschle Center for Global Education (not to be confused with Oeschle Hall)
- <u>PARDapedia</u> Student-provided insider knowledge about Lafayette terminology, acronyms, and other useful information.
- WA Writing Associates for the College Writing Program
- <u>Virtual EMS</u> The College's online room reservation system.

# **Common Course of Study Attribute Codes**

For more information visit the <u>website</u>.

\*Please note that a new version of the Common Course of Study is in the process of being implemented.

- FYS First-Year Seminar
- H Humanities Outcome
- SS Social Science Outcome
- NS Natural Science with lab Outcome
- Q Quantitative Reasoning Outcome
- STSC Science and Technology in a Social Context Outcome
- EPSL Elementary Proficiency in a Second Language Outcome
- GM1 Global and Multicultural 1 Outcome
- GM2 Global and Multicultural 2 Outcome
- V Values Outcome
- W Writing Outcome

# Who to Contact

# **Emergency Situation**

Public Safety: 610-330-4444

#### **Student Academic Concern**

Contact Class Dean

Dean's Review Form

# **Student Conduct/Plagiarism**

Department Head/Program Chair

# **Student in Distress**

Recognizing Students in Distress
Counseling Center
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# **Conference Travel**

#### **Benefits**

**Human Resources** 

# **Technology Support and Consultation**

ITS Help Desk at help@lafayette.edu or (610) 330-5501

# 2024 - 2025 Academic Calendar

Download the Academic Calendar Here

# Academic Calendar 2024-2025

Presented at the Faculty meeting May 11, 2021

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#### **RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS**

#### 2024-2025

Fall 2024

Rosh Hashanah Sundown on October 2 - Sundown on October 4

Yom Kippur Sundown on October 11 - Sundown on October 12

Spring 2025

Ramadan Sundown on February 28 - Sundown on March 29

Eid al-Fitr Sundown on March 30 - Sundown on March 31

Passover Sundown on April 12 - Sundown on April 19

Easter April 20

Note: Muslim holidays depend on the sighting of the moon and may vary a day to two from the predicted dates.

**Dean's Excuses may be granted for religious holidays.** The Faculty is asked, however, to be aware of religious holidays and to accommodate studebts whenever possible. See the policy on the Dean of Advsing's website.

#### Other Important Dates:

Thanksgiving November 28

Graduation May 24
Memorial Day May 26

# **Campus Map**

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