

Student Services prior to the travel date to determine if special event insurance is necessary.

College travel guidelines are presented in the college's Vehicle Fleet Management Plan (VFM) on the college website for additional requirements related to student travel.

Transporting Students Involved in College-Related Activities

Loading of the vehicle shall be done in accordance with the vehicle manufacturer's recommendations. Particular attention should be paid in loading the large (3/4 ton) vans. No more than eleven (11) passengers should be transported and even with a reduced load the driver must remain cautious when maneuvering or making quick turns in order to avoid a rollover.

All occupants must remain seated with their seat belts fastened while the vehicle is in motion. The number of occupants must never exceed the number of working seat belts in the vehicle.

The use of tobacco products is not allowed in any vehicles owned by the College.

The Trip Manifest, Itinerary and Authorization for Student Travel documents must be verified by the LSCPA sponsor of the trip and the driver.

Each vehicle transporting students involved in college-related activities shall be equipped with the following items: a first aid kit, a fire extinguisher, a flashlight, water, a Texas state map, a cellular telephone and a Voyager Fleet credit card.

Student trips will be planned in accordance with the following restrictions:

- The driver may not drive more than eight hours in any calendar day.
- The driver may not drive more than 48 hours in a week.
- Every driver must take a rest period of at least 12 hours between driving periods.
- The maximum number of hours any passenger car or van may be driven during any calendar day is 12 hours.

Other Services

Alumni Association

The Alumni Association, which includes former students, current and former employees and friends of the College, supports the school and provides six student scholarships every academic year. The group's activities include an annual banquet meeting in October.

The association traces its beginning to the Port Arthur College Alumni Association organized in 1917 and active until the early 1950s. In 1986, with the encouragement of Lamar State College Port Arthur former President, former PACAA members, faculty and staff reactivated the group as the Lamar University-Port Arthur Alumni Association. The organization changed its name in 2000 to reflect the change of the institution's name.

Campus Security

Community Service officers help to provide a safe environment for students, visitors and college employees. They provide escort service to vehicles upon request and provide parking lot surveillance. The College also utilizes video and other forms of surveillance to aid in providing a secure and safe

operation. The campus also relies on the Port Arthur Police Department when in need.

Campus emergencies must be reported to the Security Office by dialing '0'.

Counseling Services

Lamar State College Port Arthur recognizes that stressful personal and family problems can have an adverse impact on the academic performance of college students. While no program can eliminate all personal problems, efforts to provide timely assessment and effective counseling are steps that can be taken to address such concerns. In an effort to provide support in this area, Student Services offers assistance to students in the form of personal counseling to help students confront and cope with today's problems.

Counseling services referral can be arranged for students by contacting the Vice President for Student Services.

Fitness Center

Lamar State College Port Arthur has a state of the art fitness center composed of cardiovascular machines such as treadmills, bikes and rowing machines as well as strength training equipment such as free weights and Pre-Cor weight machines. A dance studio is adjacent to the Fitness Center where classes are offered. The basketball court is available for free play. The Fitness Center is student-driven and works with the interests of the student body to form such things as basketball contests, fun runs and club/intramural sports activities.

The Fitness Center is located in the Carl Parker Building.

Intercollegiate Athletics

The College also has a Division I intercollegiate athletic programs; men's basketball and women's softball. The teams compete in Region XIV, a conference of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). Region XIV is known as one of the strongest conferences in the NJCAA.



Men's Basketball

Lamar State College Port Arthur sponsors a Men's Basketball Team that competes in NJCAA Division I. Each year, approximately 14 student-athletes represent the Seahawks playing some of the best teams in the country. In 2011, the Seahawk Basketball team earned a spot in the National NJCAA Basketball Tournament by winning the Region XIV Tournament. Students interested in participating should contact the Head Basketball Coach.



Women's Softball

Lamar State College Port Arthur sponsors a Women's Softball Team that competes in NJCAA Division I. Each year, approximately 20 student-athletes represent the Seahawks playing teams from Texas to Florida. Each year there are approximately 25 home games that Lamar State Students can cheer on the home team! Students interested in participating should contact the Head Softball Coach.

Student Support

Students interested in a career in athletics can get first-hand experience assisting coaches and staff. Students may gain experience in such areas as operations, marketing, tutoring and coaching. Students interested in participating should contact the Director of Athletics.

Club Sports

Lamar State College Port Arthur is committed to providing student life experiences to our students. When students show an interest in forming a club sports team, the Fitness Center Staff work with the student group to help achieve the students' goals.

Club sports are designed to meet the competitive athletic desires of students, faculty and staff. Many student athletes choose Club Sports because their sport is not offered through the varsity or they do not wish to make the time commitment necessary for a varsity sport. Club Sports competes against other institutions of higher education from the local and regional area on a non-varsity level. Each Club Sports Team is a registered student organization providing instruction, organizing practice and scheduling competition in a specific sport. As a student organization each team is administered, developed and coached by students on that team. Teams may have larger or fewer members based on the level of interest in that sport. Club Sports are partially funded through the College, and no athletes are on scholarships.

Technology Services

Technology Services provides services to students who are enrolled at LSCPA. The services include student email, internet connectivity from all the computer labs on campus, access to our learning management system, access to Self Service Banner, distance education support, registration, and additional services as needed.