



LCU

STUDENT HANDBOOK

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Introduction

Wow! Welcome to Lifestyle Christianity University! You made it! Your response of faith to the Lord has embarked you on a great adventure that will mark your life. It is our prayer that the Lord would encounter you, transform you, and deeply conform you into His image and likeness.

In order to help you make the most out of your time here with LCU, we have provided this Student Handbook to help you navigate your time here. If you have suggestions regarding information that should be included in this handbook, please contact your LCU class pastor.

This handbook will continue to develop and is subject to change as needed. Students will be informed of changes to the handbook by email and verbal announcement.

Mission

Lifestyle Christianity University exists to bring Christians closer to Christ, secure believers in the Father's love, strengthen Christ followers in their confidence in the Holy Spirit, and encourage people to embrace the simple message of the Gospel so that Jesus can flow through believers everywhere they go!

Core Values

Freedom in Christ

- When Jesus died on the cross, He didn't just die for us but as us. Jesus' sacrifice enables us to live with a clean conscience—free from guilt, shame, and condemnation. Jesus paid the highest price for our sanctification; by His blood, issues from our past don't have to define our present or future. As the Bible says, “We are new creatures in Christ.” He has already done the work. We just have to believe it.

Righteous Conviction

- When we say yes to Him, the Holy Spirit brings conviction of our right-standing with the Father. Conviction of our right-standing with God causes us to no longer have a desire to do things that are un-pleasing to Him. When we see ourselves as He sees us—through the lens of righteousness, we don't want to do things that violate our love relationship with the Father.

Grace-enabled Living

- Jesus paid a valuable price because He wants to restore our broken lives and put them back together like we could never imagine – but He always imagined! As we grow in God, much is expected and required of us. But in relationship with Holy Ghost, grace is released that enables us to walk out what His truth calls us to! By grace we are saved, but it's through relationship that we abide in restful freedom, ‘becoming love’ to everyone we encounter.

Adoption into His Family

- Adoption is powerful. When we come to Christ, we are adopted into a new life, family, and bloodline. It's important that we know that the reality of the gospel is that Jesus paid a price to establish sons and daughters with God as their Father. If we understand Who's we are, we'll never question who we are, because He paid the highest price.

Intimacy with the Lord

- God loves us and wants a relationship with each of us. He longs for us to dive into the Word to know Him. God knows the details of each one of our lives, but time alone with Him changes everything. We begin to know Him in ways that we never thought possible as we step into an intimate relationship with the King of kings!

His Blood Is Enough

- What if we fully realized that Jesus didn't just cleanse us from sin but removed it from us – never to be revisited again. When we believe that the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin, we will live in a place of “conviction” – being constantly reminded of who we are in

Jesus so that we don't step into who we aren't. His laws, written on our hearts — not the old sinful nature — controls our life. True freedom!

The Lifestyle of Jesus

- Everywhere we go, we emulate Jesus. Colossians tells us that Christ in us is the hope of Glory! We can't afford to limit ourselves and think that only Jesus could walk in the miraculous. We as Christians have Christ in us, and the same power that raised Him from the grave. We must believe that Jesus wants to work through us for supernatural results.

Radical Generosity

- Generosity is our privilege because Jesus was first generous towards us. Each day is an opportunity to bless people with our words and acts of kindness. To be blessed means to be on the receiving end of the tangible and intangible favor of God. As we live full of generosity towards others, we reveal the nature of our generous Father and sow seeds for eternal harvest.

God's Word Transforms

- Studying God's truth empowers us to believe in who He is, who we are, and how He wants us to live. His Word was not given just to gain facts so we can then teach it to others. His Word was given so we can enter into a relationship with the living God! Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would dwell in us and, as we are dependent upon Him, He is ready, willing, and available to reveal to us all Truth (John 16:13; 1 John 2:27).

Statement of Faith

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God revealing the love of God to the world. 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; John 3:16.

We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19; John 10:30; Ephesians 4:4-6.

We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood on the cross, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power

and glory. Matthew 1:23; John 1:1-4 and 1:29; Acts 1:11 and 2:22-24; Romans 8:34; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 2:5-11; Hebrews 1:1-4 and 4:15.

We believe that all men everywhere are lost and face the judgment of God, that Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation, and that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, repentance of sin and faith in Jesus Christ results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit. Furthermore we believe that God will reward the righteous with eternal life in heaven, and that He will banish the unrighteous to everlasting punishment in hell. Luke 24:46-47; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Romans 3:23; 2 Corinthians 5:10-11; Ephesians 1:7 and 2:8-9; Titus 3:4-7.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, whose indwelling enables the Christian to live a godly life and minister supernaturally. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is poured out on believers that they might have power to be His witnesses. John 3:5-8; Acts 1:8 and 4:31; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 2:14; Galatians 5:16-18; Ephesians 6:12; Colossians 2:6-10; Acts 1:4-8; Acts 2:4.

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; the saved unto the resurrection of eternal life and the lost unto the resurrection of damnation and eternal punishment. 1 Corinthians 15:51-57; Revelation 20:11-15.

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ and that all true believers are members of His body, the church. 1 Corinthians 12:12, 27; Ephesians 1:22-23.

We believe that the ministry of evangelism (sharing and proclaiming the message of salvation only possible by grace through faith in Jesus Christ) and discipleship (helping followers of Christ grow up into maturity in Christ) is a responsibility of all followers of Jesus Christ. Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:9-15; 1 Peter 3:15.

We believe God's plan for human sexuality is to be expressed only within the context of marriage, that God created man and woman as unique biological persons made to complete each other. God instituted monogamous marriage between male and female as the foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society. For this reason, we believe that marriage is exclusively the union of one genetic male and one genetic female. Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5-6; Mark 10:6-9; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9.

We believe that we must dedicate ourselves to prayer, to the service of our Lord, to His authority over our lives, and to the ministry of evangelism. Matthew 9:35-38, 22:37-39, and 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:9-15 and 12:20-21; Galatians 6:10; Colossians 2:6-10; 1 Peter 3:15. We believe that human life is sacred from conception to its natural end; and that we must have concern for the physical and spiritual needs of our fellowmen. Psalm 139:13; Isaiah 49:1; Jeremiah 1:5; Matthew 22:37-39; Romans 12:20-21; Galatians 6:10.

Important Dates

Spring 2020

Last Day to Apply for
Spring 2020 Semester

December 20, 2019

Orientation Day

January 11

First Day of Classes

January 13

Texas Power & Love

January 15 – 18

Last Day to Withdraw

January 31

Last Day of Classes

April 10

Code of Conduct

When Shawn Bolz gave the prophecy about the Training Center in 2016, one of the phrases that he prophesied over the future student body was “Just be Jesus, Just be Love.”

We can think of no better measure of our conduct than this statement and want it to be the banner for how we conduct ourselves, not only within the school, but in our daily lives.

Some practicals....

- 1). Let your life be measured by the Fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22)...Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Goodness, Kindness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control. We value the fruit of the Spirit.
- 2). Treat others the way you desire to be treated (Matthew 7:12)!
- 3). Conflict resolution: Go to your brother or sister first. Please do not spread your offense with others to justify your position. Be “unoffendable!” In other words, deal with your offense before confrontation, then go in love and present your issue. You will have to be willing to agree to disagree, but you can clearly communicate healthy boundaries moving forward (Matthew 18:15-17 and Matthew 5:23-24).
- 4). Maintain the bond of peace through the unity of the Spirit (Ephesian 4:3).

Life Groups

Each Life Group is made up of 9-12 students from LCU. One of the students will be the “Life Group Leader.”

Life Groups meet weekly on Tuesday from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm.

Life Groups have two main purposes.

1. Family

Life Groups are designed to create a family culture that will be encouraging and empowering to each LCU student. We want to create a space for real conversation that will lead to life transformation in every student. Life Group leaders will be facilitating conversation by asking questions that are designed to get to the core of what God is doing in every student's life.

2. Accountability

Are you burning for Jesus everyday? This is accountability to us at LCU!

We believe that one of the reasons that Christians live in a life of compromise and sin is because they don't live on mission, and that is only possible through a grace-enabled life. Life Groups will be a place where students will be inspired to live on fire for Jesus every day. We believe in full-time Christianity -- a lifestyle lived from a place of intimacy with the Lord.

Accountability will happen through Life Group leaders asking students about their personal devotion (time spent in the secret place) and personal overflow (testimonies of God using them in the market place outside of school). The goal is that when students leave LCU they will be able to sustain a lifestyle of Christianity.

Policies

Absence/Attendance: All students will check in and out at the attendance kiosk located in the lobby of the Training Center each day to confirm attendance. We ask that all students prioritize Tuesdays and Thursdays and make every attempt not to miss these days or the scheduled life group times. We understand that things do come up and therefore have implemented the following:

Students are allowed up to 40 hours of missed class time during a semester. Any missed class time must have prior approval (if possible) and be made up in the following ways:

- Reviewing video of the class
- Making up “LC Encounter” time with a willing partner
- Following up with your Small Group leader or your LCU class pastor.

Power & Love: Students may attend one off campus Power & Love per school year as a pre-planned excused absence.

If you miss more than 40 hours of class time, even having fulfilled the above provisions, you will transition to “audit” status and will not receive a certificate of completion. You will, however, be able to attend and participate in LCU for the rest of the semester. Please email your LCU class pastor for planned or emergency absences.

Students are required to be on campus Monday through Friday from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm as well as Sunday nights from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm for LC Encounter.

LCU students will encourage and train people from across the Dallas-Fort Worth area to grow in a lifestyle of Christianity each Sunday night. This weekly night of worship, training, and outreach takes place at the Lifestyle Christianity Training Center and allows students to walk out the practical application of what they are learning Monday-Friday in classes.

Students can arrange work schedules to begin after 1:00 pm on weekdays as well as anytime on the weekends, excluding Sunday nights from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm during LC Encounter. We strongly encourage students to schedule a day each week to rest from coursework and their part-time job. Additionally, we encourage students to take time for weekend worship service at a local, Spirit-filled church in Dallas-Fort Worth.

Student Disruption.

We reserve the right to remove any student due to inappropriate disruption of class time or for inappropriate behavior that endangers, disrupts or casts a negative light on LCU, its students and staff, and Lifestyle Christianity.

At LCU we are always looking to create an atmosphere for students to encounter God and learn. During LCU there may be moments that are not normal to you, or you do not understand. To ensure students focus during class time, we ask that you trust the pastoral team to manage the room and lobby at the training center. For questions or concerns, please reach out to your LCU class pastor.

Drugs and Alcohol.

We are asking that all LCU students abstain from alcohol during their time at LCU. Use of any illegal substance, abuse of prescription medication, or drunkenness are grounds for dismissal from LCU.

Tobacco Use.

LCU is a smoke and tobacco-free property. Please refrain from using any form of tobacco while on campus at LCU.

Expectations of Connecting with Todd White While at LCU.

At LCU we want to make you aware that one on one discipleship from Todd is not possible. He will minister weekly to LCU but due to his family and travel commitments, he will not be accessible to LCU students for personal ministry.

Housing While at LCU.

LCU leadership strongly disagrees with co-ed housing as an option for LCU students. Also, while we are grateful to those who are offering their homes, condos, and apartments to rent to LCU students during their time here, please understand that we do not have the ability to vet these housing opportunities and therefore we do not endorse any housing options or anyone offering housing to LCU Students. We ask that you pray and use wisdom when looking for a place to stay while at LCU.

In no event will Lifestyle Christianity / Lifestyle Christianity University be liable for any indirect, special, punitive, incidental, exemplary, or consequential damages that result from a prospective or current Lifestyle Christianity student choosing to contact any of the roommates or housing options provided. You assume total responsibility for all decisions pertaining to housing and/or roommates.

Policy on Housing Conflicts.

If a housing conflict arises, please go to your roommates in love and try to work through it in love. If it cannot be resolved, please contact your LCU class pastor to help with the situation.

Dating at LCU.

We strongly encourage students to put all their focus on the Lord for the first semester of LCU. During your first semester at LCU, we ask that you first meet with your LCU class pastor before getting into a dating relationship with another LCU student.

Dress Code.

Lifestyle Christianity University Students are expected to present a good appearance at all times in their attire. A student's appearance reflects not only the individual but also Lifestyle Christianity and the Lord. Below are some guiding principles:

- Students must always present a clean and modest appearance. Everyone is expected to wear clothes that are free of holes, tears, or other signs of wear. Jeans with holes/tears/rips at the knee level or below are permitted.
- Clothing with offensive or inappropriate designs or stamps are not permitted.
- Clothing should not be revealing. Ensure that clothing is not too tight and covers your stomach, cleavage, and bottom areas. Shorts and skirts are permitted, but should only be a few inches above the knee.

Weather can vary and reflect all four seasons in one day. Please come prepared with additional clothing for outreach times. Also, the auditorium can be cold so packing a sweatshirt is advised. Make sure that you are dressing modestly as we are a ministry school and want to represent Jesus the best that we can. During outreach, we ask that students do not wear student IDs or any apparel by Lifestyle.

Inviting people to LCU.

While on outreach, please feel free to invite those from your local church to come with you and also do the same for our Sunday night Encounter services. Please do not bring people from outreach to LCU unless you or they can pay for their audit fee.

Bringing Children to LCU.

Our heart is to create a highly effective, life-changing learning environment for all students and maximize each hour that students spend in training. As a result, we do not allow children to accompany students to school, except in cases of nursing babies 4 months old and younger. Infants and children under the age of 16 are not able to attend any portion of the 8:30am – 1:00pm weekday sessions.

Giving Culture.

We ask that you check with your LCU class pastor before giving a monetary gift of over \$100 to another LCU student or audit student. We want to have a generous culture but we are also aware that in a generous culture, unfortunately, there can be some that may seek to take advantage of that generosity.

Struggling During LCU.

If you are struggling in any area while at LCU, please first reach out to those in your life group or your life group leader. If the issue cannot be resolved with your life group leader, please reach out to your LCU class pastor. We want you to thrive at LCU, so please don't feel bad asking for help.

Working During LCU.

At LCU we ask that you please refrain from doing work during school hours. If an emergency occurs, please step out of class to take a phone call or email. Please do not make a habit of working while at school, as we want to make sure that you are not distracted.

Tardy and Absent Policy.

We want to prepare you for the big plans that God has for your life. As a result, we have created a tardy and absence policy that will help to prepare you for success in future job opportunities and life situations. Because the school day starts at 8:30 am, you will be marked as tardy at 8:31 am. At 8:55 am, you will be marked as absent for the day. If you want to appeal your absence, please see your LCU class pastor in the lobby Monday - Thursday from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm.

Ministering While Attending LCU.

We believe and expect that God will open many doors for you to minister and speak on his behalf while you are at LCU. If this happens, we are excited and celebrate with you in this opportunity. But please do not use LCU as an endorsement for your ministry. Lifestyle Christianity is in no way sending you as a representative of the ministry. We do not want there to be any confusion between Lifestyle Itinerants and LCU students. LCU and Lifestyle Christianity does not endorse any LCU students.

Withdrawal Policy.

Incoming students that have paid their non-refundable deposit and have made tuition payments are able to be reimbursed for 100% of their paid tuition if LCU Admissions receives a reimbursement request before the first day of school. Students are unable to receive reimbursement for the non-refundable application fee and non-refundable deposit.

Students leaving school early are eligible for partial refunds. If LCU receives an email requesting early withdrawal the following amounts will be refunded:

- 60% of the paid tuition will be refunded if the request is received in the first 3 weeks.
- 40% of the paid tuition will be refunded if the request is received during the 4th or 5th week.
- 25% of the paid tuition will be refunded if the request is received during the 6th or 7th week.

No refunds will be given for withdrawal after the 7th week of classes.

Any reimbursement of tuition will be paid out in the following priority. People who donated to your tuition will be reimbursed first. Once those who gave to your tuition are refunded any remaining balance will then go to the individual student.

Corporate Worship.

We ask that all participants refrain from using any instrument as a member of the congregation during corporate worship.

Weekly, City-wide Training & Outreach

LCU students will encourage and train people from across the Dallas-Fort Worth area to grow in a lifestyle of Christianity each Sunday night at 6pm. This weekly night of worship, training, and outreach takes place at the Lifestyle Christianity Training Center and allows students to walk out the practical application of what they are learning Monday-Friday in classes. Starting Fall 2019, Sunday nights are a required time of weekly training for LCU students and an integral part of the LCU curriculum because of the opportunity to train and equip others in what they are learning throughout the week.

Exceptions may be made for employment reasons on a case by case basis. All exceptions must be approved by your LCU class pastor.

Social Media Live Streaming.

We ask that you refrain from going live on social media during LCU class time.

Security & Parking

The Training Center is a multipurpose facility and as such we have other entities that rent from us -- specifically Harvest Christian Academy.

It is very important that we respect and honor HCA and the safety and security of their students. We therefore ask that all LCU students honor the following provisions.

1. When you enter the main entrance to the Training Center, please park on the left side of the parking lot. This is the building side closest to Zoe's Kitchen.
2. Please refrain from wandering or gathering near HCA and it's students -- especially during arrival and dismissal times.
3. LCU will provide parking permits to every LCU student. We ask that your permit be displayed in your car in the prescribed manner: hang the tag from your rearview mirror or on your dashboard in plain sight.
4. LCU will also provide student ID badges that should be worn at all times while on the property. This allows us to know who is clearly supposed to be there and who is not.