

The Lion's Code

Descriptive

To be in the world, to be fully alive, is to inhabit a place. A Lion finds her or his place guided by the tradition, the community, and the academy of the Society of Jesus and the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary.

Loyola Marymount University has cleared a place for you to stand in faith, learn to be one for others, and take up responsibility in the world. In faith, the Lion grows to be fully alive, clear in thought, rich in vision, and vigorous in act.

In the community of Loyola Marymount University, the Lion discovers her and his place in the world. Respect for others' individuality, culture, and belief provides the Lion the freedom to explore her or his identity. Recognizing dignity in others, in groups, and in traditions illuminates the dignity of all. The Lion gladly takes responsibility for the actions of the mind, hand and heart, and thereby, builds the community that sustains all.

In the academy, the Lion bonds with wisdom of the ages. Academic discourse is composed of diverse perspectives, sciences, and arts. The conversation of this place requires respect for peers, professionals, professors, and students. With honesty of voice and integrity of scholarship, the Lion joins the conversation that summons the passion for learning and shelters the adventurous mind.

Some will pass through and never inhabit this place. Others will be here but never shape this place. Those who embrace this tradition give form and force to this place, just as the tradition inhabits and shapes our mission:

- the encouragement of learning,
- the education of the whole person,
- the service of faith and the promotion of justice.

In this tradition, among this community, within this academy, *you* are asked to stand, learn, and be in the world.

You are asked to be a Lion.

Declarative

- I am a Lion. Courageous of mind, charitable of heart, I stand in faith.
- I will own the actions of my mind, hand and heart and build the community that sustains us. The respect and support that nurtures me is born of my respect for others. The dignity of the other, the stranger, grants me dignity. The expectations of my community are my own, and I will discover how I may be more fully alive.
- I will join the discourse of the academy with honesty of voice and integrity of scholarship. Respecting peers, professionals, professors, and students, I will embrace the diverse perspectives, arts, and sciences to discover what it means to be human. I will shelter and support the intellectual adventures of others.
- In this tradition, within my community, a part of this academy, I stand in faith, prepared to learn to be one for others, ready to take up responsibility in the world.