Purpose and Intent:

Lander University sets forth the Fine Arts and Lectureship Series (FALS) requirement to ensure that all students are exposed to a variety of fine arts/cultural events and lectures in order to enrich and expand their college experience outside the classroom. Events should provide enriching experiences which encourage and enhance a greater awareness of culture, fine arts, diversity, as well as social and civic engagement through musical, dance, theatrical or literary performances; or lecture, cinematic or multi-media presentations.

FALS requirements:

By graduation, each undergraduate student is required to attend two FALS events per 15 hours completed at Lander University, not to exceed 15 FALS events.

Fine Arts Lectureship Series (FALS) Guidelines:

The purpose of FALS events is to broaden students' minds and provide students with opportunities not easily achieved in the classroom. Events should provide enriching experiences which encourage and enhance a greater awareness of culture, fine arts, diversity, as well as social and civic engagement through musical, dance, theatrical or literary performances; or lecture, cinematic or multi-media presentations.

The FALS Committee will determine which events will be approved as part of the Fine Arts/Lectureship requirement, based on the following criteria:

Will the event help the student ...
   …develop social awareness and a sense of responsibility to self and others?
   …acquire an appreciation and understanding of aesthetic values?
   …develop an appreciation for the historical and literary foundations of the western heritage, especially
      those related to the origin and development of democratic ideals and institutions?
   …gain knowledge of global cultures and issues, historic and/or contemporary?
   …develop a love for inquiry and learning which will endure throughout life?
   …broaden his/her tastes and expand his/her acceptance of contemporary or novel modes of expression
      (artistic, intellectual, philosophical) as befits the university experience?

In addition:
-   All events should possess a clearly stated social, cultural, or academic significance or value for the
    broad Lander community.
-   All presenter(s) or performer(s) must possess recognized professional, artistic, or academic
    credentials.

The following types of events are generally acceptable for FALS credit:
Performances in music, dance, and theater:
-   Performances which are officially sponsored by the Greenwood Lander Performing Arts (GLPA)
    will be automatically approved FALS events.
-   Performances by the Lander Fine Arts Performance Series will be automatically approved as FALS
    events. FALS Guidelines Fall 2010
-   Music performances not covered above will be selected on the basis of their ability to broaden a
    student's musical experience. Generally performances in musical genres which are readily available
    to students and/or are part of the current "pop culture" will not be selected.

Lectures, panel discussions and forums:
- Lectures, panel discussions and forums should generate new ideas, encourage critical thinking and create discussion on topics of broad significance that relate to culture, the arts, world culture(s) or societal concerns. Events which are more informational in nature about safety or health concerns and/or self-help oriented will generally not be approved for FALS credit.
- A speaker should have formal credentials, reputation, and expertise in the subject presented.
- Topics in potentially controversial subject areas (such as politics and/or religion) must allow for a discussion of a broad spectrum of viewpoints. These discussions should be under faculty direction or have guidance of a faculty member with expertise in the area.

Films and readings:
Films selected should meet one of the following criteria:
- Films will be accepted based on the film or documentary and the qualifications of the presenter or panel.
- Films should include a presentation of the cultural significance and/or discussion led by a qualified individual(s) with expertise in the subject area of the film.
- Readings of poetry and/or fiction will be selected on the basis of the reader's/writer's reputation and credentials.

The following types of events are generally **not acceptable** for FALS credit:
1. Events of a public service, self-help, or "how to" nature.
2. Events that promote or primarily focus on an organization or company.
3. Events that deal with career development, practical skills, or personal health or safety are not eligible for FALS credit. Events treating such things in a broad cultural, political, sociological, artistic, or scientific context may be eligible. The FALS Committee would suggest that "on American campuses today" does not constitute a sufficiently broad context.
4. Poster presentations of student research projects and other student work produced as part of a class requirement.
5. Political campaign rallies.
6. Programs and performances by, or specifically designed for children (below college age).
7. Sporting or recreational events

It should be noted that failure to attain the approval of the FALS Committee does not reflect upon the quality or the validity of any event, nor the committee's support for the program being presented, only its relevance to the specific goals of the FALS requirement.

To apply for FALS credit for an event:
- FALS Event Application Forms must be submitted **three weeks prior** to the date of your event.
- Presidential Ambassadors must be reserved at least **two weeks prior** to the event. It is mandatory to request Presidential Ambassadors and they should be the only person(s) operating the FALS scanners. To reserve presidential ambassadors for your event, contact Amanda Platt, Office of Admissions (864-388-8069).
- If Presidential Ambassadors are not available please contact the Office of the Registrar (864-388-8503).
- Scanners for FALS events must be reserved at **least three days prior** to the FALS event. To reserve scanners for your approved event, contact the Office of the Registrar (864-388-8503) with the title of your event, the date of your event, and the number of scanners needed.