

Local Community College

Description

Community colleges offer affordable, accessible and practical higher education available to all. Doors are wide open for a diverse student population eager for skills, knowledge and upward mobility. Community colleges serve adults of all ages, meeting the needs of a society where "lifelong learning" is the rule and multiple careers and continual retraining are the norm.

Pros and Cons of Attending Community College

More than any other California system of higher education, community colleges offer a first - and a second - chance for anyone who wants to succeed.

Most community colleges offer the following education options:

Certificates: Majors that provide job-training and immediate employment. A Certificate of Achievement is awarded upon completion of all courses required for an occupational major.

Plan A – Transfer Plan: Designed for students who plan to transfer to either the CSU or UC system. Sixty percent of the students who graduate from the California State University (CSU) systems have attended a community college.

Plan B: Designed for students who plan an occupational or vocational Associate degree.

Transfer Majors: Transfer majors that prepare students to transfer to a four-year college or university. By starting your college career at community college you can: save money, improve likelihood of being admitted, and help with applications.

CSU GE: General Education classes that should be completed before transferring to a CSU

Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC): IGETC is the list for general education requirements that should be completed before transferring to a CSU or UC campus. General education requirements for independent colleges and universities are also available.

Requirements

Eligibility: Most Community Colleges have an open admissions policy. They welcome any student who is either a high school graduate or at least 18 years old and able to benefit from instruction. Students who are in the age group of Kindergarten to 12th grade can also apply if they have

completed admissions requirements by submitting a Supplemental Application for Admission of Students in Grades K – 12.

Fees: California residents pay only \$20.00 per unit. That's \$60.00 for one 3-unit class beginning with the winter 2007 intersession. Students admitted as "Special Part Time Students Grades K-12" and enrolling in 11 or fewer units are exempt from enrollment fees charged for all terms (including summer) pursuant to Education Code section 76300.

Matriculation: (1) Submit an application, (2) assessment & orientation, (3) determine academic schedule and/or meet with a Counselor about the classes you should take, (4) register for classes, (5) pay fees, (6) obtain student ID.

Community Colleges

Los Angeles Community Colleges:

- Los Angeles City College
- East Los Angeles College
- Los Angeles Harbor College
- Los Angeles Mission College
- Los Angeles Pierce College
- Los Angeles Southwest College
- Los Angeles Trade Tech
- Los Angeles Valley College
- West Los Angeles College

- Barstow Community College
- Cerritos College
- Citrus College
- College of the Canyons
- Compton Community College
- Cypress College
- El Camino College
- Fullerton College
- Glendale Community College
- Long Beach City College
- Moorpark College
- Mt. San Antonio College
- Pasadena City College
- Rio Hondo Community College
- Riverside Community College
- Saddleback College
- Santa Barbara City College
- Santa Monica College
- Ventura College

"Start Here and Go Anywhere." – East Los Angeles College

Support Services

Career Center

The Career Center provides career counseling and information on career options.

CalWORKs

CalWORKs is a Welfare-to-Work program that provides education, job training, and many other supportive services to eligible welfare recipients.

Workforce Program

Overseeing a variety of educational and career programs, including non-credit programs, ESL/Citizenship, VESL, CalWORKs, and vocational education.

Extended Opportunity Program & Services (EOP & S) at LACC

EOP&S provides support services to non-traditional students affected by educational and economic barriers. It motivates students toward career goals and fosters self-esteem. EOP&S at City College is the largest state-funded program of its type in California.

Program Services:

- Academic and personal counseling
- Assistance with book
- Priority organization
- Individualized in-class tutoring
- Assistance with scholarships, resumes, etc.
- UC and CSU application fee waivers
- Scientific Calculator loan program

Eligibility Criteria:

- Be a California Resident
- Enroll as a full-time student (12 units or more) at the time of acceptance
- Qualify for the Board of Government's Fee Waiver (BOGG) A or B
- Not have more than 69 college units completed accredited post-secondary institution
- Be educationally disadvantaged as defined by the state Chancellor's Office

Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE) at LACC

Within EOP&S is a special program called Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE). CARE provides additional support services to EOP&S students receiving public assistance who are single parents with children under the age of 15. CARE offers all of the EOP&S services as well as childcare referral, auto gas card, meal tickets, auto-repair reimbursement, parking permits and parenting workshops.