



## **LA College Promise FAQs**

### **Outreach/Recruitment**

#### **Who is eligible for the LA College Promise?**

All first-time, full-time students are eligible for LA College Promise. Regardless of graduation date, as long as a new to college student has not taken ANY credit-bearing college since graduating from high school, they are eligible.

Returning community college students enrolled full-time who are in good academic standing are also eligible. A returning community college student is defined as having been absent from any higher education enrollment for two or more consecutive primary semesters/quarters.

Students must also be California residents or otherwise eligible for California in-state resident tuition (AB 540).

#### **Are continuing students eligible for LA College Promise?**

No. Students who were enrolled in the previous semester at any community college and are continuing their education are not eligible for admission to LA College Promise.

#### **Do classes taken through dual enrollment or concurrent enrollment count against a student being “first-time” or “returning”?**

No. Classes taken through dual or concurrent enrollment do not count against a student’s eligibility towards LA College Promise.

#### **Do classes taken through non-credit count against a student’s eligibility for LA College Promise?**

No. Classes taken through non-credit at any community college or adult school do not count against a student’s eligibility towards LA College Promise

#### **What is good academic standing?**

Good academic standing generally means that students are not on academic or progress probation at any college that they have attended. This usually means that students have at least a 2.0 GPA, have successfully completed at least 67% of courses attempted and haven’t attempted more than 150% of the units needed for their educational program (i.e. no more than 90 attempted units for students pursuing an Associate’s Degree).

#### **Are students who previously attended a four-year university eligible as a returning student?**

No. Students must be continuing community college students. They must be returning from previous enrollment in a community college.

#### **What about students who are not eligible for California in-state resident tuition**

In order to qualify for the LA College Promise, students must be eligible for in-state resident tuition. Students who don’t meet this eligibility requirement can still participate in program components and campuses can utilize the non-resident tuition waiver per their individual policy.

#### **Do students have to apply for the LA College Promise?**

Yes, students will need to apply for the LA College Promise. To apply, students can indicate their interest in LACP at <http://lacollegepromise.org/apply.html>. Student may also apply via a college-specific process or by indicating to their outreach contact that they are interested in LACP.

**Is there a deadline for students to apply for the LA College Promise?**

The priority deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup> but colleges will continue to accept applications to LACP throughout the summer.

**Once students apply, are they automatically considered an LA College Promise student?**

No, students will need to complete the required elements of the LA College Promise including completing FAFSA or the CA Dream Act, completing college orientation and educational planning and participating in a summer or winter transition experience. Students also need to enroll full-time and agree to a contract which details their requirements for the duration of their first year.

**Do students need to have a High School diploma?**

Yes. Students need to have a high school diploma or equivalent to be eligible for the LA College Promise.

**Financial Aid/Fees**

**Does the Promise cover fees for classes taken in Summer?**

For new students, LACP covers the fees for classes taken in Summer as part of the formal LACP summer transition experience, like Summer Bridge. LACP will not cover the fees for classes that a student chooses to take on their own. For students entering their 2<sup>nd</sup> year, LACP will cover fees for any summer classes taken after the student participates in a 2<sup>nd</sup> year summer transition activity.

**Does the Promise cover fees for classes taken in Winter?**

No. Currently, the College Promise legislation does not allow for us to cover classes taken in Winter intersession.

**Is there a limit to the number of units that LACP can cover per academic year?**

No. LACP covers tuition and fees for all courses taken in a semester in which a student is an active LA College Promise student.

**Does the Promise cover fees for books and other required class expenses like instructional fees?**

Currently, the Promise does not cover these expenses. However, students are eligible for an additional financial support that may be able to offset some of the costs of books and supplies. Additionally, many of our classes are offered with 0 cost books/supplies.

**Does the promise cover the Health fee and the Student Rep fee?**

Yes.

**Does the promise cover the Associated Students fee?**

No. All students (not just Promise students) will be automatically charged the Associated Students fee. Students will need to opt out if they do not want to pay the associated students fee.

**Do non-credit courses towards the required full-time attendance?**

No

**Program Elements**

**What priority registration will LA College Promise students receive?**

Promise students will receive registration dates at the beginning of Tier 2. They will register immediately after the Tier 1 special populations.

**What other benefits to students receive besides free tuition and fees?**

Each semester, students will receive additional financial assistance in the form of a gift card or stipend. Students also have access to emergency financial assistance to assist with unexpected expenses that may impact a student's ability to stay enrolled in college.

**Can LA College Promise students also participate in other programs such as EOPS, Puente, Umoja?**

Yes. The LA College Promise is not mutually exclusive with any other program offered at the college. In fact, coordination with other support programs is encouraged

**What happens if students are not enrolled full-time on the first day of class?**

In order to meet the LA College Promise eligibility requirements, students must be enrolled full-time as of census (generally the second week of the term). If they are not enrolled full-time as of the start of the term, they do not qualify for LACP at that time. They can still qualify if they are able to enroll full-time by enrolling in late-start classes.

**What happens if students drop below 12 units in Fall?**

In order to remain eligible for the LA College Promise benefits, student must maintain full-time enrollment. If a student drops below 12 units in the Fall, the student must complete an appeal application in order to be able to continue as an LACP student in the Spring. Students will not lose the LACP contract for their current semester if they drop below 12 units as long as they are enrolled full-time as of census.

**What happens if students don't receive a 2.0 gpa in Fall?**

In order to remain eligible for the LA College Promise benefits, student must maintain a 2.0 gpa. If a student drops below a 2.0 gpa in the Fall, the student must complete an appeal application in order to be able to continue as an LACP student in the Spring.

**Is a student automatically eligible to receive LA College Promise benefits in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year?**

No. Students must have completed 18 units (as of the start of their 2<sup>nd</sup> fall semester) and have a 2.0 gpa to be eligible to receive LA College Promise benefits for their 2<sup>nd</sup> year.