



LOS ANGELES COLLEGE PROMISE

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 student has not taken ANY credit-bearing college since graduating from high school, they are eligible. Students must be California residents or otherwise eligible for California in-state resident tuition (AB 540).

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 need to complete a college-specific LACP application.

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

Individual deadlines vary by college. Most colleges will continue to accept students 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 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 classes taken through dual enrollment or concurrent enrollment count against a student being "first-time"?

No. Only for-credit college courses taken AFTER completion of high school or equivalent disqualify a student.

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 2nd year, LACP will cover fees for any summer classes taken after the student participates in a 2nd 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.

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 can choose to receive financial assistance towards books, transportation, or food. 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 2nd year?

No. Students must have completed 24 units (as of the start of their 2nd fall semester) and have a 2.0 gpa to be eligible to receive LA College Promise benefits for their 2nd year.