



LA College Promise FAQs

Outreach/Recruitment

Who is eligible for the LA College Promise (LACP)?

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, he/she/they is eligible. Students must be California residents or otherwise eligible for California in-state resident tuition.

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.

Are our AB 540 students eligible?

Yes. AB 540 students are eligible for LA College Promise. For more information on AB 540, please see <https://www.csac.ca.gov/california-dream-act>

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>. Students may also need to complete a college-specific LACP application.

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

The priority deadline is May 1st. This ensures that students can take advantage of priority registration for Fall classes. However, colleges will continue to accept students to LACP throughout the summer. Individual deadlines vary by college.

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 Assessment, Orientation and Counseling, 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. Classes taken while in high school don't count against a student being "first-time." 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 2019?

It depends. 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.

Does the Promise cover fees for classes taken in Winter 2020?

No. Only classes taken in Fall and Spring are covered. There is no limit to the number of units that LACP can cover in either Fall or Spring.

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

Currently, the Promise program at LASC provides some support for textbooks. However, LACP students have access to additional financial assistance to help cover food, books or transportation costs. Students also have access to summer job and internship opportunities, as well as international travel experiences.

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) are 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 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 census, 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.