

## Las Positas College

### Catalog 2020-2021

The course placement process is a vital part of new student enrollment. A Guided Self-Placement process is utilized to recommend appropriate courses in English and mathematics. Students may also be assessed in English as a Second Language (ESL), chemistry, Spanish, and French to ensure appropriate course selection in each of these areas. Counselors utilize all available information in helping students to select courses appropriate to their skills and academic goal.

### Multiple Measures

The mission of Las Positas College is to provide quality educational opportunities to all students who seek to increase their knowledge and to improve their skills by enrolling in general education, career and transfer education, continuing education and basic skills courses. While it is recognized that the final responsibility for the selection of proper courses rests with the student, the College offers a variety of programs and services prior to enrollment to help advise students about how to match their individual educational needs with specific college resources. Any single assessment instrument will be inadequate for successfully advising students as to appropriate course enrollment. Multiple measures assessment must, therefore, be the process for all recommended course enrollments, including advice given by counselors, instructors, and other personnel.

Multiple measures assessment is broad in scope. No list of factors that may be included in a multiple measures assessment is exhaustive; however, some general categories and examples can be outlined. Student factors may include cognitive skills, which may be inferred from test scores, grade point averages (GPA) and transcripts; emotional well-being, motivational level and educational goals which may be elicited in an interview or self-reported; social factors, such as life experience, family responsibilities and social support for educational effort; economic factors, such as job demands and financial resources; and physical factors. Factors associated with the instructor, the institution and the community can often interact with student factors to further indicate the potential for success in a given course.

### New Student Orientation and Program Planning Session

Students who are new to Las Positas College are encouraged to participate in an online orientation prior to registering for classes. Students without previous college experience are further encouraged to attend an in-person planning session, to learn vital information for making informed decisions about their college career and academic choices. Group planning sessions are available by appointment, during which counselors provide interpretation of student placement results, and assist with selection of first semester courses. Once enrolled and attending classes at Las Positas College, individual counseling appointments may be scheduled for long-term educational planning.

### Career and Transfer Services

Career planning is an integral part of the educational process. Current students may research majors and occupations by using the free online EUREKA program. A password may be obtained by visiting the Career Center or by meeting with a counselor. Another opportunity for students to explore possible majors and careers is to

enroll in Psychology-Counseling 10 (Career and Educational Planning). This course provides career assessments, in-depth career exploration, and guidance in educational planning for transfer. Students can access a wealth of career and employment related information on the following website at [www.laspositascollege.edu/careercenter/](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/careercenter/). Students can also request to make an appointment with a counselor for career exploration.

Extensive transfer services are coordinated and provided through the Career and Transfer Center. Transfer services include: individual appointments with counselors, individual appointments with four-year college and university representatives; access to a library of college and university catalogs, both in print and online; coordination of Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) programs; referrals to appropriate faculty and supportive services; assistance with technology in the articulation of coursework, and college applications; transfer events, including Transfer Day; fieldtrips to in-state and out-of-state colleges and universities; and workshops that assist with transfer planning, the application process, and the personal statement. Visit [www.laspositascollege.edu/transfercer](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/transfercer) for up-to-date information.

### Employment Services

For employment services, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District partners with the Tri-Valley Career Center. The Career Center provides free career and employment services to students and community members. For information on services and access to the job board, visit [www.trivalleycareercenter.org](http://www.trivalleycareercenter.org).

## STUDENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

### Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS)

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS) is committed to excellence and accessibility for all students. DSPS offers support services for students with physical, communication, learning, and psychological disabilities. Support services include priority registration, academic, career, and disability-related counseling, new student orientation, interpreters, note takers, and test-taking facilitation. Students with verifiable disabilities are eligible for accommodations related to those disabilities. Credentialed, certified, or licensed professionals must verify the disability. DSPS is located in Student Services & Administration, Building 1600. Students may make appointments by calling (925) 424-1513 and the TTY number is (925) 424-1510.

### High Tech Center

DSPS has a dedicated technology center in Building 1600 for students with disabilities. PC and Mac computers are available along with other adaptive hardware and software to assist students in the areas of reading, writing, spelling, and computation skills.