nonimmigrant alien students (F-1 and M-1 visa). Students seeking admission to Las Positas College must complete an international student supplemental application packet and submit academic transcripts or certificates, TOEFL or IELTS exam results and evidence of financial support and health examinations. Information on specific language proficiency requirements and amount of adequate financial support may be found on the college website.

Las Positas College will make every effort to advise prospective international students of their admission status as soon as possible after receiving the required documents. International students are encouraged to apply as far in advance of the desired entry date as possible to allow sufficient time for application processing and other arrangements. Contact the International Student Program for more information or visit

http://www.laspositascollege.edu/international/index.php.

The number of international students admitted is contingent upon the College's ability to provide services as required. International students will be accepted for admission to Las Positas College in the Fall and Spring semesters of each academic year. Contact the International Student Program for more information. For information on international student fees, refer to the "Fees and Refunds," section in this Catalog or consult the current class schedule.

## Student & Exchange Visitor Information System

Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) is a government database program that was implemented by the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP), part of the U.S Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) branch of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). This system maintains and tracks data of certain non-immigrants such as F-1 and M-1 students to ensure that students are in full compliance with DHS and College regulations. Las Positas College is a DHS certified institution, and as such, must provide data on F-1 and M-1 students and report any subsequent changes in status each semester in SEVIS.

#### Residency

For purposes of determining enrollment fees, students are identified as either residents or nonresidents.

#### Residents

Those who have lived in California as legal residents for at least one year and one day prior to the first day of a new semester/term and who can demonstrate intent to remain a California resident. Noncitizens who meet residency requirements and who desire to enroll as a California resident must provide documentation to the Admissions and Records Office.

## **Nonresidents**

Those who do not meet the California resident requirements. In addition to the enrollment fee, nonresident students are required to pay tuition. For further information concerning residence status, contact the Admissions and Records Office.

# Nonresident Tuition Exemption (Veterans)

Military veterans may be eligible for a tuition exemption based on VACA (Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act) criteria. Veterans who qualify for Chapter 30 or Chapter 33 GI Bill\*, who live

in California and enroll within 3 years of discharge from active duty service of 90 days or more may be eligible for exemption of payment of nonresident tuition. For additional information, contact the Veterans First Program.

# Nonresident Tuition Exemption (Concurrent Enrollment)

Concurrently enrolled students (high school students enrolled in college courses) who are classified as nonresident students for tuition purposes may be eligible for the Senate Bill 2364 waiver of nonresident tuition while still in high school. Students must be special admit part-time (enrolled in 11 units or less) students who currently reside in California and are attending high school in California. Students wishing to take advantage of this exemption should complete a nonresident exemption form and provide a copy of high school transcripts showing current enrollment. Documentation should be submitted to the Admissions and Records Office.

# Nonresident Tuition Exemption (AB 540)

A California Nonresident Tuition Exemption may be granted to certain nonresident students who meet the exemption requirements set forth in Assembly Bill 540. To be eligible, students must have attended high school in California for three or more years or attainment of credits earned in California from a California high school equivalent to three or more years of fulltime high school coursework and a total of three or more years of attendance in California elementary schools, California secondary schools, or a combination of those schools. In addition, students must have graduated or will graduate from a California high school or obtained a certificate or General Education Development (GED), High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), or Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC). For additional information, contact the Admissions and Records Office.

# Nonresident Tuition Exemption (Refugees and Special Immigrant Visa Holders)

In 2017, the California Legislature enacted Assembly Bill 343, which established a new exemption from nonresident tuition for refugees with a special immigrant visas (SIVs). For additional information, please contact the Admissions and Records Office.

## Transcripts from Other Colleges & Universities

Students enrolled at Las Positas College who desire academic credit for courses taken at other regionally accredited colleges and universities must submit official transcripts of that work to the Admissions and Records Office. It is the student's responsibility to initiate a request to each institution asking that an official transcript of his/her work be sent directly to the Admissions and Records Office at Las Positas College. Transcripts received from other institutions cannot be forwarded to other colleges or universities. This does not apply to Chabot College, since academic information from both Chabot and Las Positas Colleges is recorded on the same transcript.

To be credited by Las Positas College, the course work must meet the following criteria:

 The course(s) must have been taken at a regionally accredited college or university;

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- 2. The course(s) must be lower division;
- 3. The course(s) must have been completed with a grade of "D" or higher. All transferred grades including "F"s will be used in the calculation of units attempted, units completed, and the grade point average. Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) Certification requires a grade of "C"; and
- 4. The content of the course(s) must be determined to be equivalent to the current Las Positas College course standards.

The initial evaluation of course credit is to be completed by the Student Record Evaluators located in the Admissions and Records Office. The final responsibility for determining course equivalency is the discipline faculty.

# **Advanced Placement Examinations**

Las Positas College grants credit for successful completion of the Advanced Placement Examinations. However, credit awarded will not be transcribed onto the LPC transcript and can only be used towards LPC degrees and prerequisites. For further information, see the section on Advanced Placement Examinations in this Catalog.

# Cross Enrollment with University of California, Berkeley

Students who have completed one semester as a matriculated student at Las Positas College with a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA), and are currently enrolled in a minimum of six units, may be eligible to cross enroll with the University of California (UC), Berkeley. A maximum of one course per term at UC Berkeley is allowed, and enrollment is on a space available basis. Additional requirements apply. For more information, contact the Counseling Department.

# Cross Enrollment with California State University, East Bay

Students who have completed 20 transferable units at Las Positas College with a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) may be eligible to cross enroll with California State University (CSU), East Bay while completing coursework at Las Positas College. Students may elect to cross enroll in courses at CSU East Bay which are not offered by Las Positas College including upper division courses. Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 units at Las Positas College and 12 units between the two campuses. For more information, contact the Counseling Department.

#### **Enrollment Status Based on Unit Load**

Full-time Student	Registered for 12 or more units
Three-quarter Student	Registered for 9.0 to 11.5 units
Half-time Student	Registered for 6.0 to 8.5 units
Less than half-time Student	Registered for less than 6.0 units
Noncredit only Student	Registered for 0.0 units

# & ACHIEVEMENT (SEA) PROGRAM

Student Equity & Achievement (SEA) program, created by the California Legislature, is a new program designed to help students succeed at Las Positas College. The program defines responsibilities of both the College and its students. The SEA program requires that students complete orientation, assessment, and a student educational plan (SEP) in order to receive priority registration dates at Las Positas College. By completing these core services, students not only receive priority registration, but also get to form a partnership with the College to help them develop and realize their educational goals. The SEA program helps students from the moment they apply until they complete their studies at Las Positas College.

# **Core Services**

## Orientation

To help with students' transition to Las Positas College, an online orientation is offered for all students, including new, first-time college students. Within the orientation, members of the Las Positas College community will introduce students to the College's programs, services, academic regulations, expectations, campus facilities, and student life. Completion of the orientation is required to participate in priority registration at Las Positas College. Visit CLASS-Web to access the online orientation. Students must apply for admission before completing the online orientation.

#### Assessment

Las Positas College has a new process for assessing students. Students can obtain proper placement into English, ESL, Foreign Languages and Math by answering questions on our self-guided placement tool on the CLASS-Web link located on our home web page. Students are also encouraged to submit transcripts from other regionally accredited colleges or universities, and other recognized standardized test results (e.g., Advanced Placement; International Baccalaureate, etc.) for placement consideration. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Assessment Center or Counseling Department.

## **Student Educational Plan**

Students are strongly encouraged to meet with a counselor to develop a Student Educational Plan (SEP). Student Educational Plans guide students to a timely and successful completion of personal and academic goals. Students with completed SEPs have higher completion and/or transfer rates for certificate and/or degree programs. Students receiving Veterans Affairs educational benefits are required to have a comprehensive student educational plan on file with the Veterans Office in order to receive VA educational benefits.