LAS POSITAS COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM
WELCOME

“Many Cultures. One Destination.” This phrase embodies the essence of our International Student Program and captures the spirit of inclusiveness at Las Positas College. We work to create a welcoming setting for our students who come from all walks of life, from all around the world; and we are committed to helping them develop their skills, meet their goals, and become engaged members of our global community.

We are the College that holds firm to the belief that each of us makes an astonishing difference! At Las Positas College our students thrive because we are committed to student success, equity, and life-long learning. This applies to all areas of the College including our expanding International Student Program, which serves students from all over the world. We provide students with exceptional opportunities and an academic environment focused on their evolution as learners and citizens. Our hope is that you will join us here for your international study, and discover all the ways in which Las Positas College can help you accomplish your goals.

WHY INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS CHOOSE LAS POSITAS COLLEGE

- Affordable cost
- Demonstrated University transfer success rate
- Outstanding student support services
- Dedicated staff and diverse teachers
- Academic excellence
- Over 50 Associate degree programs to choose from
- Variety of programs, activities, and events to experience U.S. culture
- New state-of-the-art facilities

LOCATION

San Francisco Bay Area
Las Positas College is in an ideal location to access many world renown attractions. Our proximity to the major Bay Area cities such as San Francisco, San Jose, Oakland, and Berkeley provides many unique cultural opportunities.

Visit several museums, libraries, art galleries, aquariums, planetariums, theaters, sports events, and concerts in the immediate surrounding area. Las Positas' nearness to the Pacific Ocean and Sierra Nevada mountains offers excellent recreational activities. The Pacific Coast is 1.5 hours to the west. Lake Tahoe and Yosemite National Park are 4 to 5 hours to the east. Silicon Valley is 1 hour to the south, and the Napa Valley is 2 hours to the north.

The City of Livermore
Livermore, a mid-sized city with approximately 80,000 residents, is surrounded by vineyards and golden hillsides and is less than an hour from San Francisco. Livermore is ideally located for trips to the mountains or the ocean. Here you will find great hospitality, community spirit, and a sense of history.

LAS POSITAS COLLEGE FAST FACTS

Different countries represented by Las Positas College international students: 35
Total Las Positas College student population: 8,500
Number of international students: 129
Year Las Positas College was founded: 1975
Driving time from Las Positas College to San Francisco: 50 minutes
Driving time from Las Positas College to San Jose/Silicon Valley: 35 minutes
Population of Livermore: About 80,000
Programs of Study Available: Over 50
Las Positas College is a public institution accredited by Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Educational institutions such as the University of California and California State University systems, and private colleges and universities give full credit for equivalent courses taken at Las Positas College. Complementing our excellent academic programs are a variety of student support services designed to give you the personal attention needed to help you succeed.

Some of the programs we offer are:

LAS POSITAS COLLEGE OFFERS OVER 50 ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

- Administration of Justice
- Automotive Technology
- Biological Sciences
- Business
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Network Engineering
- Computer Science
- Design Technology
- Early Childhood Development
- Electronics Technology
- Engineering
- Fire Service Technology
- Kinesiology
- Marketing
- Mathematics
- Music
- Psychology
- Retail Management
- Sociology
- Supervisory Management
- Visual Communications (Graphic Design)
- Viticulture

Las Positas College requires an English Language Proficiency exam such as TOEFL or IELTS for admission. Students who submit iBT TOEFL scores 45-60 or Academic IELTS scores of 5.0 may be required to take intermediate or advanced College English as a Second Language (ESL) courses to increase their English proficiency. These ESL courses are designed to advance your academic English language skills of reading, writing and grammar while preparing you for academic success.

Dina Ra - Cambodia

The rigorous academic program at Las Positas provided me with a strong foundation which allowed me to transfer to my preferred 4-year institution and prepared me for my chosen career.

Transferred to San Diego State University

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Las Positas College students are transferring to four-year colleges at rates higher than students at all California Community Colleges. For example, 84% of our students who apply to the University of California (UC) system are accepted for transfer admission.
The International Student Program at Las Positas College is dedicated to:

• Providing you with a successful educational and life experience.
• Creating opportunities for personal growth.
• Offering strong student support services at every level to facilitate progress toward successful completion of your educational goals.
• Promoting global citizens by advancing the mutual exchange of cultural perspectives.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

Arpi Nakashian
- Armenia

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Gurbinder Singh
- India

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Recommended Application Deadline:
• Fall Application Deadline: July 1
• Spring Application Deadline: December 1

Applications submitted after deadline will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis

Minimum English Language Proficiency Admission Requirements*:
• TOEFL
  - Internet Based Test (IBT): 45-60*
  - Paper Based Test (PBT): 450-499*
• IELTS Academic 5.0*
• iTep Academic
  - Level 4*  
  - Grade 2*

*Intermediate or Advanced ESL classes may be required.

QUALITY EDUCATION AT AN AFFORDABLE COST

TUITION COST COMPARISON*

One academic year tuition at area schools:

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*Fees as of Spring 2015. Fees subject to change.

SUPPORT SERVICES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The International Student Program at Las Positas College is dedicated to assisting international students with academic matters, immigration regulations, and personal concerns. Our programs and services are designed to assist you in achieving your educational goals while studying in the United States. Some of the services we provide include:

• New Student Orientation
• Specialized Academic, Immigration and Personal Counseling
• Free Tutoring
• Student Clubs and Organizations
• Cultural Workshops and Activities
• Housing Assistance
• Career and College Transfer Center
• Student Health Center
• Employment Center

Las Positas has been the right institution for me to achieve my goals and utilize my potential in a friendly and multi-cultural environment. LPC is the reliable bridge leading me to my future.

Transferred to CSU Stanislaus
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