

Las Positas College Graduation Survey Spring 2016: Results Degrees, Plans, and Demographics

The Graduation Survey was administered before the Commencement ceremony in May 2016. It was filled out by 203 out of 266 degree and certificate graduates in attendance; a response rate of 76.3%. Overall, 578 students graduated in 2015-16. These results provide an insight into student completion patterns and future plans after graduation. Seventy-three percent of graduates received an Associate of Arts (A.A./A.A.-T). Twenty-one percent of graduates received an Associate of Science (A.S./A.S.-T). The most popular majors were Business (21%) and Psychology (12%). More than half of graduates plan to transfer to a university in the following Fall, while 18% of students plan to continue their education at a community college. Over 31% of graduates plan to continue in their current job.

Degrees Awarded

What type of award will you receive at graduation? (more than one answer possible)	
A.A./ A.A.-T	73%
A.S./ A.S.-T	21%
Certificate	10%

In what major/area? (more than one answer possible)	
Liberal/General Studies	26%
Other Majors:	53%
Business	21%
Psychology	12%
Biology: Allied Health	10%
Administration of Justice	8%
Early Childhood Development	7%
English	5%
Social Science	5%
Other (Less than 5 graduates)	28%

Plans for Fall 2016

What do you plan to do this Fall? (more than one answer possible)	
Work: Continue in current job	31%
Work: New job	21%
Work: Start my own business (self-employed)	3%
Care for home/family (non-paid work)	2%
Transfer to a 4-year college	52%
Continue at LPC or attend another community coll	18%
Attend another education or training program	2%
No specific plans/Other	1%

If working, are you planning to:	
Work in the same career, same position	35%
Work in the same career, but earn a promotion	36%
Change careers	29%

Background information

Are you... (more than one answer possible):	
a parent	12%
a single parent	8%
a disabled person	4%
the first in your family to attend college	18%
the first in your family to earn a college degree/cert.	25%
a displaced worker (laid off from paid job)	0%
an English learner (English is not your native language)	6%
a recipient of income-based public assistance	1%

Age	
21 or younger	38%
22-24	26%
25-29	17%
30-39	11%
40 or older	8%

Race-ethnicity	
African American/ Black	3%
Asian/ Asian American	7%
Filipino	3%
Latino/ Hispanic	34%
Native American/ Alaskan Native	0%
Pacific Islander/ Hawaiian	0%
White/ European American	42%
Other or mixed race	7%
Unknown	2%

Gender	
Female	64%
Male	36%

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Student Experience

Most graduates agreed that had a positive experience at LPC. Among the graduates responding, almost all (99%) agreed that they "would encourage others to attend this college" and think that "LPC campus and buildings are safe and easy to access". Additionally most (97%) agreed that "LPC instructors presented data and information fairly and objectively".

Experience at LPC	Pct. who responded	Percentage of those responding					Responses to each question	
		Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N	Pct. Of 203
Based on your experience at LPC, please evaluate each of the statements listed below.								
LPC instructors presented data and information fairly and objectively	97%	57%	41%	2%	1%	0%	200	99%
Overall, the teaching methods at LPC were adequate in meeting my learning needs and style	95%	55%	40%	5%	1%	0%	198	98%
LPC course offerings allowed me to accomplish my educational goal in a reasonable amount of time	86%	49%	37%	10%	2%	1%	201	99%
LPC offered appropriate programs and support services that addressed my learning needs	91%	55%	36%	7%	2%	0%	199	98%
The college library was a valuable resource in helping me to achieve my educational goal at LPC	86%	53%	33%	13%	1%	0%	184	91%
Instructors at LPC are highly qualified and professional	95%	54%	40%	5%	0%	0%	186	92%
Classified staff at LPC are highly qualified and professional	90%	47%	43%	9%	1%	1%	182	90%
Administrators at LPC are highly qualified and professional	90%	49%	42%	8%	2%	1%	183	90%
LPC campus and buildings are safe and easy to access	99%	66%	32%	0%	1%	0%	185	91%
I would encourage others to attend this college	99%	76%	23%	1%	0%	0%	186	92%

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College-Wide Learning Goals

Overall, most (73%) of 2015-16 LPC Graduates surveyed expressed that as a result of being at LPC they made "A Significant Amount or "A Lot" of progress on college-wide learning goals. The skills and abilities that graduates reported making the most progress in were, "Exhibiting personal, professional, academic honesty" (80%), and "Ability to learn on my own, pursue ideas and find info".

Learning at LPC	Pct. who responded A Significant Amount or A Lot	Percentage of those responding					Responses to each question	
		None	A Little	Some	A Significant Amount	A Lot	N	Pct. of 203
As a result of being at LPC, how much progress have you made in the following areas?								
Communication								
Reading Skills	63%	4%	5%	28%	39%	23%	185	91%
Writing Skills	75%	1%	5%	19%	44%	31%	187	92%
Oral communication and speaking skills	78%	3%	2%	17%	44%	34%	186	92%
Listening effectively	74%	2%	3%	22%	43%	30%	185	91%
Ability to read, interpret, and generate charts/graphs	68%	4%	5%	24%	39%	29%	186	92%
Technology								
Overall technological literacy	52%	6%	9%	33%	32%	20%	186	92%
Ability to use technology effectively	54%	4%	15%	28%	33%	21%	186	92%
Critical Thinking								
Critical Thinking	76%	2%	4%	18%	41%	35%	186	92%
Gathering information from multiple sources	79%	2%	2%	17%	45%	34%	186	92%
Ability to learn on my own, pursue ideas and find info.	80%	2%	4%	15%	42%	38%	185	91%
Using logic to draw conclusions from information	74%	3%	4%	19%	41%	34%	184	91%
Mathematical skills and abilities	67%	3%	4%	25%	39%	28%	186	92%
Applying knowledge to new situations to solve problems	77%	1%	3%	19%	45%	32%	184	91%
Creativity/Aesthetics								
Appreciation for the arts and the role art plays in society	64%	7%	7%	22%	31%	32%	181	89%
Respect and Responsibility								
Performing to the best of my abilities	79%	2%	1%	18%	41%	38%	184	91%
Clarity of my own values and ethical standards	76%	2%	4%	18%	38%	38%	185	91%
Exhibiting personal, professional, academic honesty	82%	3%	2%	13%	42%	40%	183	90%
Developing clear career goals	79%	2%	2%	17%	35%	43%	184	91%
Ability to set goals and develop strategies to reach them	79%	2%	2%	17%	40%	39%	181	89%
Learning to work cooperatively with others	76%	2%	2%	20%	38%	38%	185	91%
Demonstrating respect for rights, views, work of others	79%	3%	3%	15%	39%	41%	184	91%
Ability to meet deadlines and complete tasks	79%	2%	3%	16%	42%	38%	185	91%
Appreciation of my role in a democratic society	75%	3%	5%	18%	38%	37%	185	91%
Awareness of my civic or community responsibilities	73%	3%	4%	20%	38%	35%	183	90%
Awareness/ appreciation of diverse cultures/ ways of life	79%	2%	3%	16%	38%	41%	183	90%