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Why West LA?

Your College

West Los Angeles College – commonly known as “West” – is spread across 70 tree-lined acres in the hills above Culver City. Nearly 10,000 students attend classes on campus. 110 full-time faculty, more than 300 hourly faculty and 112 classified staff work cooperatively to create a welcoming and intellectually challenging educational environment.

Our college offers close to 1,000 classes in 12 different academic disciplines. We confer Associate Degrees in 41 subjects. We bestow Certificates of Completion in 16 career specialties. We award Skill Certificates in 25 industries and provide Transfer Associate Degrees in 26 areas of study.

The academic programs at West L.A. College are top notch. For example, our Dental Hygiene program is a national model and it is a highly competitive specialty to enter on our campus. Our Paralegal program is the only program of its kind, in the Los Angeles Community College District, to be recognized and approved by the American Bar Association.

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges reaffirmed West’s accreditation in June 2006.

Your Campus

The West LA campus community reflects the diversity of our larger community. Our student population is: 9% - Asian/Pacific Islander, 46% - African American, 29% - Hispanic and 12% - White. Sixty-three percent (63%) of our students are women. Forty-six percent of students on our campus are under the age of 24 and 29% of our students are between 25 and 34 years of age.

West L.A. College also has incredible facilities. The campus boasts a state-of-the-art childcare center for student parents. There is an innovative learning skills lab and tutoring center to help students succeed in their courses. Our athletic fields play host to our Western State Conference (WSC) football team and track & field squad. Our excellent campus athletic facilities served as sites for the hammer throw and track and field events during L.A.’s 1984 Olympic Summer Games.

Our Westside Extension has conducted more than 110,000 classes in 10-years serving more than 50,000 students. Westside Extension currently offers more than 500 on campus and Internet-based online distance learning classes.
West L.A. College awards more than 600 degrees and certificates each year in 39 different fields of study. West transfers more than 300 students to four-year colleges and universities each year.

More than 60% of our Associate Degree graduates transfer each year to four-year institutions. The overwhelming majority of our Associate degree and Certificate of Completion graduates begin professional career employment immediately after graduation in fields ranging from consumer education and engineering to industrial technologies, law and health.

West is a community that supports and celebrates its members. Several of our former students have come back to our campus to become teaching faculty or staff members. Former student-athletes at West have gone on to excel in professional football and Major League Baseball; including NFL Hall of Fame quarterback Warren Moon.

More than 90% of our students go on to complete a formal course of study leading to certificates for specific career education skills to Ph.D.s. More than a quarter of our students reported that their parents had earned college degrees.
Your Pathway

Make a commitment to yourself... use the next two years of your life or less... to build a solid foundation that will elevate you – with new knowledge and new skills – to achieve your dream of success. West Los Angeles College can be your pathway to prominent public and private four-year colleges and universities in California or across the nation. We can also be your direct line to an immediate, well-paying professional career.

The path you choose is up to you. Whichever direction you decide to take with your education, we’ll help you reach your destination.

Your Plan

We understand you have goals of becoming an… entrepreneur, research analyst, aircraft electronics technician, lawyer, biologist, paralegal, dental hygienist, professional athlete, teacher, accountant, probation officer, behavioral scientist, multimedia producer, travel agent, child development specialist, interior designer, architect, aviation maintenance specialist, computer science technologist, musician, psychologist or librarian… there is a place for you to make your dreams real at West Los Angeles.

At West L.A. College, we will give you the tools and support you need to make your dreams a reality.
Your Life

West Los Angeles College is a small, peaceful, tree-lined campus set in the tranquil hills overlooking Culver City, Marina Del Rey, Venice, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica and the Greater West L.A. area. Our school’s park-like feel is like no other campus in the Los Angeles Community College District.

On a clear day, you can view the Pacific Ocean from our highest point. We are the perfect place for you to study, make new friends, compete in sports, join campus clubs and learn more about the world around you. We are the ideal spot for you to grow as an individual and learn more about yourself.
Your Investment

A quality education at West Los Angeles College is a smart, affordable investment. Your dream of a college education is not beyond your financial reach. You pay only $20.00 per unit. Your full-time student tuition costs you only $700.00* per year. Public universities in California charge full-time students from $1,600.00* to $6,800.00* per year. Private universities in the Los Angeles area charge full-time students $24,550.00* to $35,000.00* per year. Financial aid and work-study assistance are available to students enrolling to West L.A. College.

*Tuition only (CA residents). Additional student fees and costs apply.

Your Guide

Our faculty members are experts in their field. They teach an array of courses, in small classes, that allow more time for individual professor-to-student instruction. They are accomplished teachers. They have high standards and expectations of their students.

Our faculty members teach in more than forty-one Associate Degree programs. Their accredited courses stack up against courses of four-year schools. Their dedication to the goal of elevating your knowledge will help you secure admission to UC, CSU or private colleges and universities. Their drive to help you succeed will train you for employment in a good-paying job, and prepare you for a career with a solid future.

At West LA College, you’ll meet an exceptional faculty of dedicated and distinguished professors who represent an impressive mixture of backgrounds, specialties and teaching styles.
Your Choice

Allied Health Division
- Dental Hygiene
- Emergency Health Services (EMT)
- Nursing Certificate Programs

Aviation and Travel Division
- Aviation Electronics
- Aircraft Maintenance
- Travel

Behavioral/Social Sciences Division
- Administration of Justice
- African-American Studies
- Alcohol and Drug Studies
- Anthropology
- Child Development
- Corrections
- Economics
- Family & Consumer Studies
- Fire Technology
- History
- Political Science
- Probation Training
- Psychology
- Sociology

Business Division
- Accounting
- Business
- Business Administration
- Finance
- Management
- Management, Small Business (Entrepreneurship)
- Marketing
- Paralegal Studies (Law)
- Real Estate

Humanities & Fine Arts Division
- Architecture
- Art
- Foreign Languages
- Humanities
- Multimedia
- Music
- Philosophy

Language Arts Division
- English
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Jewish Studies
- Speech Communication

Computer Science and Applications Division
- Computer Applications & Office Technologies
- Computer Network and Security Management
- Computer Science
- Application Software
- Web Development
- Microsoft Network (MCSE)
- CISCO Network (CCNA)
- CompTIA A+, Network+, Security+, Linux+

Communication Entertainment Media Arts
Counseling Division
Dance, Health & Physical Education Division

Library & Learning Resources Division

Mathematics Division

Science Division
- Anatomy
- Astronomy
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Earth Science
- Environmental Science
- Geography
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