

F-1 Transfer Students within the USA

FALL SEMESTER APPLY: JANUARY THROUGH JULY 31

SPRING SEMESTER APPLY: JUNE THROUGH DECEMBER 15

See Los Angeles Pierce College website for more details.

THE APPLICANT MUST PROVIDE:

1. International Student online application.
2. Application Processing Fee.
3. Financial affidavit of support and official bank verification letter.
4. Official transcripts from all high schools and colleges/universities attended in all countries, including the U.S. Applicants must be a high school/secondary school graduate prior to enrolling at the college. Minimum 2.0 GPA, or "C" average, required for admission eligibility.
5. Proof of English proficiency. Please visit our website for a complete list of acceptable documents.
6. A copy of your valid passport ID page.
7. Students applying from within the U.S. must provide a copy of their current visa and I-94.
8. Students transferring from a school within the U.S. must have our Student Status Verification Form completed by their current school.
9. Students transferring from a school within the U.S. must provide copies of all previous issued I-20s.
10. One (1) passport-sized photograph.
11. If you have already completed a university degree, you must also provide a statement about why you wish to attend a school which offers courses below the academic level that you have already completed.

Applicants currently in the U.S. on another visa who are applying for a change of status to F-1 Student Visa are advised to consult with an immigration attorney for detailed information about the change of status process.

All applicants are evaluated on their potential to be successful at this college. Upon admission, an I-20 "Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status" is issued to the student by the International Student Services Office. This document can be used by the student to apply for an F-1 Visa from a United States Embassy outside of the United States. Students who are already in this country will use the new I-20 to change their visa status or complete their transfer process from another educational institution.

Procedures for Admission and Registration

Admission

APPLY ONLINE ON THE PIERCE HOME PAGE

The Admissions & Records Office is located in the Student Services Building. Office hours: Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. and Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Every student will be assigned a student ID number when they apply. Providing your Social Security number is optional. It is only required for students applying for financial aid and/or who will be eligible for student tax credits.

COMPLETE ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION ON THE ONLINE APPLICATION

All information requested on the application must be provided. The applicant must declare under penalty of perjury that all information on the application is correct. All information is subject to verification; falsification or withholding of information shall constitute grounds for dismissal.

Residence Requirements

California Residence Requirement

To attend any of the Los Angeles Community Colleges as a resident of California, a student is required to have been a California resident for more than one year immediately preceding the Residence Determination Date. The "Residence Determination Date" is that day immediately preceding the opening day of instruction of the semester, winter, or summer session. Residence is defined as a union of act and intent.

Non-Resident

A non-resident student is one who has not had residence in the State of California for more than one year immediately preceding the Residence Determination Date. Physical presence alone is not sufficient to establish California residency nor is intent when not coupled with continuous physical presence in the State. Certain non-U.S. citizens are permitted to establish residency and certain others are not. Check with the Admissions & Records Office regarding your particular status.

Residency classification is made when the application is accepted. Students may petition for a change of classification before the semester/session in question.

A student classified as a non-resident will be required to pay non-resident tuition fees as established by the District Board of Trustees.

Non-Resident Fee Waiver (AB540) & (AB669)

Students who are classified as non-residents may be eligible for a waiver of non-resident tuition if they meet the following criteria:

- attended a combination of California high school, adult school, and community college for the equivalent of three (3) years or more.
- have three (3) or more years of California high school coursework *and* attended a combination of California elementary, secondary, and high school of three (3) years or more.
- have graduated or will graduate with a California high school diploma or have the equivalent (i.e. California-issued GED, CHSPE).
- have completed or will complete an associate's degree from a California Community College.



- have completed or will complete the minimum requirements at a California Community College for transfer to the California State University or the University of California.

Students in the Foster Youth may qualify for In State residency with Assembly Bill 669.

A waiver form is available on-line under forms of Admissions & Records.

Residence Reclassification

Students who have been classified as non-residents may petition to be reclassified before the start of any semester/session if they feel their status has changed. Non-resident students applying for reclassification as residents must also show financial independence for the past three years. The Residence Reclassification form is available online at www.piercecollege.edu under Admissions & Records/Residency.

Residence Appeal

A student may appeal the residence classification determined by the College. The appeal must be made within 30 calendar days of receipt of notification of the residence classification from the Admissions Office. The appeal must be submitted in writing to the Registrar who will forward it to the District Residency Appeal Officer.

Matriculation

Matriculation - What is it?

Matriculation is a process designed to assist students in achieving their educational goal at Los Angeles Pierce College. It is an agreement between the College and the student. Los Angeles Pierce College agrees to provide an organized process of admission, orientation, assessment, counseling, and student progress follow-up. The student agrees to declare a specific educational goal, attend class, and complete all assigned coursework.

What is the purpose of matriculation?

The purpose of matriculation is to ensure that students complete their college courses, persist to the next academic term and achieve their educational objective. Matriculation provides students with easy access to the College's programs and services. These services can promote higher grades, completion of more classes, and increased persistence from semester to semester.

Who is eligible for matriculation?

All first-time students who have declared a goal of earning a certificate, AA, or transferring are subject to matriculation.

Student Success and Support Program (SSSP) at Los Angeles Pierce College

Matriculation is the official process that must be completed by all new students that do not yet have a minimum of an AA/AS degree from an accredited U.S. college, are not taking classes for personal development (e.g. Yoga, Swimming etc.), or concurrently enrolled in grades K-12. California regulations state that all required students must complete

the steps below prior to being eligible to register for any class at Los Angeles Pierce College.

PLACEMENT

Review your placement results in your student portal. The placement process helps students to enroll in classes where they are most likely to succeed. Don't delay obtaining your placement results. They are required for most students wishing to enroll in an English and/or Math course. Comparable college courses, AP exam results or comparable placements may be accepted. Please contact the Assessment Center/SSSP Office at (818) 719-6499.

ONLINE ORIENTATION

Completion of our online orientation is recommended for all new students. You can access the orientation via the student portal. You will find information on the programs we offer, transfer requirements, academic planners, and student services here on campus. Please use this as a resource throughout your time here at Pierce.

COUNSELING

The Counseling Department can help you with your educational plan, major, transfer and career exploration, and personal counseling. Please plan to visit the First Year Experience Counseling Center during your first year at Los Angeles Pierce College and later the Counseling Office at least once each semester.

FOLLOW-UP

After enrolling for the first semester, students will continue to receive follow-up services through the Counseling Department, Transfer and Career Center, and Early Alert program. These services will include help with planning programs for each semester, preparing to transfer, and earning an Associate degree. In addition, the Early Alert program helps identify students who begin encountering academic difficulty early in the semester.

MATRICULATION

Beginning Fall 2014, all students new to the Los Angeles Community College District must complete matriculation services in order to be eligible for priority registration. New students must complete online orientation, assessment and counseling/educational planning to receive priority status.

MATRICULATION EXEMPTIONS

At the time of application, all students are classified as exempt or non-exempt from various matriculation components. The exemption policy is listed below:

ASSESSMENT EXEMPTION CRITERIA

1. Students who have already earned an A.A./A.S. degree or higher.
2. Students who are attending Los Angeles Pierce College with a goal of personal interest and who have completed fewer than 16 units of college credit.

Note: Students who have completed assessments or prerequisite courses at other colleges should present this documentation for verification to the Assessment Center. (Verification must be presented before an exemption can be granted).

ORIENTATION EXEMPTION CRITERIA

1. Students who have already earned an A.A./A.S. degree or higher.

Graduation Requirements

The Associate in Arts (AA), Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T), Associate in Science (AS) and Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) have the Following Common Requirements (Title 5 Section 55063)

Policy on general education fulfillment for students with prior degree: Local Los Angeles Community College District associate degree general education requirements are fully satisfied by students who have an Associate, Baccalaureate or higher degree from a United States regionally accredited institution.
(Pierce Curriculum Committee 05/14/2010)

BOARD RULE 6200. Authorization

The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges has authorized the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees to confer the degrees of Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate Degrees for Transfer and Certificates of Achievement.

Title 5, C.C.R., Section 55806

BOARD RULE 6201. Associate Degree Requirements

The awarding of an Associate Degree symbolizes a successful attempt on the part of the college to lead students through patterns of learning experiences. Among these are the ability to think and to communicate clearly and effectively both orally and in writing; to use mathematics; to understand the modes of inquiry of the major disciplines; to be aware of other cultures and times; to achieve insight gained through experience in thinking about ethical problems; and to develop the capacity for self-understanding.

Title 5, C.C.R., Section 55806

BOARD RULE 6201.10. Unit Requirement

A minimum of 60 semester units of course credit in a selected curriculum with at least 18 semester units of study in a major or area of emphasis and at least 18 semester units of study in general education.

Associate degrees for transfer, as defined in California Education Code §66746, must be aligned with transfer model curricula as approved by the State Chancellor and must require 60 semester units for completion, with at least 18 units of study in a major/area of emphasis and completion of Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or California State University General Education Breadth Requirements.

BOARD RULE 6201.11. Residency Requirement

Students must complete no fewer than 12 units at the college conferring the degree.

Exceptions to residence requirements for the associate degree may be made by the governing board when it determines that an injustice or undue hardship would be placed on the student.

BOARD RULE 6201.12. Scholarship Requirement

A "C" (2.0) grade average or better in all work attempted in the curriculum upon which the degree is based. Effective for all students admitted for the Fall 2009 term or any term thereafter, each course counted toward the major requirements must be completed with a grade of "C" or better or a "P" if the course is taken on a "pass-no pass" basis.

BOARD RULE 6201.13. Competency Requirement

Students must satisfy the requirements for meeting competency in written expression and mathematics. Through the collegial consultation process, the Chancellor, acting on behalf of the Board of Trustees, shall rely primarily upon the recommendation of the District Academic Senate, to establish procedures for determining competency.

LACCD Administrative Regulation E-79 (Competency Requirement)

I. The competency requirements for the Associate of Arts (AA) and Associate of Science (AS) Degrees are met by the following criteria:

a. Mathematics Competency

The competency requirement in mathematics for the Associate Degree may be met by completion of any of the following:

- 1) Verification of passing with a grade of C or P or higher any course from a California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) Course Basic (CB) Code of "One Level Below Transfer" or higher with a TOP code beginning with 17.
- 2) Verification of passing with a grade of C- or higher a mathematics course at or above the level of the course typically known as Intermediate Algebra or the equivalent from any United States regionally accredited secondary or post-secondary institution.
 - College course: one **semester** of Intermediate Algebra or equivalent or higher with a grade of C- or higher.
 - High school course: one **year** of Intermediate Algebra or equivalent or higher with a grade of C- or higher in the **second** semester.
(Pierce Curriculum Committee 12/06/2019, 02/21/2020)
- 3) Verification of passing with a grade of C or P or higher a California Community College course that meets the California State University General Education Breadth (CSUGE Breadth) requirement in Area B4: Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning and/or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) in Area 2A: Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning.
- 4) Achieving a satisfactory score (using a DAS-approved scoring-method) on a DAS-approved District Mathematics Competency Examination.
- 5) Achieving a satisfactory score on an external examination (such as, but not limited to an Advanced Placement Exam) as specified in LACCD Administrative Regulations.