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Las Positas College learning communities focus on helping students reach their educational goals. Each learning community combines a series of core classes that students take as a cohort. Students who join a learning community focus on success and receive support services. Each learning community program may vary in the specific support services provided. Please visit the learning community webpages for more information.

Learning community support services include:

1. Dedicated counselors
2. Access to mentors
3. College tours
4. Guidance for transferring to four-year universities
5. Career exploration and professional development workshops
6. Education planning
7. Tutoring
8. Cohort classes
9. Supportive staff, faculty, and classmates.

Actors Conservatory

The Actors Conservatory at Las Positas College (ACLPC) seeks to inspire and prepare students for a life in the performing arts. ACLPC's foundational belief is that inspired, trained and professional actors will be leaders in the next generation of artists, passionately advocating for theater as a precious art form and viable trade skill. The Conservatory work remains focused on the students and the progression of their craft as they set standards for professionalism, knowledge, and artistry. As such, we aim for small and connected cohorts, beginning each Fall, who will move together in a supportive, connected, and inspiring group.

Students will study, perform, learn, and receive mentorship together so that they might better free themselves in their training and create strong community bonds, which will be invaluable upon graduation. Students in the Conservatory take transferrable courses such as Acting, Improvisation, Musical Theater, Dance, Stage Combat, Acting for the Camera, Movement, Shakespeare, Script Analysis, and more, culminating in a Certificate of Achievement. Benefits for students in each cohort include: monthly mentorship activities with Theater Arts faculty, headshots, multiple guest artist and master class opportunities, casting in multiple productions, personalized guidance, and regular networking opportunities throughout the Bay Area. Students interested in the Actors Conservatory should visit <https://laspositascollege.edu/theater/conservatoryhome.php>

Engineering Technology

The Engineering Technology program at Las Positas College offers both the Associate of Science (AS) degree and a Certificate of Achievement. This learning community supports a strong local employment pathway for students who want a hands-on engineering career focusing on mechanical technology in an applied setting. Students receive foundational training in engineering, mathematics, physics, and welding, and develop skills in manufacturing and fabrication, problem-solving, and critical thinking. Concurrent support is available to help students succeed in required math courses. The learning community also delivers integrated career readiness and support services. Work experience is integrated into the Engineering Technology program. Students may apply to participate in an internship at a local engineering company or a national laboratory. Graduates of the program may be employed as mechanical technicians, mechanical technologists, or in other applied engineering fields. Students interested in the Engineering Technology program should visit <http://laspositascollege.edu/degrees/engineering/engineering-technology-as.php> for more information.

Puente Project

The Puente Project is a national award-winning program which provides support for students to achieve their personal, academic, and career goals. Its mission is to increase the number of educationally disadvantaged students who enroll in four-year colleges and universities, earn college degrees, and return to the community as mentors and leaders to future generations.

Students enrolled in the year-long Puente Project cohort work closely with their counselor focusing on transition to college and the transfer process. The English course sequence focuses on college-level composition and multicultural literature and experiences. In addition, students are matched with a professionally and academically successful mentor from the community. The Puente Project is open to all Las Positas College students. For more information, visit: www.laspositascollege.edu/puente.

Mission Ready

Mission Ready is a Veterans learning community for camaraderie, equity, leadership, and support for students.

Veterans, military members, and their family members who attend LPC can now meet, study, take classes together, and offer support to one another in this new learning community.

Some Resources/Services Available for Mission Ready students:

- Designated academic/career counselor
- Financial support
- Textbooks covered for Mission Ready Classes
- Mission Ready: English 1A - Dedicated professors
- Tutoring services (one-on-one and group)
- Alumni & student Veterans mentoring/networking
- Career/Major planning
- Connecting with other student Veterans
- Social events - Hikes, sporting events, and other activities

Students interested in Mission Ready should visit <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/missionready/index.php>

Umoja

Umoja is a statewide success-focused learning community that provides a dedicated support system to help students reach their academic and life goals. While all students are invited to enroll in it, the Umoja Learning Community at LPC focuses on the success of underrepresented students with an intentional and deliberate focus on improving the success rates of African American students. To do this, Umoja students gain a dedicated academic counselor and accessible faculty who are determined to see African American students succeed in the midst of barriers and life challenges. Umoja students take linked classes for two semesters, so as to form bonds, cultivate leadership, build cultural affirmation, and work toward success. The courses that Umoja students take are College Success, English Composition, Critical Thinking and Writing, Psych of Race & Identity, and Public Speaking. All courses center around African and African American experiences, voices, writers, speakers, and topics. Lastly, to foster learning and goal achievement, students are invited to attend college tours and culturally-enriching conferences and events. For more information, visit: www.laspositascollege.edu/umoja.

MOVEMENT API

MOVEMENT API is the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Learning Community at Las Positas College.

This college success program is designed to support students in pursuit of academic success by promoting individual growth and personal success through a culturally sensitive environment. The program recognizes the cultural diversity within the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities and aims to foster unity within the multicultural college community and beyond.

While the focus is centered on Asian culture, literature, and topics, the program welcomes students from all ethnic, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds. Students enroll with the same Movement instructors for classes over one academic year. The Movement counselor provides academic, personal, and career counseling to prepare students to transfer to a four-year college or university.

For more information, visit: <https://laspositascollege.edu/api/>