

REASON #1: FINISH FASTER - While part-time is the right choice for some students, the slower pace can lead to fatigue with college and non-completion. Full-time status is often collated with higher success rates. Not to mention, for most students, getting started at the university or in your career sooner is a desirable goal. *Did you know that most 2-year Associate Degree paths are designed with the assumption that the student will take 15 units each semester?*

REASON #2: RICHER FINANCIAL AID

The maximum Pell Grant award for a full- and part-time student are significantly different. And, full-time students can even be eligible for a Cal Grant Full-Time Supplement. Additional funds and support such as book vouchers and loaner lap-top computers are offered through EOP&S and CalWorks -- BUT, you must be a full-time student to be eligible.*

REASON #3: MORE SUPPORT SERVICES TO HELP YOU SUCCEED

One of the requirements to be eligible for EOP&S and CalWorks is to be a full-time student. These services provide students with ● PRIORITY REGISTRATION ● Additional Financial Support ● Academic & Career Advisement ● Assistance with University Transfer ● University Field Trips ● Book Vouchers ● Lap-Top loans ● and more. *

**Other requirements may apply such as low-income status. Visit Student Services for more information.*

1-11 UNITS	STUDENT STATUS	12+ UNITS
\$291	Max Pell Grant*	\$5920
NO	EOPS and/or CalWorks Eligible* academic & financial benefits priority enrollment, laptop...	YES
NO	Cal Grant Full-Time \$500 Supplement*	YES
	Finish Faster	YES

PART-TIME **VS** **FULL-TIME**

I'D LIKE TO ATTEND FULL-TIME BUT...

I can't afford it.

That's a really good reason. However, you might be surprised as to what resources are available to you. Between fee waivers; grants (*money you don't have to pay back*); support services such as TRiO, EOPS & CalWorks; book rentals and scholarships, you might have enough to cover all educational expenses and even some living expenses. Visit Financial Aid to discuss the possibilities.

It won't fit my schedule.

Also a great reason. However, West has a few options you might consider. First, there's the ONLINE PROGRAM where you can attend class from any computer with internet access at any time of the day. There's even a short video to help you learn how to succeed in online classes. West also offers many classes at night and on the weekends. Additionally, there is the Accelerated College Transfer (ACT) program specially tailored for busy working adults - see next page.

Transfer in 2 Years

8 WEEK SESSIONS. ONLINE OR ONLINE + 1 NIGHT OR SATURDAY

ACT is designed for serious, motivated students interested in transferring to a university well prepared and in an efficient manner. With appropriate counseling, it is possible to complete all university transfer requirements in under years.

MOST CLASSES ARE OFFERED IN 8-WEEK BLOCKS rather than the traditional 14 to 16 weeks. This allows students to complete 6 units (2 classes) or more each session. ACT students take fully online or hybrid classes (one evening or weekend meeting and 3 hours per week online). This mixed format allows adults with work, family or other obligations to still attend full-time.

ACT PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

The ACT program offers multiple two-year pathways for the full-time evening/weekend student to complete the following Associate of Arts degrees while simultaneously fulfilling IGETC requirements for transfer to UC and CSU campuses:

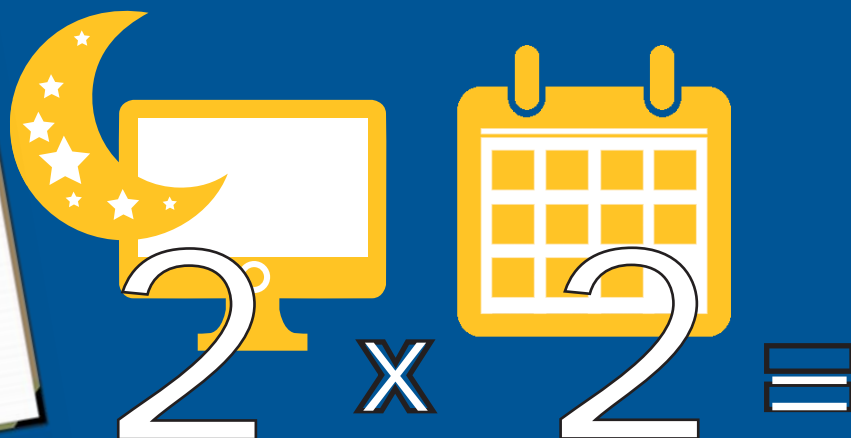
- Behavioral & Social Sciences
- Math, Science & Computer Science
- Health Professions
- Business Administration
- Lower-Division Pattern for Teacher Preparation at CSU Dominguez Hills

Learn more at: www.WLAC.edu/ACT/

FOR BUSY ADULTS

THE ACT program was created to accommodate the needs of busy working adults. ACT allows college-ready students to complete degree and transfer requirements in 2 years by attending only one or two nights per week or on Saturday, plus some online work. Most courses are 8-weeks long.

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ACT: ACCELERATED COLLEGE TRANSFER