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**STUDENT ID**

Your ID is needed for Library Services and more.

Get your West ID at the ASO Office (A-9) or the Library (HLRC). Bring a valid government issued ID.

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**ADMISSIONS HOURS**

**FINANCIAL AID, COUNSELING ASSESSMENT & BUSINESS OFFICE**

**JAN 30 - FEB 16**

MON - THURS ..................... 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM
FRI ................................. 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM
SAT (FEB 4 & 11)................. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

For other office hours, visit [WLAC.edu/Services](http://WLAC.edu/Services)
Welcome Back!

**ATTEND THE 1**ST**  CLASS SESSION or risk losing your seat**

Whether you enroll before or after the first day of the semester, **failure to be present for the first day of class may result in your seat being given to another student.**

**ADD/DROP CLASSES**

**For the Traditional 16 Week Semester**

**UNTIL February 5**

You may add open classes through the Student Information System (SIS) online until the day before school starts.

To register for a class, go to www.WLAC.edu. At the top of the page on the right, click “Register for Classes.” Log in with your student ID or social security number. Your PIN is the month and day of your birth date, unless you change it.

If the class you want is full, you may try to add the class by showing up early on the first day to see if the professor is able to add you. If you are given an add card, take it to the Add/Drop Center in the Admissions Building A-13.

**AFTER February 5**

You must request an add card from the professor for the class you wish to add. Take the completed add card to the Add/Drop Center in the Admissions (A-13).

**To Add Classes** Please email the instructor for permission to add a full/closed online class. Instructor email addresses can be found under the “Schedules” link on the Distance Learning web site (www.WLAC.edu/Online). For more information on adding online classes, please click on the “Enrollment” link and review the section labeled “Adding Online Courses.”

**To Drop Classes** You may drop classes at any time through the Student Information System. Pay attention to the drop dates found in the Academic Calendar at www.WLAC.edu/ScheduleOfClass/ScheduleCalendar.html or on page 10. If you do not drop by the listed dates, you will be responsible for tuition payment and you may receive a “W” or “F” grade for the class.

For important dates for short-term classes, visit the “academic calendar” online.

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CONGRATULATIONS

to West Wildcat Football who rose to the top tier of teams in the Pacific Conference of the Southern California Football Association with a record of 7-3 overall and 5-1 in conference play. The Wildcats great season is due to the leadership of Head Coach Marguet Miller and his staff and a group of hard-working athletes like Reggie Woods, Kevin Laudermill, Ryan Payne, Donald Drisdom and Zian Jones. Jones recently accepted an athletic scholarship to Syracuse University. According to “FOX Sports Next,” he was offered scholarships from Eastern Michigan, and New Mexico. (Note: In 2010, 25 players transferred to four-year colleges.)
With the policy changes outlined on these pages and changes we are anticipating, it is more critical than ever that students create an educational plan. Lack of direction and a clear path of courses can waste your time, your priority enrollment status, and the financial aid you need to reach your goal.

While not yet implemented, recommendations by the California Community Colleges Student Success Task Force, include:

- Requiring students to articulate a goal by the end of their first year;
- Limiting students to only enroll in classes related to their degree, certificate or transfer goal;
- Moving students with over 100 credits to the bottom of the priority list for class registration (note only 60 - 70 credits are needed for university transfer.);
- Students who want to enroll for personal enrichment and/or recreation would also be low priority enrollments.

In addition to our academic counselors, there are other resources to help you including:

- The Transfer Center
- EOP&S, TRiO, Umoja & Puente
- DegreeWorks (an online tool)

**PELL GRANT ELIGIBILITY CHANGES**

**NEW PELL GRANT APPLICANTS NEED DIPLOMA OR GED**

Effective Summer 2012, students who are first time applicants for the Pell Grant must have earned either a high school diploma or their GED to qualify to receive funds. *Note: Our Westside Extension program offers GED test preparation classes.*

**12 SEMESTER MAXIMUM**

Effectively July 2012, a student may only receive a Pell Grant for 12 semesters. Those semesters may be at a community college, university or a combination of the two. If you need basic skills courses, it would be best to visit your academic counselor to see if you can take non-credit courses to satisfy the requirement to preserve your maximum Pell Grant time frame. This rule applies to all continuing and new students.

**INTEREST ON STUDENT LOANS**

For Federal student loans made after July 1, 2012, there will be no six-month grace period on interest charged. Interest will begin accumulating immediately after a student graduates.

**FEES INCREASE TO $46/UNIT**

Continued revenue shortfalls in the California budget caused the State legislature to increase the cost per unit from $36 to $46, effective July 1, 2012.

**WLAC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

The WLAC Foundation awards scores of scholarships to West students each Spring. Criteria vary and may include: merit, financial need, major, goals, age, gender, community service, GPA, overcoming obstacles, etc. See scholarship criteria and descriptions at www.WLAC.edu/ASO

Applications are due to the ASO Office or Financial Aid by **March 16, 2012**.

**FOR INFORMATION ON THESE AND OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS, VISIT THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE AND/OR THE FINANCIAL AID WEB SITE**

*The reality is that there are hundreds of millions of dollars in scholarship monies available in the United States, and many – if not most – of these scholarships are attainable by regular students with regular accomplishments...The bottom line is this: You don’t have to be a superstar to win scholarship awards – but you will probably feel like one when you pay for your tuition with free money!* ~ Financial Aid Finder: www.FinancialAidFinder.com
FAFSA TIPS

A copy of your Federal Tax Return is no longer acceptable documentation.

If you have not already submitted your FAFSA for 2012-2013 financial aid, do it now. The longer you wait, the less likely you are to receive your aid at the beginning of the Fall semester.

To avoid delays in the application process, following the tips below will help reduce processing time:

1. You and/or your parents should file the 2011 Federal tax return early. A copy of your Federal Tax return is no longer considered as acceptable documentation to verify your income. You must request an IRS Transcript through the IRS office for the income verification processes at www.irs.gov.

2. When completing the FAFSA Application, it is highly recommend that that you utilize the IRS data retrieval feature for the income verification process.

3. If you file the FAFSA before you file the Federal Tax Return, you can request an ISIR correction by visiting the FAFSA.Ed.Gov site to retrieve your FAFSA data. Use the correction features to update the income information by selecting “IRS Data Retrieval” to update the income information on your FAFSA application.

4. Complete your correction(s) before the March 2 priority Cal Grant deadline.

5. Log on to the LACCD website at www.laccd.edu to select your LACCD Home School, complete your Ed Goal, complete your Authorization Statement and check on your document status to streamline the campus application process.

Remember, the priority processing deadline for all of the LACCD campuses is May 1, 2012. You must submit all of your documents before this date to receive any financial aid disbursements by the first week of FALL 2012 TERM.

DEADLINES

DON’T MISS the priority deadline to apply for Cal Grants on MARCH 2, 2012

For more information or assistance, visit the Financial Aid Office next to Admissions and/or WLAC.edu/FinancialAid.
Soon you will be able to sit and enjoy a meal with friends at the new campus dining facility expected to open later this Spring. The food court will be located in the soon-to-be-completed Student Services Building. Expect favorites like hamburgers and fries as well as Chinese, Italian and Mexican entrees. The facility will be run by Lovebirds Café & Bakery (LBC) which operates cafes in Pasadena. Lovebirds’ signature sandwiches, salads and fresh baked goods will also be part of the menu.

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CONTEST:
NAME THE FOOD COURT
Email your great idea to info@wlac.edu by Sunday, February 19, 2012. Students, faculty and staff will then vote on which name they like the most. The person who submits the selected name will receive a $50 gift card for the food court.

After reviewing the votes, the college president and Lovebirds owner will make the final name selection. In the event that multiple people submit the same suggestion and that suggestion is chosen, the submitters’ names will be entered into a drawing to determine a single winner. The president and Lovebirds owner reserve the right to select a food court name outside of those submitted via this contest.

The gift card is good for the purchase of meals at the WLAC food court only and may not be redeemed for cash or for WLAC Bookstore or PAWs merchandise, nor can it be used to pay any college fees.

Any West Los Angeles College student or employee may enter this contest.
In the past, some students have simultaneously enrolled in a large number of classes at multiple LACCD colleges. For example, one student might enroll in English 101 at 8:30am at four colleges just in case one or more of the campuses cancelled the class. While it was an effective strategy for some students, it limited access to classes for many others and created scheduling problems for colleges.

In response, effective Spring 2012, students may only enroll in a maximum of 19 units across the 9 LACCD campuses. For example:

**OKAY**
- 4 classes + lab at West totaling 13 units
- 1 class at Southwest totaling 3 units
- 1 class at Trade totaling 3 units

**NOT OKAY**
- 4 classes + lab at West totaling 13 units
- 2 class at Southwest totaling 6 units
- 1 class at Trade totaling 3 units

19 UNIT MAXIMUM - EFFECTIVE SPRING 2012

Currently, a student at any LACCD college may attempt to pass a class up to 7 times. Up to 4 "W"s (withdrawals) and up to 3 "D" and/or "F" grades are permitted. This rule is changing.

**Effective Summer 2012**, a student may only attempt to pass the same class up to 3 times. Whether you receive a “W,” “D” or “F,” it will count as an attempt. Students who unsuccessfully attempt a class 3 times but still want another opportunity to pass will have to enroll in the class at a non-LACCD campus.

**WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO YOU?**
Be sure that you are adequately prepared for classes in which you enroll.
If you think you will likely drop a class, do so by the “Drop w/o a W” date.

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**WE CAN HELP YOU RAISE YOUR GPA**
FREE Academic coaching in many subjects -- basic and advanced. Get assistance with outlines, structuring papers, footnotes, research and more. Visit Learning Skills - Library 1ST Floor (HLRC)
THE TRANSFER CENTER
The most comprehensive resource is the WLAC Transfer Center located next to Admissions. Services are available to all students.

Get help researching and selecting universities, identifying scholarships and financial aid options, preparing applications and personal statements and more. Also, meet face to face with recruiters and admissions representatives from universities. Check WestWeek for dates and times at WLAC.edu/Events.

TRANSFER HONORS PROGRAM
Transfer Honors Program students receive priority admissions consideration to selected prestigious four-year institutions including UCLA, UC Irvine, UC Riverside, UC Santa Cruz, Pomona, Occidental, Chapman and Pepperdine and other alliance universities.

For more information please contact: Andrea Frederic, THP Counselor, A-13 (310) 287-4260

UNIVERSITY TRANSFER
EOP&S | TRIO | EOC
For low-income and/or first generation college students and other non-traditional students, these programs offer some or all of the following:
- Access to additional financial aid and scholarships.
- Priority class registration.
- Academic / career counseling and mentoring.
- How to succeed in college & on the job programs.
- University transfer advisement, field trips and application assistance.
- Cultural and social events.

Visit WLAC.edu/Services for more information.

TRANSFER E-CHAT
In addition to meeting university representatives in person at the Transfer Center, you can chat with them online.

At WLAC.edu/Transfer_EChat/, you can talk to representatives from UCLA, CSUN, Pepperdine, University of Phoenix and more.

WHAT IS IGETC?
See the video at WLAC.edu/Transfer

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WEST is part of the family of public institutions of higher education. By completing the IGETC pattern of classes, you can transfer as a junior to prestigious universities including UCLA, UC Berkeley, CSUN and Cal State Dominguez.

COHORT PROGRAMS
Many students have greater success and a more enjoyable experience in college when they are part of a program with familiar faces and structure. The following programs offer transfer-minded students the opportunity to progress within a cohort of students, tailored courses and committed faculty & staff. Learn more at: WLAC.edu/Academics/CohortPrograms.html

PUENTE & UMOJA:
These programs offer special courses and access to scholarships, financial aid, career counseling, mentoring and more. Both programs are open to all students. However, Puente does emphasize Latino culture while Umoja emphasizes African American culture.

ACT:
Accelerated College Transfer was designed with mature students in mind. Successful students are able to transfer in 2 years by attending 8-week classes just 2 nights per week or Saturdays + online.
HERE2HELP

Counseling:
West's counselors can help you develop your “Student Educational Plan” to meet your transfer goals.

Child Care:
The campus Child Development Center offers student-parents quality, licensed care in a modern childcare facility.

DSPS
Disabled Student Programs & Services assists students with physical and learning disabilities succeed. Services include: classroom accommodations; recordings for the blind and dyslexic; registration assistance; and more.

EOP&S
provides special academic and financial support services to economically disadvantaged students who have university transfer as a goal.

Financial Assistance:
Millions of dollars go unused because students like you do not apply for financial aid to assist with tuition, books and living expenses. Financial aid includes Fee Waivers, Grants and Scholarships - these never have to be repaid - as well as low interest loans.

Library Services:
West's Library provides access to reserve textbooks, research materials and computers. Get instruction on how to: use the library, conduct research, search the internet and create bibliographies.

Transfer Center:
The Transfer Center provides up-to-date information on transfer and admissions requirements for universities around the country as well as information on university majors, financial aid, and support services. Meet with UCLA peer advisors and representatives from other universities.

Transfer Honors Program
participants receive priority admissions consideration to selected prestigious four–year institutions including UCLA. Program participants work with faculty mentors, participate in field trips, and hear from a variety of guest speakers.

Tutoring:
Students may obtain tutoring in a variety of subjects on the first floor of the Library building (HLRC). Day and evening assistance is available.

HEALTH CENTER:
The Student Health & Wellness Center provides free and low cost health care including: gynecological services; first aid; medications; mental health counseling and more.

Last Day To:
Add/Audit traditional classes
via web Fri, Feb 5
Drop classes with a refund/no fee owed ....Tues, Feb 21
Drop classes w/o a “W”...........................Fri, Mar 2
Drop classes with a “W”............................Fri, May 4
File for Pass/No Pass................................Fri, Mar 2

Graduation:
Petition Accepted...............................Nov 14 - Apr 27
Commencement..................................Tues, June 5

College is Closed:
Presidents’ Day.................................Feb 17 - 20
Cesar Chavez Day...............................Mar 30
Spring Break.......................................Apr 2 - 9
Memorial Day.....................................May 28

8 Week Sessions:
Session 1: Feb 6 - Apr 1 Session 2: Apr 10 - June 3
LEGEND

ADMISSIONS (REGISTRATION) A-13
BUSINESS OFFICE A-13
COUNSELING A-13
FINANCIAL AID A-12
BOOKSTORE D-10
PAWS #2 D-10
PAWS #1 B-5

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS CE
ALLIED HEALTH MSB 101
AVIATION TECH COMPLEX AT-A, AT-B, AT-C
ASO (ASSOCIATED STUDENT ORG) A-5
ASSESSMENT CENTER A-12
ATHLETICS PECN

BUSINESS DIVISION CE
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER CDC
CINEMA/TELEVISION PRODUCTION WATA & ATB
COMPUTER LABS CE
DENTAL HYGIENE MSB 101
DISABLED STUDENT SERVICES HLRC-1
DISTANCE (ONLINE) LEARNING HLRC-4
EOP&S B-4
FINE ARTS COMPLEX FA
FOOD SERVICE HLRC/FA
HEALTH CENTER A-9

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS A-13
INSTIT FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE D-6
CALWORKS
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER
EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES
TECH PREP
UPWARD BOUND
WORKFORCE DEV CENTER
JOB PLACEMENT D-6
JUMPSTART PROGRAM A-13
LANGUAGE ARTS DIVISION GC
LIBRARY HLRC
MATHEMATICS DIVISION MSB 214
NATURAL SCIENCE MSB 211
PAVILLION A-9
PHYSICAL EDUCATION DIVISION PEC
MEN’S PE PECN
WOMEN’S PE PECN
PHYSICAL SCIENCE MSB 211
RESTROOMS B-2, CE, FA, HLRC, MSA, PECN, PECS, PEC
SCIENCE DIVISION MSB 211
SHERIFF’S OFFICE (POLICE) C-3 IN LOT 5
SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION GC
STUDENT SERVICES A-13
TRANSFER CENTER A-13
TUTORIAL CENTER HLRC
VETERANS CENTER A-13
WESTSIDE EXTENSION A-18

PARKING INFO

GRACE PERIOD:
Feb 6 - Feb 19
Starting February 20, cars without parking permits will be cited.

The first few weeks of school are much more crowded than usual. Allow extra time to park and get to class.

Parking Permits:
Semester permits are on sale for $20 in the Business Office (A-13 near Admissions). Daily permits may be purchased in student parking lots from the yellow dispensers for $2.

FOLLOW US

WestWeek
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COMING THIS SPRING!

Watch for more information on WLAC’s Facebook page or in WestWeek later this semester in www.WLAC.edu/Events.
Many classes in the following subjects have been relocated to the new General Classrooms building (GC) including: Administration of Justice, Child Development, English, ESL, Fire Science, History, Political Science, Psychology and Speech. Impacted students were sent an email. Visit www.WLAC.edu for a list of the relocated classes or check posted signs around the campus.

ADMISSIONS / COUNSELING / FINANCIAL AID and most of the other Student Services plus the Business Office and Bookstore plan to relocate to the new Student Services Building (SSB) later this Spring semester. Signs will be posted on campus and information will be provided online when the moves actually begin.
- A nonprofit, WASC-accredited university
- Online and on-campus bachelor’s and master’s degree programs
- Talk with an advisor and create the right education plan to meet your goals
- Experience the flexibility of taking an online class
- Learn about financial aid options and transfer scholarships

For more information, visit a National University Online Information Center:

Northridge Fashion Center  
9301 Tampa Avenue  
818.718.3140

Westside Pavilion  
10800 West Pico Boulevard  
310.481.2046

Visit [www.nu.edu](http://www.nu.edu) for a complete list of convenient Southern California locations.

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**SET YOUR GOALS AND ACHIEVE THEM**

**PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE NEW JOB MARKET.**

You know you’re getting a great education at WLAC. After graduation, think seriously about continuing your education and earning a bachelor’s degree. Increase your marketability. Consider one of the many high-quality programs from Fort Hays State University.

Fort Hays State’s online programs have recently been very highly ranked by U.S. News & World Report, and GetEducated.com has recognized us as one of the most affordable universities in the U.S.

Personalized advising, caring faculty and a wide range of support services help ensure your success. FHSU’s undergraduate tuition of $174 per credit hour is extremely competitive and affordable.

Call 800.628.FHSU and ask for the Virtual College, or check out our website at [www.fhsu.edu/virtualcollege](http://www.fhsu.edu/virtualcollege) to learn more.