

# Learning Communities Program

For Fall 2019, there are three Learning Communities: Puente Program, Umjoa Success Program, and First Year Experience.

For more information about enrolling in the Learning Communities Program or for a complete description of each learning community please check the website at [www.cerritos.edu/lcp/](http://www.cerritos.edu/lcp/) or call (562) 860-2451, ext. 2212.

## Umoja Success Program:

Be a part of a community of scholars designed with you in mind! The Umoja Success Program was created to assist African American students and others in achieving academic and life success through the exploration of Black Culture and Hip Hop. The program is a dynamic learning experience shared by a group of students with faculty that is committed to their success. Umoja a place to call home!

So what's in it for you? Support, Trips, Free Stuff and much more. Interested students should complete the Google Doc below and Umoja will connect with you about joining the community!

If you want to go fast, then go alone. If you're going to go far, go together! —UMOJA!

For more information on the Umoja Success Program, contact the Counseling Department at (562) 467-5231.

Class #	Class Name	Units	Professor	Days	Times	Rooms
27896	ENGL 100	4 units	Cagnolatti, D	TTH	2:00 pm-3:50 pm	LA 203
27809	ENGL 5L	.5 unit	Cagnolatti, D	TTH	4:00 pm-4:50 pm	LA 203
25579	COUN 200	3 units	Hill, S	TTH	12:30 pm-1:45 pm	MP 205
<b>Total Units:</b>		<b>7.5 units</b>				

## Puente Program:

The Puente program is designed to help students achieve academic success, instills a sense of belonging, and guarantees students four transfer courses (schedule on reverse) with textbooks provided at no cost. These courses are all transferrable and will get you more familiar with the transfer process, major and career decision process, and build your leadership skills. The most unique aspect of the Puente program is that the professors approach these four subject through a Latina/o perspective. Including Latina/o authors, historical and contemporary issues in the Latina/o community, and different themes pertaining to the Latina/o community.

Through Puente you will receive counseling, guidance, mentorship, and assistance on the importance of transferring into a CSU, UC, or Private Universities. The Puente program also takes students on field trips such as visiting Northern California universities free of charge.

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Class #	Class Name	Units	Professor	Days	Times	Rooms
27888	ENGL 100	4 units	Quaas-Berryman, F	TTH	8:00 am-9:50 am	LA 203
27801	ENGL 5L	.5 unit	Quaas-Berryman, F	TTH	10:00 am-10:50 am	LA 203
22519	COUN 200	3 units	Romero, G	TTH	12:30 pm-1:45 pm	LA 203
<b>Total Units:</b>		<b>7.5 units</b>				

## First Year Experience Program:

The First Year Experience program (FYE) is a student success program designed to help students make a smooth and successful transition into college. FYE pairs classes together in “Houses” that focus on an area of interest or major (schedule on reverse) and allows you to take these classes with a cohort of students with the same interest. FYE provides a supportive and welcoming learning community environment where students connect with one another and with creative faculty members. The FYE Houses are packaged together during prime class times, so they work well with your schedule. FYE also has events during the semester aimed at connecting you to campus and community.

FYE students are required to attend an orientation on **Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m. in LC 155**. Students will meet their instructors and classmates, and will also receive important information about their classes, parking, and books.

### Business House: (for those interested in majoring in Business)

Class #	Class Name	Units	Professor	Days	Times	Rooms
25967	ENGL 100	4 units	Gardner, D	M(HYB)	11:00 am-12:50 pm	LA203
22806	MATH 114	4 units	Cho, A	TTH	8:00 am-9:50 am	PST 237
29021	MATH 5	1 unit	Cho, A	T	10:00 am-10:50 am	PST 237
21250	BA 100	3 units	Ramos, G	TTH	12:30 pm-1:45 pm	SS 312
26201	COUN 200	3 units	Mahoney, M	MW	9:30 am-10:45 am	MP 207
<b>Total Units:</b>		<b>15 units</b>				

### Health Occupations House: (for those interested in majoring in health related majors such as Nursing, Speech Language Pathology, Dental Hygiene, etc.)

Class #	Class Name	Units	Professor	Days	Times	Rooms
20205	ENGL 100	4 units	Mitchell-Lambert, J	MW	9:00 am-10:50 am	MP 211
20340	MATH 112	4 units	Ford, D	TTH	11:00 am-12:50 pm	MCIS 113
29063	MATH 5	1 unit	Ford, D	T	1:00 pm-1:50 pm	MCIS 113
20550	SOC 101	3 units	Holzgang, A	MW	12:30 pm-1:45 pm	SS 314
22518	COUN 200	3 units	Aguayo, R	TTH	9:30 am-10:45 am	MP 205
<b>Total Units:</b>		<b>15 units</b>				

## **Learning Communities Program**

Learning communities involve the intentional creation of class pairs or clusters around a common theme, public issue, or question. Typically, the same group of students is co-enrolled in two or more courses, usually from different disciplines—for instance, English and career guidance. Students enroll in both courses but receive a separate grade for each one. Classroom activities, tests, assignments, field trips, research projects, and educational technology are used to engage students in their own learning, as well as provide them with valuable “real-world” skills.

Perhaps more importantly, the learning community model promotes student-centered learning, with an emphasis on an enriched classroom environment. It promotes greater intellectual growth and genuine mastery of course content through collaborative activities, frequent feedback, and increased student-teacher and student-student interactions.

Research indicates learning communities promote student achievement, retention, and progress toward degree completion. Faculty benefit from professional development and training, fresh approaches to teaching, and collaboration with colleagues.

### **What Are The Benefits Of Joining A Learning Community?**

- Smooth your transition into college
- Meet other students and form lasting friendships
- Learn how to choose your major and reach your academic goals sooner
- Graduate or transfer to a four-year college or university sooner
- Increase your learning and earn better grades

### **Are the Learning Communities courses transferable?**

Many of the courses are transferable to the CSUs and UCs. See the Schedule of Classes or the Cerritos College Catalog to check specific courses.

### **What are the requirements to enroll?**

The only requirements to enroll in a Learning Community are that you: a) meet the prerequisites for all courses and b) enroll in all courses listed for that Learning Community. The prerequisites are listed in the Cerritos College Catalog and must be met prior to enrollment.

### **How will Learning Community courses be listed on my transcript?**

Your transcript will reflect the classes as separate courses.

## **QUESTIONS**

If you have questions about the Learning Communities Program (LCP), please call (562) 860-2451, ext. 2782 or stop by the LCP Center in the Multipurpose Building, Room MP 100 A-F.