



GUARANTEED TRANSFER ADMISSION AGREEMENT

AN AGREEMENT

FOR AN ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP

between

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE

and

LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY

The purpose of this agreement is to strengthen the academic ties between Santa Monica College and Loyola Marymount University (sometimes hereafter "LMU") in order to develop greater curricular continuity between the two institutions; to encourage more well-prepared students to transfer from Santa Monica College to Loyola Marymount University; and to alleviate the concerns of students about course transferability and admission feasibility as they prepare to transfer to and enroll at Loyola Marymount University. A review of this agreement will occur every five (5) years, or as each institution sees fit.

COMMITMENTS

Loyola Marymount University agrees to:

1. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth below for the specific colleges and major fields of study identified below guarantee **fall admission** for community college students from **Santa Monica College** who meet LMU's then current requirements for transfer, properly apply to Loyola Marymount University prior to the **February 1 deadline**, and achieve the agreed upon minimum cumulative grade-point average ("GPA") in LMU approved courses at Santa Monica College. Note that GPA and unit requirements must be met by the end of the Fall term, and maintained through the Spring term of the application year. Coursework for majors with additional requirements and considerations may be in progress in the spring term as long as all previous requirements have been met. Students should be aware that certain majors may be impacted/over-subscribed (outlined in the following), making admissions into these programs more competitive and limiting the number of students that can be accepted for a given semester.
 - a. **Programs Included in this LMU Transfer Admission Agreement**
 - i. Bellarmino College of Liberal Arts - Students who complete a minimum of 30 transferable semester units prior to filing an application for admission to LMU with a **minimum 3.25 cumulative GPA**, and enroll full-time in consecutive full terms at Santa Monica College with a minimum 3.00 GPA in any one term, will be guaranteed admission to their major within the Bellarmino College of Liberal Arts.

Majors with additional requirements and considerations:

1. *Psychology*– Students must meet all of the above requirements for Liberal Arts, and successfully complete General Psychology (PSYCH 1) and Statistics (MATH 54), with a grade of “B” or better at Santa Monica College in each course. **Minimum GPA for admission is 3.50.**
 2. *Economics* – Students must meet all of the above requirements for Liberal Arts, plus successfully complete Macro- and Micro-Economics (ECON 1,2), plus Statistics (MATH 54) and Calculus 1, with a grade of “B” or better at Santa Monica College in each course.
 3. *Political Science/International Relations* – Students must meet all of the above requirements for Liberal Arts, and successfully complete an introductory course in this subject, with a grade of “B” or better at Santa Monica College. **Minimum GPA for admission is 3.50.**
- ii. College of Communication and Fine Arts - Students who complete a minimum of 30 transferable semester units prior to filing an application for admission to LMU with a **minimum 3.25 cumulative GPA**, and enroll full-time in consecutive full terms at Santa Monica College with a minimum 3.00 GPA in any one term, will be guaranteed admission to their major within the College of Communication and Fine Arts.

Majors with additional requirements and considerations:

1. *Communication Studies* is a competitive major that may be oversubscribed. Accordingly, students must earn a **minimum 3.30 cumulative GPA** at Santa Monica College, and meet all of the above requirements for the College of Communication and Fine Arts. In addition, students must complete Argumentation (COM ST 21), as well as Interpersonal Communication (COM ST 35), with a grade of “B” or better at Santa Monica College in each course. Last, students must successfully demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of this major at LMU by specifically addressing their goals and expected outcomes related to this program of study in their application essay.
- iii. College of Business Administration - Students who complete a minimum of 30 transferable semester units prior to filing an application for admission to LMU with a **minimum 3.50 cumulative GPA**, maintain continuous fulltime enrollment, with a **minimum 3.00 GPA** at Santa Monica College in any one term, and successfully complete Business Calculus (Math 28) at Santa Monica College with a “B” grade or better, will be guaranteed admission to their major within the College of Business Administration.

b. **Programs Not Included in the LMU Transfer Admission Agreement** - Loyola

Marymount University WILL NOT offer guaranteed admission for the following majors:

1. The School of Film and Television
All majors
2. The Seaver College of Science and Engineering
All majors

c. **INTERNATIONAL Applicants**

i. In addition to the academic requirements above, must show proof of English proficiency in the following ways:

1. Completing English Composition at a regionally accredited US college or university with a minimum grade of C or better. Note that English composition taken online will not be accepted to fulfill proof of English proficiency.
2. Taking an English Proficiency Exam: If you are a non-native English speaker and have not taken English Composition at a US college or university with at least a C grade, or took this course online, you must take one of the following tests of English proficiency and arrange for scores to be sent directly to LMU from the test administrators.
 - a. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Information about this test may be obtained from www.toefl.org (LMU's TOEFL Institution code is 4403). The University's minimum standard for undergraduate admission is **550**, the equivalent score of **213** on the computer-based TOEFL, or **80** on the Internet-based TOEFL.
 - b. International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Information about this test may be obtained from: www.ielts.org. The University's minimum standard for undergraduate admission is **6.5**.

ii. If you are an international student studying at a college or university in the United States, please note that LMU will not consider applicants for admission who have attended more than two US colleges concurrently in one term. In addition, **no college- level English or Math courses taken online will be accepted** as meeting LMU's requirements.

2. Reasonably cooperate on an ongoing basis with Santa Monica College to provide its students with beneficial services such as campus tours of Loyola Marymount University, information workshops, information about financial aid and scholarship, transfer counseling, pre-admission advising, and invitations to campus and university cultural events.
3. Reasonably cooperate on an ongoing basis with Santa Monica College to provide its counselors, with beneficial services such as on-site articulation agreement and transfer information sessions, as well as invitations to the annual ACCESS LMU Visit Days and Community College Counselor Alliance Day events.



4. Monitor and evaluate the success of these students in order to facilitate program evaluation, subject to applicable state and federal laws.
5. Waive the application fee for any eligible student that decides to apply to LMU and has met all of the requirements as set forth above.
6. Provide eligible students who have applied to LMU by the February 1 application deadline, notification of admission by February 1, as well as a transfer course evaluation and financial aid package, if any, by April 1.
7. Help students and their families seek out, acquire, and make the best use of all resources available for financing the costs of attending LMU. This includes working with *eligible* students to provide need based financial assistance through federal and state programs, and merit based financial assistance through University resources, the LMU Transfer Merit Scholarship and the Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship.

Santa Monica College agrees to:

1. Provide its students with information about the requirements for transfer to Loyola Marymount University and an in-depth understanding of the LMU Transfer Admission Agreement, so that those students can consider the advantages of selecting classes with the objective of transfer to LMU in mind.
2. Collaborate with LMU representatives, on an ongoing basis, to provide training to their counseling staff respecting the LMU Transfer Admission Agreement, transfer admission, and the utilization of the agreed-upon articulation agreements, to assist students in making appropriate course choices.
3. Ask students to sign a FERPA release in order to provide Loyola Marymount University with the names of those students who are expected to complete the LMU Transfer Admission Agreement at Santa Monica College so that Loyola Marymount University can contact them and extend to them assistance and resources for a successful transfer.
4. Explore, on an ongoing basis, ways that Santa Monica College and Loyola Marymount University can cooperate to the mutual benefit of both programs.

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