NEW STUDENT GUIDEBOOK 20/21

Created by LCC's Academic Advising Department lanecc.edu/advising

An introductory guide to new college topics as you begin your first term at LCC

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INTRODUCTORY TOPICS FOR NEW STUDENTS

(Use the links to jump to interested topics)

Academic Advising Topics

Course & Registration Topics

- 3. How long is a term?
- 4. How many credits should I take?
- 5. Class formats (in-person, hybrid, online)
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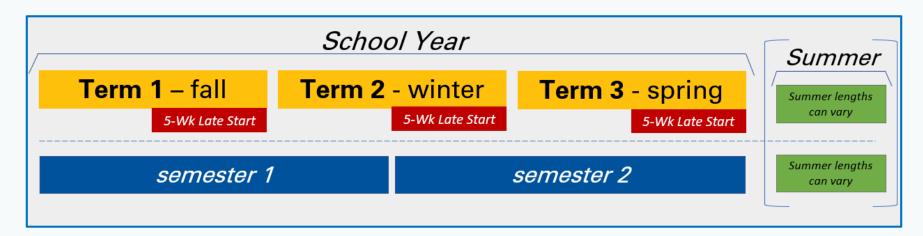
- 17. Residency
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- 19. What is myGradPlan?
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- 23. LCC calendars (there are 3!)
- 24. College & email etiquette
- 25. Resources (tutors, tech help, bus pass)

HOW LONG IS A TERM?

LCC is on a term (or quarter) schedule.

Terms are 10 weeks long, plus 1 week designated for finals.

- There are 3 terms in a year: Fall, Winter, Spring.
 - Lane also offers "<u>Late Start Courses</u>". These are fast-paced 5-week courses that start in the middle of Fall, Winter, & Spring. Talk with an <u>academic advisor</u> for more info.
- We do offer Summer Term! It's a bit different as courses are condensed.
 - Summer sessions takes 10 weeks of material & condenses it into shortened, fast-paced sessions that range from 4-6-8 weeks long!





HOW MANY CREDITS SHOULD I TAKE?

A **credit** measures of the amount of work expected in a course.

For every credit, you have to add in the amount of study time you'll need (typically double).

- 1 credit = 1 hour of lecture + 2 hours of study (per week)
- 3 credits = 3 hours of lecture + 6 hours of study (per week)

You'll also want to think about:

- I. Does your funding resource (VA, scholarships, etc.) require a specific number of credits?
- 2. Will you be working &/or caring for others?
- 3. How long has it been since you attended school?

Think about how much time per week you can dedicate to class + studying! That will tell you how many credits you should commit to.

Credit Load	Hours of class per week	Hours of study per week	Total weekly hours	
I-5 credits	I – 5 credits	2 – 10 hours	= ~ 3 $-$ 15 hrs per week	(less than part-time)
6-8 credits	6 – 8 credits	12 – 16 hours	$= \sim 18 - 24$ hrs per week	(part-time)
9-11 credits	9 – II hours	18 – 22 hours	$= \sim 27 - 33$ hrs per week	(3/4-time)
12 credits	12 hours	24 hours	= ~36 hrs per week	(full-time)
15 credits	15 hours	30 hours	= ~45 hrs per week	(full-time)

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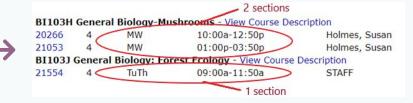
degree in exactly 2-years
(6 terms), you would
need to take 15 credits
a term. (All 100/200level courses)



CLASS FORMATS

In-Person - Traditional in-person classroom. Some courses may only offer 1 "section" at a specific day/time. Others may have multiple "sections" with various days/times. This provides more options. You choose the section that works for you!





- **Online** participate anytime, any place (that has internet). Online courses require little or no on-campus attendance.
 - Tips for online courses
- **Hybrid** combines in-person classroom plus online learning so that time spent in class is reduced but not eliminated.





Fall 2020 – courses will be taught remotely (with a few exceptions). You will participate through moodle & zoom. Some courses may virtually meet at a specific day/time. Other courses will be using the **online format** (when registering it would say N/A next to day/time) with no campus attendance.

Info on Remote Courses

WHAT SHOULD I TAKE?

First Term Guides

- Check out the guides your advising team created; it lists courses to consider in your first term
 - lanecc.edu/advising/advising-library

Catalog

- Check out the catalog to see degree requirements for various degrees at Lane
 - Programs A-Z

myGradPlan

- A checklist of required courses your declared degree. More info here
 - In summer & fall, new plans are still being uploaded. Check back later if you are getting an error message when you first use myGradPlan.

Notes:

- If you have many college credits that you earned while in high school, it's best to speak with an <u>academic advisor</u>. Also, check out <u>Transferring Courses to Lane</u>.
- During your first term, you will want to connect with an <u>academic advisor</u> to start long term planning and create a <u>term by term planner!</u>



PREPARATORY & SKILL DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS

- > These are optional courses to build up &/or brush up on subjects
- We recommend limiting the amount of credit-level electives as too many could limit future required courses

Credit Level Courses

EL IIO – Effective College Reading (I-3cr)

• emphasis on reading and study strategies for disciplinary specific texts

EL 115 – Effective Learning (3cr)

designed for those who wish to strengthen study skills & strategies

EL 121 – Effective Digital & Online Learning (1-3cr)

- Learn to navigate effectively in digital environments & from digital texts
- Tuition-free! [course fees still apply]

CG 100 - College Success (3cr)

• strategies to empower students to make wise choices in college and beyond

CG 123 – Amplify my Math Prep (Icr)

• to remediate core math skills for success in current and future math courses

CIS 101 – Computer Fundamentals (4cr)

• learn the basics, word processing, spreadsheet, internet software, etc.

Non-Credit Courses

lanecc.edu/abse

Adult Basic & Secondary Education (ABSE) offer free (or low cost) non-credit instruction that focus on preparing students for college placement testing.

These courses prepare learners who need to build or brush up on college readiness skills for postsecondary education, including **math**, **reading**, **writing**, & student success principles. Students learn how to successfully navigate the college system, explore career/degree options, practice time/self-management, while completing coursework aligned to credit level programs.

Contact: ABSE@lanecc.edu

REGISTRATION & WAITLIST TIPS

✓ Finding Your Registration Date -

- <u>lanecc.edu/calendars/registration-calendar</u>
- myLane → myEnrollment tab → "When Can I Register?" link

✓ How to Register Videos -

Video #1

Video #2

Strategies if a course is full -

- Join a waitlist it's possible to join multiple! Instructions here
- Check the <u>class schedule</u> often it's possible for new sections to be added!

✓ Strategies if a course is cancelled -

- Check the class schedule see if you can find a different course that will work in your schedule!
- Connect with an academic advisor

✓ Resolving registration issues -

- Met the prerequisite of a course at another college?
 - -Email Academic Advising; form here (attach unofficial transcript)
- Course requires instructor consent? Email the instructor!



TRANSFERRING COURSES TO LANE

- > Took courses through CollegeNow at a local (Lane County) High School?
 - The courses you completed can be found in your LCC transcript
 - To view your unofficial transcript, go to myLane and under the myEnrollment tab there's a link: "View/Print Unofficial Academic Transcript"
 - Take a look at your transcript! It's important to not repeat courses you've already completed!
- Have Advanced Placement (AP) &/or International Baccalaureate (IB) scores?
 - Minimum exam scores required for credit: check here
 - You must submit official score transcript to LCC's Enrollment Services
 - apstudents.collegeboard.org/
 - ibo.org/
 - Note each institution evaluates AP & IB scores differently
- Completed some courses at another college or university?
 - Submit official transcripts to LCC
 - Transfer tool that shows how credit transfer into LCC: <u>check here</u>



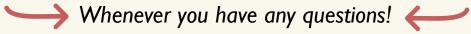
WHO IS MY ADVISOR?

Academic advisors are available to help you plan your educational program and select courses to meet your goals. We <u>specialize in specific subject areas</u> (but we all can assist undecided students).

While you are not assigned to a specific academic advisor, you do want to connect with one of the advisors in your subject area (ex: business advisors can help students interested in business, not history).

Contact Academic Advisors Advising FAQ

When should I see my academic advisor?

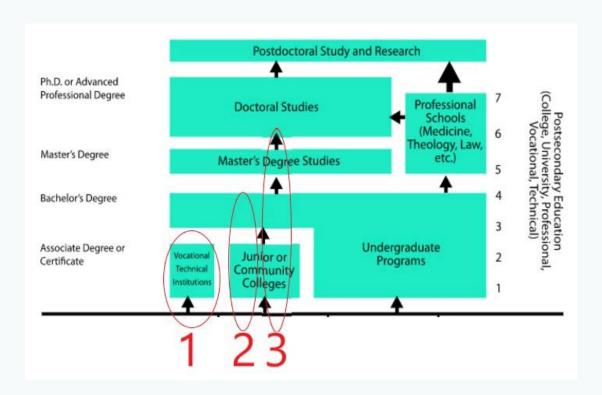


After you've started your first term, it's important to meet with your advisor so that, together, you can <u>create a long term plan</u>. We call these <u>term-by-term planners</u>.

We do suggest checking in about once a term or so - to see how things are going, make sure you're still on track, keep you up-to-date on program changes, etc.



HIGHER EDUCATION MAP





Starting at a community college...various educational routes a student could take:

- I. Start at LCC (associate/certificate) \rightarrow seek employment
- 2. Start at LCC (associates) \rightarrow transfer to a university (bachelor's) \rightarrow seek employment
- 3. Start at LCC (associates) \rightarrow transfer to a university (bachelor's) \rightarrow graduate program (masters/doctoral)



TRANSFER VS CAREER TECH PROGRAMS AT LCC

<u>Transfer Degrees</u> —designed to facilitate a transfer to any public university in Oregon. Along with the **general education requirements** for the degree, you will work with an academic advisor to incorporate **transfer major requirements** into the degree.

- Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT)
- Associate of Science Oregon Transfer Business (ASOT-B)
- Associate of Science Oregon Transfer Computer Science (ASOT-CS)
- [Direct Transfer a way to transfer to a university without a degree]

Career Technical —designed to learn the skills of a trade, and then seek employment. Very specific set of requirements to each program. Main focus on subject. Career Technical programs are not normally designed to a transfer to a university.

- Associate of Applied Science degrees (AAS)
- Certificates (less than 1-year, 1-year, 2-year)
- Career Pathway Certificates (short-term certificates)

Welding, energy mgmt, dental hygiene, graphic design, accounting

To learn more about these programs/see all the requirements: List of Programs A-Z

UNDECIDED? CHOOSING A PROGRAM

Unsure about college majors and your career direction? Looking to explore your options?

Career counselors & career advisors are here to help you get clear about yourself and your career direction. It's important to research and select a program of study as soon as possible (program of study = future/intended college major OR career technical degree/certificate program) so that you are on the right educational path to reach your goals!



Check out the **Career Exploration Center!**

To consider when choosing a program of study:

- Interest and motivation in the courses
- Length and structure of the major
- Prior performance in the subject(s)

- Career opportunities with this major
- Lifestyle and salary considerations
- Skills you'd like to use & want to develop



















PLAN TO TRANSFER OUT OF STATE?

Plan Ahead and Ask Questions

• Each institution has its own admissions & requirements; the earlier you know where you are going, you can prepare (and take the right courses!). Talk with admissions and advisors at your desired out-of-state institution.

Learn Dates & Deadlines

• Research admissions deadlines, start dates, etc. <u>Semester schools</u> can start earlier than institutions on a quarter system.

How Do Credits Transfer?

• Each institution can take courses differently. Work with the institution's academic advisors to learn what they could potentially accept from LCC. Some institutions have **equivalency charts** that show how courses would be transferred in. As an example, here is <u>OSU's transfer course search</u>.

P Degree or No Degree?

• Oregon's transfer degree: <u>Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer</u> (AAOT). This degree works as a block transfer for institutions in Oregon. Some out-of-state institutions *may* accept it, others may not. Connect with desired out-of-state institution to learn their transfer recommendations.

ACADEMIC STANDING REQUIREMENTS



Academic Progress Standards – applies to all degree/certificate-seeking students

• LCC is looking at each individual term. At the end of each term, good standing is:

Passed at least 67% of your courses (that term)

Credits Completed ÷ Credits Attempted = passing %

Earned at least a **2.0 GPA** (that term)

• To calculate APS: <u>APS Calculator</u> (found at the bottom)

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Satisfactory Academic Progress - applies to all students using Financial Aid

• Fin Aid is looking at all terms (cumulative). At the end of each term, good standing is:

Passed at least 67% of all your courses (cumulatively)

All Credits Completed ÷ All Credits Attempted = passing %

Maintaining a *cumulative* GPA of at least a **2.0**

To calculate SAP: <u>SAP Calculator</u>



SUCCESSFUL COLLEGE HABITS

- ✓ Plan ahead! Plot out commitments, work, lectures, homework, family, etc. LCC calendars
- ✓ Use a <u>planner</u> to keep track of assignments, tests/quizzes, and college deadlines
- ✓ Familiarize and check out <u>campus resources</u> (tutoring, etc.)
- ✓ Connect with instructors and go to their office hours
- Attend all classes
- √ Visit your <u>academic advising team</u>
- Register early for the next term

Download this fillable student schedule here: drive.google.com/file/d/ IgSRGO59db 5llreNLs 9H3sxmWAipcl5y/view

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RESIDENCY

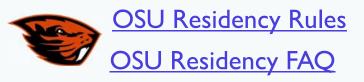
Gaining Residency for LCC

- To earn in-state residency, you must live in Oregon 90 days prior to the 1st day of the applicable term.
- Residency is not automatic. To request Oregon residency at Lane, you must complete the Request for Residency Change form, found here: Enrollment Services Forms menu.
- Residents of states bordering Oregon (California, Idaho, Nevada, and Washington) are assessed in-state tuition without changing residency. You are still eligible to change residency after 90 days.
- More details found here: lanecc.edu/esfs/residency

→ Gaining Residency for Oregon Universities

• University residency is quite different than community colleges. Please connect with universities **now** if you are from out-of-state (even from a bordering state) and plan to be an in-state student at an Oregon university by the time you transfer. It's important to research, as working on gaining residency can impact what you take at LCC!





MYLANE

my lane is an online portal that where you can access your information as a student

- ∀ Home tab −
 name change info, update address,
 report complaints
- ✓ myEnrollment tab
 register, see registration date (When
 Can I Register link), view transcripts



MYGRADPLAN

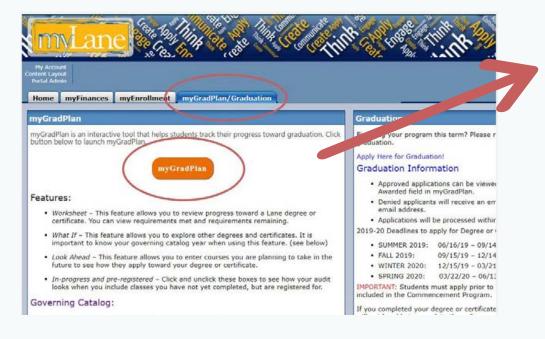
myGradPlan is a web-based tool to help monitor progress towards earning a degree.

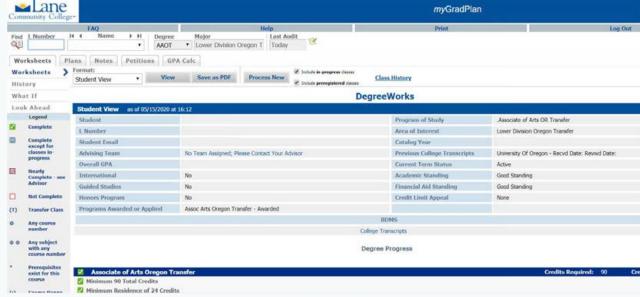
It's an online checklist that shows what you've done and still need to do for your declared degree. It's found in myLane, under the myGradPlan/Graduation tab!

myGradPlan FAQ

Did you know...

myGradPlan only shows LCC degree requirements. It does not include transfer major requirements (if you are following a transfer degree, such as the AAOT). You will work with your academic advisor to embed these courses into your academic plan.





MOODLE

Moodle is an online course management system where students can access course materials.

Your instructor may also use Moodle in more interactive ways, like discussions, quizzes, and assignment drop-boxes.

Who uses Moodle?

Most instructors use Moodle, however, it's not required. It's possible that you may not have a Moodle page for a course or two when you login week 1. This is the choice of the instructor.

Did you know...

Courses will not be loaded into Moodle until the term starts. If you have any issues with Moodle, contact the Student Help Desk.

Access to Moodle can be found at the bottom of <u>lanecc.edu</u> (both on desktop and mobile)







ZOOM

Zoom is a web conferencing application that is used for some your courses.

Through online video, you are able to:

- listen to lectures
- participate in "class"
- have virtual office hours with instructors



<u>Academic advisors</u>, <u>counselors</u>, <u>financial aid</u>, & <u>other academic services</u> also use zoom to connect with students. You can schedule zoom appointments online through the respective department's contact webpages.

Did you know...

Academic advisors use zoom for advising!

Make appointment here

New to zoom?

Take some time to familiarize yourself with the platform. The Student Help Desk (SHeD) also has excellent zoom resources: Zoom FAQ (highly recommended!)

FUNDING RESOURCES

Financial Aid Guide

For any questions around your financial aid award, please connect with fin aid advisors!

Contact Fin Aid

Also, check out the myFinances tab of myLane!

Oregon Promise **

- For more info, contact: First Year Experience
- Frequently Asked Questions

Veterans Education Benefits *

- Contact: <u>VAEdBenefits@lanecc.edu</u>
- Frequently Asked Questions

Scholarships

Workshops are typically held in late fall and early winter term. Workshops are a great way to get extra help & fine-tune your applications.

Applications typically have a deadline of the beginning of March for the next academic year.

Scholarship Resource Websites 🔆

- For more info, contact <u>scholarships</u>
- Frequently Asked Questions

CALENDARS

- **Academic Calendar**
- **Note:** Registration Calendar
- >>> Schedule Changes & Grading Important Dates
 - → You must participate in at least 1 session of each course (even online) during the first week. Failure to do so, risks being dropped from the course.

Get a planner! Utilizing some sort of day planner, wall calendar, calendar app, etc. to stay organized is highly recommended! There's a lot of dates & times to keep track of each term!

- in-person classes
- last day to drop w/ refund
- campus closures

- next term registration
- schedule change deadlines
- last day to drop w/o refund

- homework
- quizzes, exams
- finals

COLLEGE ETIQUETTE

Expected behavior -

To make the classroom (on campus or online) a place that is academically rewarding for you, fellow students, and the instructor; follow these behaviors:

✓ Be attentive

- ✓ Be punctual
- ✓ Be prepared
- ✓ Be respectful
- ✓ Be aware of academic policies & requirements

Example email to instructors/staff -

Be professional in your communication to faculty & staff. All communication must be through your Lane email!

- Subject WR 121 John Smith
- Greeting Hello Professor Henry,
- Message [be specific & to the point; be professional]
- Ending Thank you for your time, I look forward to your response. [John Smith L00000000]
 - → Read over the message before you send!

Online Class Etiquette -

- Login on time
- Check your surroundings; dress appropriately
- Mute your microphone when not speaking
- Use headphones if you can
- Be focused; pay attention
- Chat responsibly ask/post only class related questions & comments

Retrieved from: techtips411.com @apsitjen

STUDENT RESOURCES

LCC offers tons of resources to support you in reaching your goals! lanecc.edu/students

COVID-19 Remote Courses Info:

lanecc.edu/laneonline/keep-learning

Academic Support

Tutoring & Resource Centers - lanecc.edu/tutor

• Free in-person & online tutoring.

TRIO/TRIO STEM - lanecc.edu/trio

• This federally funded program has the goal of helping students stay in school & successfully graduate from LCC &/or transfer to a 4-yr institution. The services are provided free to eligible students to assist them in meeting the varied challenges of college life.

Center for Accessible Resources - lanecc.edu/disability

• CAR works with students & faculty to determine appropriate academic adjustments and services for students with qualified documented disabilities. CAR is dedicated to assisting students with disabilities so they can meet academic requirements & goals.

Academic Advising

lanecc.edu/advising **Academic Advising Syllabus**

Counseling & Careers

Counseling - lanecc.edu/cc

Career Exploration - <u>lanecc.edu/cec</u>

Financial Resources

Financial Aid - lanecc.edu/financialaid

Scholarships - <u>lanecc.edu/scholarships</u>

Student Help Desk (SHeD)

Technology Help! lanecc.edu/shed

Contact email: shed@lanecc.edu

Bus Pass – All students have the opportunity to get a LTD bus pass! <u>lanecc.edu/facilities/transportation/lcc-bus-pass</u>