General Information

Admissions Information

Who May Attend
Admission to all Los Rios colleges is open to anyone who is a high school graduate, has a high school equivalency certificate, or is eighteen years of age or older, and is able to benefit from instruction.

Advanced Education Students
Los Rios colleges encourage 11th and 12th grade students to enroll for advanced educational enrichment with the approval of their school principal/counselor and parent/guardian. These advanced education students are exempt from enrollment fees but not from books/materials costs. Fees for non-residents still apply. The Advanced Education Form must accompany the college registration forms. Students should obtain an Advanced Education Form from their school and make an appointment to see a college counselor. These students can also register and/or drop classes in person at Admissions and Records.

Residency
An applicant, regardless of age, who has not established legal residence in California for one year immediately preceding the day before the semester/summer session begins, will be considered a non-resident and subject to an additional tuition per/unit fee. Military dependents stationed in California will be granted resident classification provided they have not been located in California for more than one year preceding the day before the semester/summer session begins. Active military are granted resident status for the duration of their stay. International students will be charged an application fee and additional per/unit fee. See the Los Rios fee information website at www.losrios.edu.

Maximum Unit Load
Enrollment for a Fall/Spring session is 18 units (8 for summer). A maximum of 24 units may be taken in special cases only with the signed approval of the Dean of Admissions. A student petition to take over 18 units must be filed with the Dean of Admissions one week prior to enrolling. The student will need to check back for the decision prior to enrolling.

Prerequisites
Students must show proof of required prerequisites at the first class meeting. Students who do not have proper proof of prerequisites may be dropped from the class.

Pass/No Pass Grade Notation
Students may elect one course per semester to be graded on a Pass/No Pass (formerly Credit/No Credit) grading basis. File for Pass/No Pass status at the Admissions Office. A "Pass" grade means that you have earned a C or better. A "No Pass" grade means that you have earned less than a C. These grades are not computed in your GPA, but do affect progress, probation and dismissal.

Repetition of Courses
Students repeating a class should file the Course Repetition Notification Form prior to the beginning of the semester. The form is available in the Counseling Office or the Admissions and Records Office.

Program Changes
Program changes (adding and/or dropping classes) may be made by students already enrolled using Los Rios eServices. An instructor permission number will be needed to add a class after class begins. For deadline information, please see the Start and End Dates, Add/Drop Dates chart on www.losrios.edu under the Registration link.

Late or non-payment of fees does not release the student from the responsibility of officially dropping classes which they no longer wish to attend.

updating Records
If you have a change of name, address or major, please make the change through Los Rios eServices or at Admissions.

Course Numbering System
Los Rios has adopted a standardized course numbering system designed to provide students with general information regarding the focus and intent of courses.

Numbering/Designation
1-99. Courses numbered 1-99 are credit courses that are considered developmental or basic skills and are not acceptable for the Associate Degree or transfer credit.

100-299. Courses numbered 100 through 199 are applicable to the Associate Degree.

300-499. Courses numbered 300 through 499 are articulated for transfer to four-year institutions and are intended to meet major, general education, breadth, or elective credit requirements.

Graduation and Transferring

Apply for Graduation
Candidates for graduation must initiate a petition for graduation. Petitions are available in the Admissions and Records Office at each college.

Degrees are awarded at the May Commencement exercise only and all students receiving degrees are encouraged to attend.