

LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Overview

Learning communities involve the intentional creation of class pairs or clusters. The same group of students is co-enrolled in two or more courses, usually from different disciplines. Students enroll in 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.

What Are the Benefits of Joining a Learning Community?

- Smooth your transition into college
- Meet other students and form lasting friendships as you take classes together as a cohort
- 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
- Designated Counselor

Are Learning Community Courses Transferable?

Many of the courses are transferable to the CSU's and UC's. See the Schedule of Classes, the Cerritos College Catalog or meet with your counselor to check specific courses.

What Are the Requirements to Enroll?

- Meet the prerequisites for all courses. The prerequisites are listed in the Cerritos College Catalog and must be met prior to enrollment.
- Enroll in all courses listed for that Learning Community

How Will Learning Community Courses Be Listed On My Transcript?

Your transcript will reflect the classes as separate courses.

Learning Communities Programs

- Puente Program (<https://cerritos-public.courseleaf.com/cerritos-college/programs-and-services/learning-communities/puente-program/>)
- Umoja Program (<https://cerritos-public.courseleaf.com/cerritos-college/programs-and-services/learning-communities/umoja-program/>)