

# ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY

## Undergraduate Admission

Loyola Marymount University welcomes applications from students who subscribe to the goals of the University and who are qualified to undertake its programs. The University makes selective and individual decisions, and the academic record is the primary consideration. Writing ability; accomplishments in academic, artistic, athletic, co-curricular, or work- or service-related endeavors; recommendations; and relationship with the University are also given consideration. Each application is individually evaluated.

Candidates are considered for admission to either the Fall or Spring semester, provided **all** required documents have been received before the priority dates. The Fall regular decision priority date for first-year applicants is January 15; transfer applications are due February 1; the Spring priority date for Transfer students is October 1, and October 15 for first-year applicants. Early Action (non-binding) and Early Decision (binding) programs are also offered to first-year applicants for the Fall semester. November 1 is the deadline for fall semester first-year applicants to apply under either the Early Action or Early Decision program. Early Decision II is also offered to first-year students with an application deadline of January 8. Full consideration cannot be assured to applicants failing to meet these priority dates. A personal interview is not required. Personal appointments and campus tours can be arranged through the Office of Admission. Please visit <http://admission.lmu.edu> or call 310.338.2750 or email [admissions@lmu.edu](mailto:admissions@lmu.edu).

## High School Subjects Recommended for Admission

The following high school course of study is recommended for admission into the University.

- English
- Foreign Language
- Mathematics
- Laboratory Science
- Social Sciences
- Academic Electives

Business students must complete a unit in each of the following: elementary algebra, geometry, intermediate algebra/trigonometry, and precalculus. Engineering, computer science, mathematics, and science majors should complete four units of mathematics and one unit each of biology, chemistry, and physics.

## Admission Procedure

Apply to Loyola Marymount University through the Common Application, Coalition Application or the LMU Online Application at [admission.lmu.edu/apply](http://admission.lmu.edu/apply) (<http://admission.lmu.edu/apply/>). All applicants must submit a \$75 non-refundable application fee by the appropriate deadline.

The following procedures apply to all candidates. Transfer and international applicants should be sure to note specific additional requirements as stated below. Candidates seeking admission to Loyola Marymount University should:

1. File the application by the appropriate deadline and submit a \$75 non-refundable application fee or an appropriate fee waiver. Applications are available online at: [admission.lmu.edu/apply](http://admission.lmu.edu/apply) (<http://admission.lmu.edu/apply/>).
2. Request official transcripts to be sent from the last high school attended and from each college attended. We will also accept self-reported courses and grades entered on your application for admission. Advanced Placement students must submit official AP test score results in order to receive college credit. International Baccalaureate students must submit official results of IB Higher Level examinations to receive college credit.
3. Loyola Marymount will be test optional for students applying for 2023 admission. If you wish to have your test scores considered, arrange for SAT I or ACT scores to be sent to [admission@lmu.edu](mailto:admission@lmu.edu). Information about SAT I may be obtained from the College Board  
P.O. Box 6200  
Princeton, NJ 08541-6200  
  
or at <http://www.collegeboard.org>. Information about ACT may be obtained from the American College Testing Program  
ACT Records  
P.O. Box 451  
Iowa City, IA 52243  
  
or at <http://www.act.org>. Self-reported scores are also accepted.
4. Before school begins, all entering students are required to submit an official final high school transcript certifying the completion of secondary requirements and showing the high school graduation date. Transfer students are also required to submit official transcripts. Students failing to submit required transcripts will be prevented from registering for subsequent semesters until this requirement is satisfied.

## Notification of Acceptance

Candidates will be evaluated for admission after all of the required steps in the application process have been completed, according to the following calendar:

- **Fall first-year applicants (Early Decision - Binding):** Decisions for candidates applying under the Early Decision program whose applications are complete by November 1 will be announced in early December. Early Decision applications may be accepted, denied, or deferred for further consideration during the regular decision process. Loyola Marymount's Early Decision program is binding.
- **Fall first-year applicants (Early Action Non-Binding):** Decisions for candidates applying under the Early Action program whose applications are complete by November 1 will be announced in mid-December. Early Action applications may be accepted, denied, or deferred for further consideration during the regular decision process. Loyola Marymount's Early Action program is non-binding.
- **Fall first-year applicants (Early Decision II - Binding):** Decisions for candidates applying under the Early Decision II program whose applications are complete by January 8 will be announced in early February. Early Decision II applications may be accepted, denied, or deferred for further consideration

during the regular decision process. Loyola Marymount's Early Decision II program is binding.

- **Fall first-year applicants (Regular Decision Non-Binding):** Decisions for candidates considered under the Regular Decision program (applications submitted after November 1 and before January 15) will be sent on a rolling basis, and no later than April 1.
- **Fall semester regular decision transfer applicants and all Spring semester candidates:** Notification of acceptance will be sent on a rolling basis.

A final transcript is required as verification that all work has been completed with a GPA equal to or greater than the student's overall grade point average at the time of acceptance. In the event that the final semester of work does not meet required criteria, or a student does not maintain the ethical and moral standards that distinguish LMU Lions, acceptance may be rescinded.

## Academic Scholarships

Each year the Loyola Marymount Scholarship Committee offers academic scholarships to the most accomplished candidates for first-year admission. These scholarships are renewable for four years and are not based on financial need.

The Arrupe Scholarship, named for Fr. Pedro Arrupe, S.J., the former Superior General of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits), carries a minimum value of \$12,500 per year. Selection is based on distinguished academic achievement, with supplemental consideration to leadership potential and school or community service and involvement.

From among the Arrupe Scholars, the Scholarship Committee further selects a very limited number of students for additional scholarship consideration, including the Presidential Scholarships (see the Financial Aid (<https://bulletin.lmu.edu/financial-aid/>) section of the Bulletin for more information on these scholarships).

All students will be automatically considered for all academic scholarships - no separate application is required. Students are encouraged to apply under the Early Action program to ensure full consideration for Presidential Scholarships.

Further information on all LMU Scholarship programs for entering first-year students may be found at <http://financialaid.lmu.edu/prospective/scholarships> (<http://financialaid.lmu.edu/prospective/scholarships/>).

## Tuition Deposit

Accepted students intending to enroll are required to submit a nonrefundable \$500 Tuition Deposit to secure their seat in the class. The Tuition Deposit is applied to first-semester tuition.

If the Tuition Deposit is not received within the stated time, the acceptance for admission may be canceled.

## Housing

First-year entering in the Fall term are guaranteed University housing, provided their Tuition Deposit is received electronically or postmarked no later than May 1 for Fall admission.

Fall term transfer students and any student entering in the Spring term are not guaranteed housing. Instead, they are offered accommodations on a space-available basis. Their housing requests will be processed on

a first-come, first-served basis as they make their tuition deposits and return all requested Housing information.

## Admission of Transfer Students

Each semester the University considers students for transfer, provided they are in good standing and not under academic or disciplinary probation or suspension from the last school attended. Please see the paragraph on Admission Procedure above for general admission requirements. The priority date for transfer applications for fall admission is February 1; for Spring admission, the priority date is October 1. Transfer students are considered for admission as follows:

- Students who would have been acceptable for admission as first-year to Loyola Marymount University at the time of their graduation from high school will be considered for transfer standing if they have completed college coursework with at least a 3.00 cumulative average and at least a 3.00 average for the most recent college work attempted prior to admission.
- Students who, for academic reasons, were not acceptable for admission as first-year at the time of their graduation from high school will be considered for transfer standing if they have completed at least the equivalent of 30 semester hours of transferable college work with at least a 3.00 cumulative average and at least a 3.00 average for the most recent college work attempted prior to admission.

Admission of transfer students is selective and subject to available space and enrollment limitations. The minimum transfer GPA of 3.00 may not always be sufficient to secure admission. Likewise, certain majors require that some prerequisites be completed prior to transfer.

The College of Business Administration explains its transfer policy in its section of the Bulletin.

Transfer admission to Film and Television Production and Recording Arts in the School of Film and Television is limited and restricted to students with first-year or sophomore standing pending space availability. Students with more than 60 transferable units are not eligible for admission to these programs.

Credit for work completed at institutions accredited by one of the six regional associations of the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities, other than course work identified by such institutions as remedial or in other ways as being nontransferable, will be accepted toward the satisfaction of baccalaureate degree and credential requirements at the University within limitations of residence requirements. Courses with grades below C (2.0) do not transfer. A maximum of 60 semester hours from two-year colleges are transferable to the degree program of the University.

Policies regarding transfer credit for a particular degree may vary slightly among the individual colleges, depending upon degree requirements. In general, courses having comparable content and class level with those in the LMU curriculum will transfer.

## Admission of International Students

International students should follow the same admission procedures and priority dates outlined above. International students are admitted as degree-seeking students only.

Further, international students are cautioned to comply with the following additional guidelines to avoid delay in the processing of their applications:

1. Demonstrate English Language Proficiency via taking one of these test options:
  - a. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) given by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) Information about this test may be obtained from <http://www.ets.org/toefl> (<http://www.ets.org/toefl>). The University's minimum standard for undergraduate admission is 90 (TOEFL iBT).
  - b. International English Language Testing System (IELTS) which is jointly managed by British Council, IDP, and Cambridge English. Information about this test may be obtained from: <http://www.ielts.org> (<http://www.ielts.org/>). The University's minimum standard for undergraduate admission is 6.5.
  - c. Pearson Test of English which is managed by Pearson, Inc. Information about this test can be found at <https://pearsonpte.com/>. The University's minimum standard for undergraduate admission is 56.
  - d. Duolingo English Test which is managed by Duolingo. Information about this test can be found at <https://englishtest.duolingo.com/>. The University's minimum score is 120.
2. Submit official transcripts of previous academic training. Documents must be sent from the originating sources directly to the Admission Office and must cover all secondary schools attended and, if college study was attempted, all colleges and universities attended. Documents should include results of standardized examinations administered by government or certifying agencies.

All documents submitted for admission become property of the University and will not be returned. For applicants who require a student visa to attend the University, the United States Customs and Immigration Services Form (I-20) will be sent after the \$500 non-refundable Tuition Deposit has been received by the Office of Admission.

## Non-Degree Students

Students wishing to take courses at the University on a non-degree basis must file an application with the Office of Admission in accordance with regularly stated deadlines. Proof of eligibility to study at the University will be required, including transcripts or other appropriate documents.

Non-degree students will be allowed to study for a period of no more than three semesters or a total of 18 semester hours, whichever occurs first.

## Advanced Placement

LMU participates in the Advanced Placement Program of the College Board. Students may be granted credit at the time of entrance into the University for subjects in which they have completed the AP examinations with minimum score of 4. When official scores have been received from the College Board, applicants will be notified of the advanced placement and course credit in accordance with the following table.

**A maximum of 2 AP exams can be used to fulfill Core Exploration requirements.**

Note that an essay is required for all examinations offering optional essays.

AP Exam	Number of Semester Hours Awarded	Equivalent LMU Course(s)	University Core Fulfilment
African American Studies	4	AFAM 1XXX	none
Art History	8	ARHS 2000 and ARHS 2002	Historical Analysis & Perspectives (EHAP)
Biology	6	BIOL 1XXX	Nature of Science, Technology, & Mathematics (ESTM)
Calculus AB	4	MATH 131	Qualitative Reasoning (FQTR) or Nature of Science, Technology, & Mathematics (ESTM)
Calculus BC	8	MATH 131 and MATH 132	Qualitative Reasoning (FQTR) or Nature of Science, Technology, & Mathematics (ESTM)
Chemistry	4	CHEM 1XXX	Nature of Science, Technology, & Mathematics (ESTM)
Chinese Language and Culture	8	CHIN 2101 and CHIN 2102	none
Comparative Government and Politics	4	POLS 1400	Understanding Human Behavior (EHBV)
Computer Science A	4	CMSI 1XXX	Nature of Science, Technology, & Mathematics (ESTM)
Computer Science Principles	4	CMSI 1600	Nature of Science, Technology, & Mathematics (ESTM)
English Language 4 and Composition		ENGL 1XXX	none
English Literature 4 and Composition		ENGL 1XXX	none
Environmental Science	3	ENVS 101	Nature of Science, Technology, & Mathematics (ESTM)

European History	4	HIST 1200	Historical Analysis & Perspectives (EHAP)
French Language and Culture	8	FREN 2101 and FREN 2102	none
German Language and Culture	8	GRMN 2101 and GRMN 2102	none
Human Geography	4	GEOG 1000T	Understanding Human Behavior (EHBV)
Italian Language and Culture	8	ITAL 2101 and ITAL 2102	none
Japanese Language and Culture	8	JAPN 2101 and JAPN 2102	none
Latin	8	CLAR 1115 and CLAR 1125	none
Macroeconomics	4	ECON 1200	Understanding Human Behavior (EHBV)
Microeconomics	4	ECON 1100	Understanding Human Behavior (EHBV)
Music Theory	3	MUSC 1XXX	none
Physics C: Mechanics	4	PHYS 1100T	Nature of Science, Technology, & Mathematics (ESTM)
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	4	PHYS 2100T	Nature of Science, Technology, & Mathematics (ESTM)
Physics 1: Algebra-based	4	PHYS 2500T	Nature of Science, Technology, & Mathematics (ESTM)
Physics 2: Algebra-based	4	PHYS 2550T	Nature of Science, Technology, & Mathematics (ESTM)
Precalculus	3	MATH 120	Qualitative Reasoning (FQTR)
Psychology	4	PSYC 1XXX	Understanding Human Behavior (EHBV)
Spanish Language and Culture	8	SPAN 2101 and SPAN 2102	none
Spanish Literature and Culture	8	SPAN 1XXX	none

Statistics	3	MATH 104	Qualitative Reasoning (FQTR)
Studio Art: Drawing	6	ART 1XXX	none
Studio Art: 2D Design	3	ART 1XXX	none
Studio Art: 3D Design	3	ART 1XXX	none
United States Government and Politics	4	POLS 1200 (fulfills Understanding Human Behavior, EHBV)	none
United States History	4	HIST 1300 (fulfills Historical Analysis & Perspectives, EHAP)	none
World History	4	HIST 1050 (fulfills Historical Analysis & Perspectives, EHAP)	none

### International Baccalaureate

LMU may award up to 6 semester hours (up to 8 for lab-based science courses) for higher level passes for which a student scores a 5 or above. Not all higher level examinations will yield advanced-standing credit. The IB chart shows IB examinations that have been approved for transfer.

IB Exam	Number of Semester Hours Awarded	Equivalent LMU Course(s)	University Core Requirement Fulfillment
Arabic B	6	LOTE 1XXX	none
Arabic Literature A	8	ELCT 1XXX	none
Biology	6	Score of 5: BIOL 1XXX; Score of 6+: BIOL 101 and BIOL 102	Nature of Science, Technology, & Mathematics (ESTM)
Business & Management	6	ELCT 1XXX	none
Chemistry	8	CHEM 110, CHEM 111, CHEM 112, and CHEM 113	fulfills Nature of Science, Technology, & Mathematics (ESTM)
Chinese A Language & Literature	8	CHIN 1XXX	none
Chinese Literature A	8	CHIN 1XXX	none
Chinese Mandarin B	6	CHIN 1XXX	none

Computer Science	6	CMSI 1XXX	Nature of Science, Technology, & Mathematics (ESTM)	Japanese B	6	JAPN 1XXX	none
Dance	6	DANC 1XXX	none	Korean A Language & Literature	8	ELCT 1XXX	none
Design Technology	6	ELCT 1XXX	none	Korean Literature A	8	LOTE 1XXX	none
Dutch B	6	LOTE 1XXX	none	Math: Analysis & Approaches	6	MATH 1XXX	Qualitative Reasoning (FQTR)
Economics	8	ECON 1100 and ECON 1200	Understanding Human Behavior (EHBV)	Math: Applications/ Interpretations	6	MATH 1XXX	Qualitative Reasoning (FQTR)
English A Language & Literature	8	ENGL 1XXX	none	Modern Classical Language	8	MDLG 1XXX	none
English B	6	ENGL 1XXX	none	Music	6	MUSC 1XXX	none
English Literature A	8	ENGL 1XXX	none	Philosophy	6	PHIL 1XXX	Philosophical Inquiry (FPHI)
Film	6	ELCT 1XXX	none	Physics	8	PHYS 2500 and PHYS 1XXX	Nature of Science, Technology, & Mathematics (ESTM)
French B	6	FREN 1XXX	none	Portuguese A Language & Literature	8	LOTE 1XXX	none
French Literature A	8	FREN 1XXX	none	Portuguese Literature A	8	ELCT 1XXX	none
Geography	6	GEOG 1000 and GEOG 1XXX	Understanding Human Behavior (EHBV)	Psychology	8	PSYC 1XXX	Understanding Human Behavior (EHBV)
German A Lang & Lit	8	GRMN 1XXX	none	Russian Literature A	8	ELCT 1XXX	none
German B	6	GRMN 1XXX	none	Social/Cultural Anthropology	6	SOCL 1XXX	Understanding Human Behavior (EHBV)
Global Politics	8	POLS 1XXX	Understanding Human Behavior (EHBV)	Spanish Literature A	8	SPAN 1XXX	none
Hindi B	6	LOTE 1XXX	none	Spanish B	6	SPAN 1XXX	none
History-Africa & Middle East	8	HIST 1XXX	Historical Analysis & Perspectives (EHAP)	Sports, Exercise & Health Science	6	HHSC 1XXX	none
History-Americas	8	HIST 1XXX	Historical Analysis & Perspectives (EHAP)	Swedish B	6	LOTE 1XXX	none
History-Asia & Oceania	8	HIST 1XXX	Historical Analysis & Perspectives (EHAP)	Theatre	6	THEA 110T and THEA 1XXX	none
History-Europe	8	HIST 1XXX	Historical Analysis & Perspectives (EHAP)	Turkish B	6	LOTE 1XXX	none
Indonesian A Language & Literature	8	LOTE 1XXX	none	Turkish Literature A	8	ELCT 1XXX	none
Indonesian B	6	LOTE 1XXX	none	Vietnamese Literature A	8	ELCT 1XXX	none
Indonesian Literature A	8	ELCT 1XXX	none	Visual Arts	6	ART 1XXX and ARHS 1XXX	none
IT in a Global Society	6	ELCT 1XXX	none				
Italian B	6	ITAL 1XXX	none				

*Note: Students studying for the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies do not follow the regular University Core pattern.*

*IB credit does not count for most graduate Health Professions and Dental schools. Students intending to pursue pre-medical studies should fulfill major requirements at LMU.*

## Graduate Admission

### Ed.D. in Educational Leadership for Social Justice, Master's Degree, and Credential

Loyola Marymount University welcomes applications from students without regard to race, color, gender, creed, national origin, disability, marital status, or religion. All prospective graduate students are expected to provide evidence of suitable preparation for graduate-level work. Applicants interested in the doctoral or master's programs must have received a bachelor's or a master's degree from a college or university that has been accredited as a degree-granting institution recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). The bachelor's or master's degree must have been awarded by the institution where final coursework was completed.

All applicants for a doctoral, master's, and the California Credential programs must supply the following admission materials:

Application for admission plus the application fee (\$50.00) and official transcripts of all colleges and universities attended. Most programs require additional materials, a personal statement, and letters of recommendation. Candidates will be considered for admission, provided all required documents have been received. Further details on the admission procedure, application deadlines, and departmental prerequisites are given in the section dealing with the respective programs. A student who wishes to apply for admission to a program after the closing date for applications should contact the program director for permission to file an application.

#### Additional Admission Requirements for International Students

1. International applicants who have completed their postsecondary education from a college or university outside of the U.S. must hold a degree from a university recognized by the Ministry of Education as a degree granting institution in the country where the institution is located. All international applicants must have their transcripts translated and evaluated by a U.S. transcript evaluation service before the application is considered for admission. For applicants to the Frank R. Seaver College of Science and Engineering, School of Education, School of Film and Television, and Marital and Family Therapy program, a **detailed** transcript evaluation identifying GPA must be submitted with the application.
2. All applicants must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) unless they received a high school diploma or a bachelor's degree in the United States. Exceptions to this rule may be made for students from countries where English is one of several official languages, as well as at the discretion of the program director or school dean. The minimum TOEFL score for admission into most graduate programs is 100 internet-based (IELTS Overall Band Score of 7) except for programs within the Frank R. Seaver College of Science and Engineering, which require a minimum score of 79 internet-based (IELTS Overall Band Score of 6.5). Please request that ETS send your scores to LMU Graduate Admission. The Institution Code for LMU is 4403.  
If after admission to a graduate program the applicant's proficiency in English should prove inadequate, the University reserves the right to require additional proficiency in English, and failure to comply will result in disqualification from the graduate program.

3. The applicant must also file with the University a certified statement showing financial ability to cover all obligations for the full period of time for which the student is making application. This statement should be from either a United States bank or agency or an international bank. The United States Department of Immigration and Naturalization Form I-20 Certificate of Eligibility will not be issued by the University until such documentation is on file in the Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS). Tuition, books, etc., plus living expenses amount to between \$25,000 and \$40,000 a year or more depending on the program selected.
4. The applicant must comply with passport and visa requirements as set down by the United States Immigration Service. International students must be continuously enrolled during the academic year to meet visa requirements.
5. All admission requirements should be received ninety days prior to the term for which application is being made.
6. An international student cannot be issued an I-20 Certificate of Eligibility as a non-degree graduate student.
7. All international students are required to pay a \$500 commitment deposit, with the caveat that if visas are denied, deposits will be refunded. MBA and EMBA will continue to charge their current rate of \$1000 in commitment.

#### Non-Degree Status

Students who are not pursuing a formal graduate program but who are eligible to take graduate-level courses at LMU may apply for non-degree status. In addition to filing the Application for Non-Degree Graduate Status, students should attach official copies of transcripts to verify receipt of a degree and that all prerequisites have been met. The Graduate Division reserves the right to request additional transcripts when necessary.

#### Application Deferment

Students may defer for up to one year from all programs, after which it will be at the discretion of the program directors. They must submit a compelling written statement as to why they are requesting a deferral. The deferral letter should indicate they understand that scholarship awards are not guaranteed for future terms.

If the program requires a deposit, the student must submit the deposit in order to be considered for deferral.

#### Reapplication Procedures for a Second Degree

A student who has completed one Master's or credential program and wishes to enter another must file a formal application form with the Graduate Admission Office. A student who has completed a credential program at LMU and wishes to apply for a Master's program must file a formal application form with the Graduate Admission Office. Application fees are waived for all LMU alumni.

#### Readmission

A student wishing to return to the University after two years in which he or she was not enrolled must reapply for admission through the Graduate Admission Office and will be evaluated on the same conditions as all other new students.

#### Current Students

Students who do not remain in good academic standing will have a hold placed on their registration for the following semester.

## **Immunization Record for Graduate Students**

New graduate students entering the University who were born after 1956 are required to return a completed Immunization Record to the Student Health Center. All new students entering the University must show results of a Tuberculin Skin Test given within the last year. ALL immunizations must be current and physician-verified. Students with incomplete forms will have their registration withheld for the following semester until the completed Immunization Record has been received by the Student Health Center.

In addition, all international students must submit their immunization records to the Student Health Center. Students with incomplete forms will have their registration withheld for the following semester until the completed form has been received by the Student Health Center.