

# ADMISSION POLICIES

## Admission to the University

Los Angeles Pacific University is committed to the principle of lifelong learning and accessibility to higher education. LAPU invites applications from students who have a passion to learn and to make a difference in the world. Applicants must abide by the policies, standards, and regulations at LAPU and respect the ideals, principles, and traditions it upholds as a Christian institution of higher learning.

To be eligible for admission to LAPU, students must submit a graduate application, and an official transcript that demonstrates evidence of completion of a bachelor's degree or higher with a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale from a college or university accredited by an organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. If the cumulative GPA is less than 3.0, the most recent 30 graded semester credits (or 45 quarter credits) will be evaluated to satisfy the graduate entrance requirement. These 30 graded credits completed will be utilized for a GPA calculation which must equal or exceed 3.0. The last 30 graded credits from an accredited university must be baccalaureate, post-baccalaureate, or credentialed courses. Provisional admittance may be granted to individuals who do not meet the minimum GPA requirement.

There may be additional admissions documents required specific to the student's graduate program of choice. Please refer to the program's section in the LAPU Academic Catalog or speak to an enrollment counselor.

Students completing an undergraduate degree at LAPU may be admitted as a graduate student no earlier than the start of the semester following their degree conferral.

For all programs, admission is not guaranteed, and LAPU reserves the right to deny admission.

LAPU does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, or status as a veteran.

## Admissions Petition

There are two circumstances that require applicants to submit an admissions petition: applicants dismissed from LAPU or from another school, and applicants whose GPA falls significantly below the admission minimum (3.00).

- Applicants dismissed from LAPU or other academic institutions are required to submit an Admissions Petition addressing the dismissal(s).
- Applicants with a GPA below 3.0 are required to submit an Admissions Petition if requested.

The Admissions Committee will review the petition and may ask for additional documentation before reaching a final decision; the student will be notified of the committee's decision to approve or deny the request.

Please contact your enrollment counselor for specific instructions.

## Admission Status

### • Regular

Applicants who are granted regular admission to the university are fully accepted without restriction and are considered to be in good standing. They are permitted to continue in this classification as long as they maintain a satisfactory grade-point average (3.0) and continue to meet the general standards established by the university for admission and graduation.

### • Provisional

Applicants who are granted provisional admission are fully accepted, but are required to achieve a status of good standing by the end of their first semester of enrollment in order to continue to take courses in the program. Good standing status is achieved by maintaining a cumulative local GPA, or most recent semester GPA, of 3.0 or better.

### • Conditional

Applicants who are granted conditional admission are accepted through Friday of Week 1 of the session. This status is revocable if all remaining admission requirements are not completed by Noon PT on Friday of Week 1.

## Policy Regarding False Information

Students are advised that admission is contingent upon the truthfulness of the information contained in the application. Discovery of false information subsequent to admission is, at the university's discretion, grounds for immediate dismissal at any point in the student's course of study. Such dismissal shall result in forfeiture of all charges paid and academic credits earned. The full fraudulent records policy may be obtained from the Office of the Registrar.

## Transcripts

Applicants are responsible for submitting an official transcript from the accredited college or university from which they received their most recent baccalaureate or higher degree. An official transcript is one that LAPU receives through the authorized electronic transcript submission process or unopened in an envelope sealed by the issuing institution(s) that bears the official seal of that college or university. LAPU reserves the right to request that the transcript be sent directly from the issuing institution(s). A final transcript, including the conferral of the degree, must be sent following graduation for final acceptance to occur. The transcript and other documents submitted as part of the application remain the property of the university and cannot be returned to the student or forwarded in any form to another college or university.

## Evidence of Proficiency

There are no required pre-admission tests for applicants to Los Angeles Pacific University. However, STAT 280 or its equivalent may be a prerequisite course for specific programs. Please refer to the program or speak to a program representative for additional information.

If required by the program, students must present evidence of completion of STAT 280 with a grade of C- or higher, or its equivalent. Such evidence may include an official college transcript verifying successful completion of the prerequisite course (Applied Statistics), or an Advanced Placement Exam (AP) statistics score of at least 3. Official documentation must be received by the Office of the Registrar before registering for PSYC 670, PSYC 690, or PUBH 520.

## **International Admission**

Currently, Los Angeles Pacific University only accepts international students (1) through formal partnerships with other universities or organizations or (2) who are eligible to receive U.S. federal student aid and have a social security number. See Partnerships (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/grad/info/partnerships/>) for a list of current partnerships. An international student is defined as any individual not holding permanent U.S. residency or citizenship.

All applicants who are not participants in a formal LAPU international partnership and are not U.S. citizens are required to submit current and unexpired documentation of permanent U.S. residency to determine admissions eligibility. In order for an admission and acceptance decision into a particular session to be made, the verification documents submitted must be valid (not expired) for the full duration of the semester. Please contact your enrollment counselor for specific instructions and a full list of approved verification documents.

## **Notification of Admission**

Los Angeles Pacific University follows a procedure of rolling admission, which means that a prospective student may submit a completed application at any time. Submitting an application for a specific start term does not guarantee admission or acceptance for that term.