OUR MISSION

FYE learning communities bring together the collaborative efforts of four departments at LBCC: Counseling, English, Math, and Learning and Academic Resources.

- FYE offers learning communities designed for students who would like to receive extra support in the first year of college.

- These communities promote success in the math and English courses that students often find challenging as they begin their college careers.

- FYE students join a community of dedicated instructors and learners for a two-semester sequence that fulfills pre-collegiate or transfer requirements.

OUR 2006-2007 COHORTS INCLUDE:

FALL 2007   SPRING 2008
COUNSELING 1   COUNSELING 48
ENGLISH 105   ENGLISH 1
LEARN 11

FALL 2007   SPRING 2008
COUNSELING 1   COUNSELING 48
MATH 110A   MATH 110B
LEARN 11

Tips for STUDENTS

- EDUCATIONAL PLAN WITH MR. HUERTA BY NOVEMBER 14
- APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS (LBCC) BY DECEMBER 3 AT 5PM
- MEET WITH YOUR INSTRUCTORS DURING THEIR OFFICE HOURS
- LAST DAY TO DROP A SEMESTER-LONG CLASS WITH A “W” IS NOVEMBER 21, 2007

UPCOMING EVENT(S):

UC APPLICATION WORKSHOPS*
Tues., Oct. 30, 2pm-3pm, D235, LAC
Thurs., Nov. 8, 11:30am-12:30pm, C102, LAC
Mon., Nov. 26, 11am-12pm, C102, LAC

CSU APPLICATION WORKSHOPS*
Thurs., Oct. 18, 1-2pm, F110, LAC
Mon., Nov. 5, 11-12pm, C102, LAC
Thurs., Nov. 15, 4-5pm, D333, LAC
Tues., Nov. 27, 6-7pm, D237, LAC

FIRST EDITION: BASED ON THE 2007-08 COHORT
BUILDING CONNECTIONS AT LBCC

ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2007 FYE HAD ITS KICKOFF EVENT. STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND SUPPORT STAFF WERE ABLE TO ENJOY EACH OTHER’S COMPANY AND BUILD PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS.

THANKS TO ALL THAT ATTENDED.

RESEARCH SUGGESTS THAT THE MORE PERSONAL CONNECTION A STUDENT HAS WITH THE COLLEGE, THE MORE LIKELY THE STUDENT IS TO CONTINUING THEIR COLLEGE EDUCATION.
THIS MONTH’S FEATURED FYE STUDENTS

MATTHEW GRABOWSKI
I'M 19 AND THIS IS MY FIRST YEAR AT LBCC. THE FYE PROGRAM HAS HELPED ME A LOT WITH MEETING NEW PEOPLE AND STUDYING NEW METHODS. IT IS ALSO GREAT BECAUSE THE TEACHERS AND COUNSELOR ARE WILLING TO HELP OUT WITH ANYTHING YOU NEED TO STAY ON TRACK.

SIA XIONG
AS A FIRST YEAR STUDENT ATTENDING COLLEGE, FYE IS OF GREAT HELP. THIS PROGRAM HAS HELPED ME THROUGH EVERYTHING. THE FACULTY IS ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP. I AM MAJORING IN ARCHITECTURE. THIS PROGRAM WILL HELP ME MAKE THE CORRECT CHOICE AND GET ME TO TRANSFER. SO TRY IT OUT; IT’S WORTH IT!

IRVING WHEATLEY
FYE IS A GREAT PROGRAM THAT MANY SCHOOLS DO NOT HAVE. I AM LUCKY AND FORTUNATE TO BE A PART OF THIS PROGRAM. THE COUNSELOR, TEACHERS AND SI LEADER HAVE BEEN OF GREAT HELP. WITH THEIR ASSISTANCE, I CAN SEE MYSELF MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. I RECOMMEND FYE TO ANYONE WHO IS REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT HIS/HER EDUCATION.

ZULEMA JJION
THIS IS MY FIRST SEMESTER AT LBCC, AND SO FAR I LOVE IT. I ESPECIALLY LIKE SCHOOL BECAUSE OF THE SUPPORT I ATTAIN FROM THE FYE PROGRAM. LEARN 11 IS A GREAT CLASS AS IT IS HELPING ME WITH MY STUDY HABITS. I LOOK FORWARD TO SUCCEEDING IN COLLEGE WITH THE HELP OF THE FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE PROGRAM.

YESSICA CASTILLO
FYE IS A GOOD PROGRAM BECAUSE THE TEACHERS ARE ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP, AND THEY EXPLAIN THE LESSONS CLEARLY. THE SI AND TUTORING HAS HELPED ME WITH MY COURSEWORK. THIS IS A GREAT PROGRAM FOR ANY COLLEGE STUDENT BECAUSE IT HELPS US EVENTUALLY BECOME MORE INDEPENDENT STUDENTS.
**APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID BY MARCH 2ND**

**VISIT YOUR INSTRUCTORS DURING THEIR OFFICE HOURS FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE IN YOUR CLASSES**

**LAST DAY TO DROP SEMESTER LONG CLASS WITH A “W” IS APRIL 28, 2006**

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**THIS MONTH’S FEATURED FYE STUDENTS**

**LA FEIL A RAYBON**

I was nervous coming back to school after being away for so long. Fortunately, I met with Mr. Huerta because he informed me about FYE. Having the same students in a couple of my classes and getting the extra help are comforting. The S.I. sessions are very helpful, and being able to meet with Mr. Huerta whenever I need to is a bonus. FYE is helping me a lot.

**KRISTEN PANNELL**

I’m fresh out of high school, and it’s my first semester in college. FYE has made my experience even better than what I anticipated. I am majoring in journalism to either become a reporter or a writer.

**DANIEL RAMIREZ**

The FYE program has helped me out a lot. I have learned about learning styles and how to study more efficiently. I really recommend the FYE program to any new student as it will help you grow as a college student.

**MARGARET VALLE**

I’m 18 years old. This is my first year in college. When I started, I was unsure of college and how I would do, but thanks to the FYE program, my attitude has changed. SI has helped me a lot because I know there is someone to help me if I have any academic problems.

**REBECCA TALAMANTES**

This is my first year at LBCC. With the help from Mr. Huerta, I was able to figure out the classes I need to transfer to a UC. I strongly recommend any freshman to join the FYE program as it will help you academically as well as socially. You get to meet many interesting people in FYE.
FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

THIS MONTH’S FEATURED FYE STUDENTS

ELIZABETH MWANSA
Becoming a good student, attaining a good education and succeeding in life are extremely important to me. The FYE program is currently assisting me in attaining the above goals. FYE is a great program that helps you become a master student and succeed in all your courses.

WENDY ING
When I first started this semester, I was clueless about what to do and how to get started. The FYE program changed that for me. They have made me feel competent and comfortable. It’s nice to have a staff that lets you know they care, and they want to make sure you succeed.

JASMINE COLEMAN
The FYE program has been extremely helpful. This program has helped me create good study habits to be able to succeed in class. I want to transfer to Cal State Long Beach and become a medical doctor. I really want to become a pediatrician, as I really enjoy working with kids.

PERRA ROUM
Being the first in my family to attend LBCC or any college has been challenging. Fortunately, the FYE counselor has helped me choose the correct classes to become a social worker. The faculty truly care and make an effort to get to know you. The program is great and is really helpful. I’m glad I joined FYE.

JOSEPH ARNWINE
The FYE program has taught me a different way of planning my time and effort in my courses. Thanks to FYE, I know what I need to become a realtor. I am taking courses that will improve my skills in the real world. Everyone is nice and understands what I need to make things happen.
Welcome to First-Year Experience. English 105 and English 1 are historically challenging courses for students at LBCC, but in the FYE Learning Community, you will become a more confident reader, writer, and critical thinker. Through Learn 11, Counseling 1 and 48, you will receive the support needed to be more successful in composition courses that will prepare you for transfer.

CHRISTINA GULLEN, ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR

I’ve been working at LBCC since 1978 (!), and a few months after starting here, I met the woman who has been my wife for 24 years!!! We have two daughters, both in college right now. I’ve taught Learn 11 full-time for nine years after many years as a part-timer. In whatever spare time I have, I enjoy spending time with my family, being involved in my church, and following sports of all kinds.

SOTT BRUECKNER, LEARN 11 INSTRUCTOR

As your Counselor and instructor, it will be my pleasure and personal commitment to assist you in attaining your personal, professional, and educational goals. I devote myself to serve as a resource to aid in your success as you navigate through the higher educational system. It is my personal goal to see ALL of you succeed and eventually attain your dreams. Welcome to our “Familia” 😊😊😊

PHILLIP M. HUERTA, COUNSELOR & INSTRUCTOR
I am a La Habra High alumni. I earned an AA from Cypress College, a BA in history from UCI, a BA and Master’s in Math from CSUF. I taught at Brea High for 6 years. I was hired as a full time instructor at LBCC in 1994. I love reading mystery novels and history books. I watch lots of movies. I am an amateur birder and most weekends will go to Bolsa Chica or Central Park to catch sight of our feathered friends. While on vacation in the south this summer, I spotted a cardinal, which I hadn't seen since I was a child. It was so cool!

LINDA BELL, MATH INSTRUCTOR

I have been a full-time instructor at LBCC since 2000. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with our wonderful students, helping them achieve their goals. My goal as an instructor is to help students become more successful and help them develop into Master Students.

LEE DOUGLASS, LEARN 11 INSTRUCTOR
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