

do not have all official transcripts on file with the Admissions Office before initial registration may be admitted but will not be allowed to register for the following semester until all transcripts are on file. Issues related to proper placement are addressed below under "Placement."

Students from community colleges may transfer in a maximum of 70 applicable units toward the baccalaureate degree at Point Loma. Furthermore, after 70 units have been earned at the 100-level or above, including those units registered for in the current semester, no work may be transferred to the University from a community college. All courses taken at a community college transfer as lower-division units only.

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### ADMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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Point Loma Nazarene University welcomes students from all over the world. Students for whom English is not the native language must demonstrate English language proficiency by taking the International Student English Exam administered by Point Loma and the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), available through the Educational Testing Service, Box 955, Princeton, New Jersey 08540. A score of 550 on the paper-based TOEFL is required or 213 on the computer-based exam. International students seeking admission to the University must file the following documents with the Admissions Office:

- a formal application for admission;
- a self-report health record;
- two recommendations;
- official transcripts (high school or university) ;
- SAT/ACT scores or official TOEFL scores (for non-native speakers) ;
- an affidavit of support; and
- a report from a transcript evaluation service.

It is the responsibility of students who submit transfer courses from a university outside the United States to have transcripts evaluated by an approved evaluation service. Students should contact the Admissions Office or the Records Office for evaluation applications from various services or contact those agencies directly, at [www.ece.org](http://www.ece.org) or [www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org).

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### READMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY

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Students who leave the University must apply for readmission through the Office of Admissions, meeting calendar deadlines and making deposits as required. Students whose continuous enrollment is not interrupted by more than two consecutive semesters may remain under their declared applicable *Catalog*. Those who are readmitted after three or more semesters of non-attendance return under the *Catalog* in effect at the time of readmission.

## Special Features

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### ENTRANCE AND PLACEMENT EXAMINATIONS

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All applicants for admission to the University are required to take either the ACT Assessment of the American College Testing Program (ACT) or the Scholastic Assessment Tests (SAT) of the College Board. These tests are administered at high schools and university test centers throughout the United States. The scores earned are used for placement in certain courses. **The Point Loma Nazarene University SAT testing code is 4605; the ACT code is 0370.** Entering students who have not taken the entrance examination are required to meet this requirement after arrival.

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### FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE (FYE) PROGRAM

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*Educating the Student...Developing the Student... Serving the Student.* This is the focus of Point Loma Nazarene University's First-Year Experience (FYE) program. FYE is a comprehensive and cohesive program of academic and personal development activities and services. The goal of Point Loma's FYE is to facilitate the transition to University life by seeking to develop skills to meet the challenges of higher education, self-awareness and understanding of others, the enjoyment of a wide variety of services, and setting the course for students to enter into the community of faithful learners.

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### NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION (NSO)

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An important component of the First-Year Experience at Point Loma Nazarene University is a program known as New Student Orientation (NSO). An intensive orientation to all aspects of student life at the university, NSO welcomes students and families to the main campus for a three-day series of events that focus on issues such as academic life, residential life, adjustment to the challenges of a University education, financing one's education, and enjoyable social events. The NSO experience is the culmination of mailings and Web offerings prepared and administered by a cross-section of the University community, including staff, faculty, and student leaders.

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### PROGRAM QUICK START

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Program Quick Start (PQS) is a five-week summer program designed for a limited number of potential first-time freshmen to prepare at-risk students for an academic career. Students enroll for two or three required General Education courses and, upon completion, receive six to seven units of credit. The program also emphasizes study skills such as time management, note taking, and test preparation. For more information on PQS, students should contact the Admissions Office or consult the University's Web site.

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### INTEGRATED SEMESTER FOR FRESHMEN

A learning community experience, PLNU's Integrated Semester for Freshmen (ISF) is a one-semester fall program of five classes and sixteen units open to 48 first-year students. Professors from several departments plan together for thematic studies and discussions that provide a unique synergism for cross-disciplinary learning. Other emphases of the program include writing across the curriculum, the development of a dynamic, close-knit learning community, and achieving an academically successful first semester. All courses in this program fulfill Point Loma requirements in the General Education Program for graduation. An activity fee covers costs of special activities including a mid-week retreat and a cultural event.

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### COURSE CHALLENGE PROGRAMS

Students may use a variety of vehicles for meeting graduation requirements other than in the traditional classroom. These include the Advanced Placement (AP) program sponsored by the College Entrance Examination Board, approved on-line courses, the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), ACT-PEP sponsored by the American College Testing Program, and the International Baccalaureate (IB) program.

**Advanced Placement Program (AP).** Entering students who have satisfactory scores on AP examinations may receive credit in applicable areas of the curriculum. A score of four or five receives six units of credit where appropriate; a score of three receives three units. Credits awarded through the AP program are subject to the transcripting fee.

**ACT-PEP.** ACT-PEP credits are granted upon the recommendation of individual academic departments.

**International Baccalaureate (IB).** Point Loma recognizes the International Baccalaureate (IB) program and awards advanced standing for Higher Level courses completed with a score of five or above. Official IB transcripts must be sent to the Records Office for consideration. Credits awarded through the IB program are accepted as University credits and are not subject to the transcripting fee. For complete information, students should contact the Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Administration.

**College Level Examination Program (CLEP).** Students may earn up to 32 semester units of credit by demonstrating proficiency in Subject Examinations related to graduation requirements. Three units may be granted for a score at least at the 50th percentile in a subject area in which credit has not already been given. If the test corresponds to a two-semester (six unit) course at Point Loma Nazarene University and the student achieves at least the 75th percentile, six units of credit will be granted. Credits are awarded only after the student has earned twelve units in residence with a minimum GPA of 2.000. The University charges a per-unit fee for transcripting course challenge credits in CLEP.