

# Returning Student Admission and Enrollment Steps

You are considered a **returning student** if it has been more than one semester since you have taken a class at a Los Rios college (American River College, Cosumnes River College, Folsom Lake College, or Sacramento City College). If you took college classes while in high school, then you are considered a [first-time college student](https://arc.losrios.edu/admissions/get-started-and-apply/first-time-college-student) (<https://arc.losrios.edu/admissions/get-started-and-apply/first-time-college-student>).

## Not a Returning Student?

If you are not a returning student, then you may need to follow different steps. Find out what type of student you are and get the correct steps for you!

[What Type of Student Are You?](https://arc.losrios.edu/admissions/get-started-and-apply) (<https://arc.losrios.edu/admissions/get-started-and-apply>)

## Apply to American River College

If you have never taken classes at Los Rios, or if it has been more than one semester since you have taken a class at any Los Rios college, then you will need to submit a new application through CCCApply. All California Community Colleges have an open enrollment policy, which means you can apply year-round. However, it's best to apply early to improve your priority registration date and get the best choices for classes.

Students who submit an application without a social security number (SSN) should contact [Admissions Office](https://arc.losrios.edu/admissions/admissions-office). ([/admissions/admissions-office](https://arc.losrios.edu/admissions/admissions-office))

## Selecting a Major/Goal

If you're unsure what you want to study, [explore careers with PathwayU](https://losrios.pathwayu.com/) (<https://losrios.pathwayu.com/>) – a free tool for students to explore where their interests, values, personality, and workplace preferences intersect with career fields and programs of study available at American River College. Start by completing the simple PathwayU assessments and see where the results take you!

Students who select "undecided" as their major/goal **are not eligible for financial aid**. We encourage you to select what you are most interested in right now.

## Students Must Reside in California

Students who are not physically located in California **may not enroll in online courses** offered by American River College. American River College is not authorized to provide education outside the boundaries of the State of California.

[Apply to ARC](https://www.openccapply.net/gateway/apply?cccMisCode=231) (<https://www.openccapply.net/gateway/apply?cccMisCode=231>)

## Additional Information

- 🔗 [Admissions Office](https://arc.losrios.edu/admissions/admissions-office) ([/admissions/admissions-office](https://arc.losrios.edu/admissions/admissions-office))
- 🔗 [Student Support Center](https://arc.losrios.edu/student-support-center) ([/student-support-center](https://arc.losrios.edu/student-support-center))
- 🔗 [PathwayU Career Exploration Tool](https://losrios.pathwayu.com/) (<https://losrios.pathwayu.com/>)

## Save Money – Apply for Financial Aid

Financial aid is any source of funds that helps you pay for college. We recommend that you submit a financial aid application to see what you qualify for – and remember, you need to apply for financial aid each academic year!

**American River College's federal school code is 001232.**

The FAFSA is the gateway to most federal and state financial aid opportunities for US citizens, permanent residents, and eligible non-citizens, including:

- State and federal [grants and fee waivers](https://arc.losrios.edu/admissions/financial-aid-and-fees/types-of-financial-aid/grants) ([/admissions/financial-aid-and-fees/types-of-financial-aid/grants](https://arc.losrios.edu/admissions/financial-aid-and-fees/types-of-financial-aid/grants))
- Assistance from [EOPS](https://arc.losrios.edu/eops) ([/eops](https://arc.losrios.edu/eops)), [CARE](https://arc.losrios.edu/care) ([/eops](https://arc.losrios.edu/care)), or [CalWORKs](https://arc.losrios.edu/calworks) ([/calworks](https://arc.losrios.edu/calworks))
- [Work-study](https://arc.losrios.edu/student-resources/support-services/calworks/work-study) ([/student-resources/support-services/calworks/work-study](https://arc.losrios.edu/student-resources/support-services/calworks/work-study))
- [Loans](https://arc.losrios.edu/admissions/financial-aid-and-fees/types-of-financial-aid/federal-direct-loans) ([/admissions/financial-aid-and-fees/types-of-financial-aid/federal-direct-loans](https://arc.losrios.edu/admissions/financial-aid-and-fees/types-of-financial-aid/federal-direct-loans))
- [Scholarships](https://arc.losrios.edu/scholarships) ([/scholarships](https://arc.losrios.edu/scholarships))

If you are not a US Citizen, then you may be eligible for the [California Dream Act](https://arc.losrios.edu/admissions/financial-aid-and-fees/california-dream-act) (<https://arc.losrios.edu/admissions/financial-aid-and-fees/california-dream-act>). You can submit the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) if you meet the non-resident exemption requirements under AB 540, AB 2000, or SB 68, and any of the following are true:

- You are undocumented.
- You have a valid or expired DACA status.
- You are a U Visa holder.
- You have Temporary Protected Status (TPS).

[Submit FAFSA](https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/afsa) (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/afsa>)

## Learn More About Financial Aid

[Financial Aid and Fees \(/admissions/financial-aid-and-fees\)](#)

[Financial Aid Deadlines \(/admissions/financial-aid-and-fees/financial-aid-deadlines\)](#)

## Set Up eServices and Los Rios Gmail

eServices is Los Rios' online student portal where students manage their information, records, classes, and more.

After your application is processed, you will receive an email with your Los Rios student ID number (also known as a "W" number or "wID"). This is a seven-digit number with a preceding "W"; for example, **W0000001**.

You will use your Los Rios ID and password to log in to multiple services, including [Canvas \(https://lrccd.instructure.com/login/\)](https://lrccd.instructure.com/login/), [eServices \(https://ps.losrios.edu/student/signon.html\)](https://ps.losrios.edu/student/signon.html), [Los Rios Gmail \(https://mail.google.com/a/apps.losrios.edu\)](https://mail.google.com/a/apps.losrios.edu), and instructional lab computers.

[Create Password \(/student-resources/technology-resources/password-management/create-password\)](#)

## Get Technology Help

[Student ID Lookup \(/student-resources/technology-resources/technology-support/student-id-lookup\)](#)

[Technology Resources \(/student-resources/technology-resources\)](#)

## Complete Orientation

New student orientation gives you important information to help you succeed in college.

Orientation gives new students a strong start at American River College by providing planning, support, and guidance. Learn about important forms and tasks you need to complete before you start classes.

You can start online orientation 24 hours after you get your student ID number. To complete orientation, [log in to Canvas \(https://lrccd.instructure.com\)](https://lrccd.instructure.com) and find the tile for Los Rios Online Orientation.

[Learn About Orientation \(/admissions/orientation\)](#)

## Additional Resources

[Student Access Card \(/admissions/enrollment-and-eservices/student-access-card\)](#)

## Check Your Math and English Placement

Your placement helps you determine which math, English, or English as a Second Language (ESL) courses you should enroll in.

Students can check their placement in [eServices \(https://ps.losrios.edu/student/signon.html\)](https://ps.losrios.edu/student/signon.html).

1. From your eServices dashboard, click *Academic Records*.
2. Click *Placements* to view your math and English placements.

## Recent High School Graduates

If you graduated high school **less than 10 years ago** and you provided your GPA and the last math and English classes you took in high school on your application, then your placement information is automatically updated in eServices.

## Older High School Graduates and Others

If any of the following are true for you, then you may need to submit your high school transcripts or use the guided self-placement process to receive your math and English placement:

- Graduated high school **more than 10 years ago**
- Left high school without graduating
- Did not enter your high school information on your application
- Attended a foreign high school

[Learn About Placement \(/admissions/placement-and-assessment-services\)](#)

## Placement Links

- 🔗 [English and Math Placement \(/admissions/placement-and-assessment-services/english-and-math-placement\)](/admissions/placement-and-assessment-services/english-and-math-placement)
- 🔗 [Chemistry Placement \(/admissions/placement-and-assessment-services/chemistry-placement\)](/admissions/placement-and-assessment-services/chemistry-placement)
- 🔗 [AB 705 and AB 1805 \(/admissions/placement-and-assessment-services/ab-705-and-ab-1805\)](/admissions/placement-and-assessment-services/ab-705-and-ab-1805)

## Meet With a Counselor and Pick Your Classes

Meet with a counselor to create an educational plan and decide what classes to take to meet your goals.

[Make a Counseling Appointment \(/student-resources/counseling\)](/student-resources/counseling)

## Counseling Links

- 🔗 [Schedule a Counseling Appointment \(/student-resources/counseling/schedule-a-counseling-appointment\)](/student-resources/counseling/schedule-a-counseling-appointment)
- 🔗 [Counseling FAQ and Glossary \(/student-resources/counseling/counseling-frequently-asked-questions\)](/student-resources/counseling/counseling-frequently-asked-questions)

## Enroll in Classes

You can enroll in classes online via eServices during or after your enrollment appointment window.

You will be assigned an enrollment appointment, which is the earliest date and time you can enroll in classes. You can find your enrollment appointment in [eServices \(https://ps.losrios.edu/student/signon.html\)](https://ps.losrios.edu/student/signon.html).

You can enroll in classes at multiple Los Rios colleges. To do this, log in to eServices and follow these steps:

1. Click *Manage Classes*.
2. Click *Add Another College*.
3. Follow the instructions to add the college where you want to take classes for the selected term.

[Enroll in Classes \(https://ps.losrios.edu/student/signon.html\)](https://ps.losrios.edu/student/signon.html)

## Related Links

- 🔗 [Priority Registration and Enrollment Dates \(/admissions/enrollment-and-eservices/priority-registration-and-enrollment-dates\)](/admissions/enrollment-and-eservices/priority-registration-and-enrollment-dates)
- 🔗 [Search Class Schedules \(/academics/search-class-schedules\)](/academics/search-class-schedules)
- 🔗 [Waitlist Information \(/admissions/enrollment-and-eservices/waitlist-information\)](/admissions/enrollment-and-eservices/waitlist-information)

## Pay Your Fees

Pay your fees soon after you enroll to avoid being dropped.

Your tuition and fees are due soon after you enroll in classes. You may be dropped if your fees are not paid by the [fee payment deadline \(https://arc.losrios.edu/admissions/financial-aid-and-fees/tuition-and-fees/fee-payment-deadlines\)](https://arc.losrios.edu/admissions/financial-aid-and-fees/tuition-and-fees/fee-payment-deadlines). This is true even if you enroll in a class that starts later in the semester.

You can see how much you owe in [eServices \(https://ps.losrios.edu/student/signon.html\)](https://ps.losrios.edu/student/signon.html). From your dashboard, click *Financial Account*, then *Account Balance*.

[Pay Fees in eServices \(https://ps.losrios.edu/student/signon.html\)](https://ps.losrios.edu/student/signon.html)

## Related Links

- 🔗 [Tuition and Fees \(/admissions/financial-aid-and-fees/tuition-and-fees\)](/admissions/financial-aid-and-fees/tuition-and-fees)
- 🔗 [Student Payment Plan \(/admissions/financial-aid-and-fees/tuition-and-fees/student-payment-plan\)](/admissions/financial-aid-and-fees/tuition-and-fees/student-payment-plan)
- 🔗 [Refunds \(/admissions/financial-aid-and-fees/tuition-and-fees/refunds\)](/admissions/financial-aid-and-fees/tuition-and-fees/refunds)

## Get Help

## Enrolling in Classes

Need help enrolling in your classes? Contact [Admissions Office \(/admissions/admissions-office\)](#) or the [Student Support Center \(/student-support-center\)](#).

## Personal Email

Students must use a personal email, not a high school email, to complete their application. Free email accounts are available from many sources:

[Google Gmail \(https://www.google.com/gmail\)](https://www.google.com/gmail)

[Yahoo Email \(https://login.yahoo.com\)](https://login.yahoo.com)

[Microsoft Outlook \(https://outlook.live.com\)](https://outlook.live.com)

**Note:** While all of the providers listed above have millions of users and are widely trusted to be reliable and secure, OpenCCC and the CCC Chancellor's Office do not endorse any particular email providers, and will have no liability should any issues arise with a particular email provider.

## CCCApply Application

You only need to submit *one CCCApply application* to take classes at any college in the Los Rios district – don't spend unnecessary time submitting separate applications for each college.

## Student ID Number

After your application is processed, we will email you a student ID number and instructions for next steps.

## CCCApply Account Recovery

Students who have created a CCCApply account must log in using the account they created; they should not create a new account. Students who forgot their username/password can use the "Forgot" icon on the CCCApply site.

Students who use this function and still cannot find their username/password can call the [OpenCCC helpline \(https://cccapplyproject.org/support\)](https://cccapplyproject.org/support). If they don't have their username or password and aren't able to answer security questions to retrieve that information, then the student will have to contact CCCApply directly.

American River College does not have access to CCCApply account information.