Greetings!

Congratulations on your acceptance to Los Angeles College of Music (LACM)! I am delighted to welcome you to our college as your time spent with us will be an enriching and a rewarding experience.

This welcome packet is designed to serve as an introduction to LACM and will provide you with important student information that will help you make a smooth transition.

Information included: New Student Winter 2016 Checklist, Winter 2016 Tuition & Deadlines, Housing Information Packet, as well as LACM’s Course Catalog.

We are looking forward to you joining us in the winter and, as we say, "get to the music."

Best,

Gabriela Teran
Assistant Director of Admissions

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TUITION INFORMATION & DEADLINES FOR ALL PROGRAMS
WINTER 2016

TUITION & FEES

Tuition for full-time students taking classes between 12-19 hours is $7,901.25. If a student elects to take below 12 credit hours (which is not considered full-time), the student will be billed $658.43 per credit hour taken. If a student elects to take more than 19 credit hours, the student will also be billed $658.43 credit hour above the 19 credit hours (this excludes elective classes). Tuition includes all required classes, LACM classroom books, and materials. Note that electives are subject to additional fees; any applicable fees will be listed on the Quarterly Registration Form accordingly.

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* $7,901.25 is the tuition rate for full-time students taking between 12-19 hours, students taking below 12 credits or above 19 credits will be charged $658.43 per credit hour; this excludes electives.

** General Education course books are not included in the tuition price; therefore, the student is responsible for purchasing his/her textbooks (i.e. Amazon, Half Price Books, etc.)

DEADLINES

Space in the program is subject to availability; tuition payment or Financial Aid (FA) packaging confirms your space. If your tuition and fees are not addressed by the deadline, you may not register for classes. If you pay (or have your financial aid packaged) after the deadline, late registration may be possible if space is available. If you are a late applicant, late application and enrollment may be possible and is subject to space availability.

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*Applications received after the deadline may be subject to the wait list.
DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Scholarship application deadline
  August 15th, 2015

- Signed enrollment agreement form deadline
  October 1st, 2015

- Roommate Connection (Housing) preliminary deadline
  November 10th, 2015 (optional)

- Tuition deadline
  October 23rd, 2015

- FAFSA (Federal Financial Aid for U.S. Students) deadline
  October 1st, 2015

- Orientation
  January 6th – 8th, 2016
  *Make sure to book your flight in time to make it for Orientation!

- Classes begin
  Monday, January 11th, 2016

- New Student Welcome Party
  Friday, January 15th @ sunset!!!
  * Live music & free food!
International Students

In order to receive your I-20 form for your student visa application procedure, you must submit the following:

1. Signed Enrollment Agreement Form
2. Copy of valid passport (with name and date of birth information)
3. Tuition payment
4. Confidential Statement of Finances form, or bank letter or statement

Other things to bring:

✓ Key/combination lock for locker
✓ U-lock if you plan to own a bike
✓ Metronome
✓ Staff paper & pencil
✓ Audio recording device (optional)
✓ Digital camera (a must!)
✓ Light jacket and umbrella
✓ Laptop (Free Wi-Fi for students) - school computers are also available for students to use

Financial Aid Students (U.S)

✓ You are not considered eligible for an initial federal financial aid disbursement until you have successfully completed the first thirty (30) days of your enrolled program.

✓ Complete a FAFSA (free application for federal student aid) at http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/ to determine your federal aid eligibility.

✓ Financial aid is time-sensitive, so apply before the October 1st deadline (LACM school code is 038684).
Payment Methods

- Check from a United States bank, in U.S. dollars
- Travelers check in U.S. dollars
- Money order in U.S. dollars
- Major credit card (include card type, account #, cardholder's name, billing address, expiration date and security code)

Payment by wire transfer (bank to bank)
If you wish to pay via wire transfer, the necessary information is below. Be sure to reference your name and school invoice # on the wire transfer form, and please include all fees required by both banks. The school will not be responsible for any banking charges.

Tuition Account
Wire to: Swift # CBBKUS6L
FFC: Los Angeles Music Academy
Acct: # 43032720ABA or
Routing: #122234149
Citizen Business Bank
970 W. 190th Street
Suite 120
Torrance, CA 90502

Housing Information

As Winter approaches, it becomes necessary to organize the non-musical part of your time at LACM.

We would like to help make this transition to Pasadena as easy as possible by providing resources to assist you. Most new students need to find housing, and while this process may seem daunting, it always works out in the end.

Please read through the Housing Packet carefully, and don’t hesitate to contact our Housing Department via phone or e-mail with further questions.

- Email: housing@lacm.edu

Contacts

Office telephone: 626.568.8850  ●  Student Entrance telephone: 626.583.6689
- Assistant Director of Admissions: Gabriela Teran - gabriela@lacm.edu
- Admissions Counselor: Caylon Travis – caylon@lacm.edu
- Director of Financial Aid: Mary Olmos – mary@lacm.edu
- Academic Advisor: Charisse Marroquin – charisse@lacm.edu
- Director of Curriculum & Development: Kristen Andersen – kristen@lacm.edu
- Director of International Student Services and Assistant Registrar: Wendy Lilienfein – wendy@lacm.edu
THINGS TO BRING

PERFORMANCE DEGREES

Bass Performance

Required
✓ Bass guitar, cables, gig bag (soft case/backpack version for locker storage and easy transport), metronome, tuner, and lock for your designated locker.

Recommended
✓ Recording device, iPod and/or portable CD player or stereo.

Drum Performance

Required
✓ Single bass drum pedal (double bass pedals are optional), hi hat cymbals/clutch, crash, and ride cymbals (20” maximum w/ soft case), hard case if traveling by plane, soft case for locker, practice pad with a stand, felts and washers, drum sticks, staff paper, metronome and lock for your designated locker.

Recommended
✓ Recording device, iPod and/or portable CD player or stereo.

Guitar Performance

Required
✓ Guitar, cables, gig bag (soft case/backpack version for locker storage and easy transport), metronome, tuner, and a lock for your designated locker.

Recommended
✓ Recording device, iPod and/or portable CD player or stereo.

Vocal Performance

Required
✓ Lock for your designated locker.

Recommended
✓ Metronome, recording device, iPod and/or portable CD or stereo.
✓ LACM will provide microphones for your classes, but we recommend that you bring your own. We suggest the Shure SM58 microphone as it is inexpensive but good quality.

Brass & Woodwind Performance

Required
✓ Metronome
✓ Lock (for your designated locker)
✓ Case for your instrument

Recommended
✓ Recording device (iPod and/or handheld recorder)
THINGS TO BRING

PRODUCTION & BUSINESS DEGREES

Music Producing and Recording

Required Equipment
- Pro Tools 11 software
- External hard drive, either FW800 or USB 2.0, for audio storage and moving projects from home to school and back
- 4 Gig (or more) memory stick/drive
- A set of enclosed-ear headphones (M-Audio, Q40, AKG, Sony, Sennheiser)

Recommended
- Recording device, iPod and/or portable CD player or stereo.
- Modern Desktop or Laptop (Mac or PC)

Composing for Visual Media

Required Equipment
- Pro Tools 11 software
- External hard drive, either FW800 or USB 2.0, for audio storage and moving projects from home to school and back
- 4 Gig (or more) memory stick/drive
- A set of enclosed-ear headphones (M-Audio, Q40, AKG, Sony, Sennheiser)

Recommended
- Recording device, iPod and/or portable CD player or stereo.
- Modern Desktop or Laptop (Mac or PC)

Songwriting

Required
- Pro Tools 11 software
- 8 Gigabyte minimum hard drive or thumb drive
- A set of enclosed-ear headphones (M-Audio, Q40, AKG, Sony, Sennheiser)

Recommended
- Smart Phone, Laptop or Tablet (For recording and accessing internet)
- Acoustic Guitar and Soft Case meant for portability

Music Business

Required
- 8 Gigabyte minimum hard drive or thumb drive
- Lock (for your designated locker)
- Smart Phone, Laptop or Tablet (For recording and accessing internet)
- A set of enclosed-ear headphones (M-Audio, Q40, AKG, Sony, Sennheiser)

Recommended
- Recent model laptop or desktop (no later than 2011)
THE LACM HOUSING DEPARTMENT WANTS YOU TO....

BE AN EXCELLENT STUDENT RENTER

Use this guidebook for tips on important aspects of living off-campus; these include living on a budget, getting along with roommates, and knowing your responsibilities as a renter.

This guidebook also provides information about your commuting options, especially if you won’t be driving to campus, and helps connect you with community and campus resources.

If you have any questions, please contact the Housing Department either by phone or e-mail.

Good luck and we look forward to meeting you all!
There are many housing options in Pasadena and the surrounding communities. This guidebook can help you find the one that is right for you.

As you get started, you should ask yourself:

- What type of housing do you want: an apartment, room, or a house?
- What location is best for you?
- Do you want to be within walking or biking distance of the campus?
- Do you want to be on a bus or train route?
- Do you need to find roommates?
- What is your budget?

HOW DOES LACM HOUSING WORK?

LACM’s housing department makes every effort to help make your transition to Pasadena as easy as possible. We can help you find off-campus housing and/or roommates. Housing Advisors can introduce you to a variety of resources in the LACM Housing Network.

The LACM Housing Network:
- The Roommate Connection List
- Roommate Meet Ups
- Housing Option List

Sign up for the Roommate Connection List (RCL)

The RCL is a listing of new and current LACM students looking for roommates and/or apartments. If you are seeking off-campus housing and/or roommates, get on the list! The latest copy of the list is sent via e-mail mostly in the weeks prior to the start of the Fall and Winter quarters but also throughout the term provided new people signed up. You can directly contact whomever you feel is well-suited as a roommate.

To get on the list, fill out and submit the Roommate Connection List survey. Turn in your survey as soon as possible and be sure to do it before the deadline. (Deadlines on page 12)

Come to the Roommate Meet-Ups!

We recommend that everyone on the RCL attend these meet-ups. There is one meet-up held on-campus prior to the start of the Fall and Winter quarters, so consider arriving in Pasadena as early as possible. These gatherings are optional but very helpful. You can meet potential roommates from the RCL, check out current vacancies, and get more information on how to find an apartment together.

Housing Options List

The Housing Options List provides information on local dorm rooms, rental agency and apartment listing websites, and home stay information. (Listings on page 7)
LACM is located in Pasadena, California

The city of Pasadena is located ten miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles. Pasadena has rental options in many neighborhoods, including those within walking or biking distance from the campus.

Rental markets around the LACM campus offer a wide range of options, including apartments, houses/condos for rent, and rooms in homes. Amenities and prices vary by area and type of rental.

Although Pasadena is best known as the host of the annual Tournament of Roses Parade and Rose Bowl football game, the city also boasts numerous cultural experiences, fine restaurants, and top retailers.

What are rents like in Pasadena?

- Studios $1000*+
- One-bedroom $1,200*+
- Two-bedrooms $1,500**+

These are low-end rent prices in buildings close to school.

A number of buildings and newer developments will have slightly higher rents.

Surrounding Areas

If you venture out into surrounding areas such as South Pasadena, Alhambra, East Pasadena, or Altadena, rents are likely to be less expensive.
OLD TOWN PASADENA

Within walking distance of Los Angeles College of Music is the hip, vibrant neighborhood of Old Town Pasadena.

Old Town Pasadena is one of the premiere shopping districts in Southern California. It’s an eclectic mix of one-of-a-kind specialty boutiques and exclusive national retailers concentrated in a downtown area, all within walking distance.

Old Pasadena features diverse restaurants, including award-winning fine dining and charming outdoor cafes. Students can find everything from fancy meals to quick bites, bars and late-night live music to coffee and tea.

For more information visit: www.oldpasadena.org
TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

From LAX Airport to Pasadena

Getting to Pasadena

Shuttle Vans
Shuttle vans are an economical choice and cost around $45*.
- You can arrange this when you arrive at the airport or online in advance (see below).
- Follow the “Shared Vans” signs, and the person managing the shuttles will arrange the trip.
- Make reservations ahead of time online at: www.supershuttle.com or www.primetimeshuttle.com.

Private Car Services
Uber, Lyft, Sidecar and comparable services can take you to Pasadena for about $40*.
- You’ll need to download the app and sign-up for service prior to your arrival.
- You can arrange for a private car to pick you up.
- The driver will meet you at the baggage claim area (domestic flights) or outside customs (international).
- This is a good option if you are traveling with several people, as the fare includes multiple passengers.

There are many companies that offer these services – shop around online for the best rates.

Tips
There are several ways to get to Pasadena from LAX. We do not recommend taking a taxi, as it will be very expensive ($100+), nor do we recommend taking the Metro rail system since it takes a very long time and requires several transfers.

*Approximate; subject to change.
Dorm Rooms
William Carey International University
https://www.frontierventures.org/about/venture-center

Dorm residency is open to students attending colleges, universities, and private schools. Minimum stay is one month; minimum age permitted in dorms is 18.

Dorm rates vary based on type of room, single or double occupancy, and whether or not they are purchased with a meal plan.

Contact Property Services Office at: (626) 398-2415; info@wciuproperties.com

Apartment Listing Websites
Free to use
www.craigslist.org
www.onradpad.com
www.padmapper.com
www.hotpads.com
www.trulia.com
www.therentalgirl.com
www.pasadenahousingsearch.com
Pasadena International Student Rentals (626) 695-2554:
http://rebottonbox.wix.com/pasadenarentals

Paid Search
www.westsiderentals.com

Apartment Agencies/Buildings
www.dnsrents.com
www.bevenandbrock.com
www.bryantcompanies.com
www.barberaproperties.com

Avalon Del Mar Station
265 S. Arroyo Parkway
Pasadena, CA 91105
www.avaloncommunities.com

IHPS
International Housing Placement Services

IHPS - Home Stay Option 1
$212.50 per week
Homestay in a private, furnished room with two meals per day (breakfast and dinner). Internet service is included.

IHPS – Home Share Option 2
$175 per week
Home share in a private, furnished room without meals. Students have full kitchen privileges. Internet service is included.

*One time Non-refundable Application fee:
$375 – College, ELL Students and Visitors
$225 - Short Term Application Rate (less than 4 weeks)
$100 - Refundable deposit required for all applicants

Most students are placed within 5-7 miles of the school, and within walking distance of public transportation. Please expect a 30-45 min. commute by public transport.

Apply online at: www.ihpsla.com

Email:
info@IHPSHomestays.com
AREAS TO LOOK FOR APARTMENTS

Majority of Housing Options

Potential Free Street Parking
4 TIPS
To Becoming a Successful Renter
Once you have found a place to live, there are a few things you should know to make your rental experience a good one. Check out these tips on becoming a successful renter.

1 PREPARE
PLAN TO ARRIVE IN PASADENA 2 to 3 WEEKS BEFORE THE QUARTER STARTS.
The process of finding an apartment can take time. Many buildings require an application process that will look at your credit score (U.S. students), employment history and sources of income. If your financial support is from your parents or financial aid, you will need to show supporting documentation. Some buildings will want your parents (or someone with good credit) to co-sign the lease; others strongly prefer to not to have a co-signer.

International Students
Many apartments will require a credit check, which you will not be able to provide since only U.S. residents with a social security number have credit. Most apartments, though, will not have a problem as long as you provide a financial statement as proof of income.

READ YOUR LEASE AGREEMENT before you sign it! If you do not agree with the lease, try to negotiate a change. Leases are binding legal contracts – do not sign unless you feel comfortable.

BEFORE YOU MOVE IN, DO A WALK-THROUGH with the manager and note any damage in the unit, otherwise they may hold you accountable and deduct the repair cost from your deposit. Being thorough now will save you money later.

BE AWARE OF YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES as a tenant. The Department of Consumer Affairs is a government body concerned with protecting the rights of consumers. Visit the DCA website at www.dca.ca.gov to familiarize yourself with the legal policies concerning tenants and landlords.

MOVING OUT Inform the manager if you or any roommate is leaving. If you leave before the lease is up, you will need to give a 30-day written notice. Be sure to clean the apartment and talk to the manager about damages. By law, your deposit must be returned within 21 days (minus any damage charges). Make sure to contact the utility companies in advance with your new address. Do not forget to notify the school office of your new address.

2 KNOW WHAT YOU’RE GETTING INTO

ITEMIZE YOUR MONTHLY EXPENSES to ensure that your financial resources will cover all of your expenses. Once you establish a budget and know how much you have to spend on things like food, gas, and entertainment, you might want to keep a log of your purchases to make sure you are spending within your budget.

ALSO, ALWAYS BE SURE TO ASK ABOUT WHAT UTILITIES ARE INCLUDED in the rent, since this can vary. Most traditional apartment buildings will include water, refuse (outgoing water) and trash. You will need to establish electricity and gas in the name of one of the roommates. The utility companies will run a credit check, and you may need to give a deposit. Remember that it may take a few days to establish service. Home telephone service is optional and we have found that many students prefer to just use their own cell phone.
HAVE A DISCUSSION BEFORE YOU MOVE IN  Often, problems with roommates come up because household rules were not established. Thus, you should establish an agreement with the roommate(s). By doing this, you will ensure your living habits are compatible.

COORDINATE A ROOMMATE AGREEMENT  that outlines shared responsibilities including costs, cleaning, cooking and sharing space and belongings and other “apartment rules”. After creating apartment rules, you should each be expected to uphold the guidelines. If your roommate is no longer following the agreement that you established together, promptly discuss the problems and find a solution.
High gas prices, expensive car payments, traffic delays… There are many great reasons to consider traveling to campus by bicycle. It’s an effective, healthy, inexpensive, and fun alternative that is attracting more and more commuters.

Free on-campus bicycle parking is available at LACM. Please register your bike with Student Services to receive a bike permit.

*Bikes must show permit at all times.*

Safety first! ALWAYS wear a helmet no matter how short the ride. Make sure your bicycle has reflectors for the front, back, and sides.

Due to extremely limited parking, student parking at LACM is only available through public parking off-campus.

*Good options for off-campus parking:*
- Free street parking (please observe posted parking laws)
- The Del Mar Station Parking Garage.

**THE DEL MAR STATION PARKING GARAGE**
For questions and/or monthly parking pass information contact:
Del Mar Station Parking (2 blocks away from LACM)
230 S. Raymond Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91101
(626) 817-0827

**Daily Rates:**
- 90 mins. - Free
- Each Additional hour - $2
- Daily Maximum - $6 (5 am – 10 pm)
- Overnight - $5 (10 pm – 5 am)
- Monthly - $50
- Flat Rate with Gold Line ticket - $2

*Parking spaces near campus are designated for staff members or staff/patrons of neighboring businesses and are restricted by the nature of the label either painted on the parking lot surface, curb, or by a posted sign. Unauthorized vehicles will be towed at the vehicle owner's expense.*
Always ask about what utilities are included in the rent, since they can vary. Most traditional buildings include water, refuse (outgoing water), and trash.

Establish electricity and gas under your name or one of your roommates. A credit check will be done and you may need to give a deposit.

**UTILITIES**

- **Pasadena Water & Power (Electricity)**
  - Website: [www.ci.pasadena.ca.us/waterandpower](http://www.ci.pasadena.ca.us/waterandpower)
  - Phone: 626.774.4005

- **(Telephone/Internet Services)**
  - [www.att.sbc.com](http://www.att.sbc.com)
  - Phone: 800.288.2020

- **(Telephone, Cable TV, Internet Services)**
  - [www.charter.com](http://www.charter.com)
  - Phone: 888.438.2427

- **(Telephone, TV, Internet Services)**
  - [www.directv.com](http://www.directv.com)
  - Phone: 855.246.8958

- **www.socalgas.com**
  - Phone: 800.427.2200

- **www.ikea.com**
  - Phone: 818.842.4532

- **FURNITURE, MISC.**

  Check out these stores...

  - **Acts Thrift Store**
    - Website: [www.actsthrift.org](http://www.actsthrift.org)
    - Address: 1382 Locust St., Pasadena, CA 91106
    - Phone: (626) 577-4477

  - **Goodwill Thrift Store**
    - Website: [www.goodwillsocal.org](http://www.goodwillsocal.org)
    - Address: 340 S. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena, CA 91105
    - (Next to LACM)

  - **Flea Market**
    - Pasadena City College (PCC)
    - 1st Sunday of every month

  - **Rose Bowl Flea Market**
    - 2nd Sunday of every month

  - **Target**
    - Website: [www.target.com](http://www.target.com)
    - Address: 777 E. Colorado Blvd.
    - Phone: 626.584.1606
NOVEMBER 2015

2nd – Monday
Preliminary deadline for Roommate Connection Survey
- Turn in RCL survey by this date to be added to and receive the first Roommate Connection List.

6th – Friday
First Roommate Connection List goes out (via e-mail)
- You will not receive the Roommate Connection List until the online survey is completed.
- Up-to-date versions of the list are sent out every Friday, provided new people have been added.
- Start contacting your classmates!

DECEMBER 2015

18th – Friday
Final deadline for Roommate Connection Surveys
- Sign-up deadline for Roommate Connection List
- Final Roommate Connection List sent out

29th – Tuesday
Roommate Meet Up #1
- When: TBD (To Be Determined)
- Where: ON CAMPUS, Room: TBD

JANUARY 2016

5th – Tuesday
Roommate Meet Up #2
- When: TBD (To Be Determined)
- Where: ON CAMPUS, Room: TBD

6th – 8th Wednesday - Friday
Orientation (Schedule your arrival accordingly)
- Attendance is mandatory for every day of Orientation. Plan to arrive on January 4th at the latest.

11th – Monday
Winter Quarter begins!!!