

SADDLEBACK COLLEGE

FRESHMAN ADVANTAGE



PROGRAM 2018



The Freshman Advantage Program

Designed for first-time college students attending Saddleback College in the Fall 2018 Semester. This program offers high school seniors the opportunity to apply early, receive an early Freshman Advantage registration date, and enroll in their classes before most new and continuing students.

- Apply Early!** Freshman Advantage Fall 2018 applications open on **October 1, 2017**. This early application period is only open to first-time college students. The earlier you complete the application, the sooner you can start and complete the Matriculation Process.
- Matriculate Early!** The Matriculation Process must be completed by **April 13, 2018** to be eligible for this program. The Matriculation Process consists of Online Orientation; Math, English, & Reading assessment; and Student Advisement including a First Semester Educational Plan.
- Register Early!** Freshman Advantage Fall 2018 registration dates will be assigned as students complete the Matriculation Process and posted to your MySite in April, 2018. Early registration will continue for the following Spring 2019 semester as well.
- Please Plan Ahead!** The Matriculation Process may take a few days to complete and must be finished no later than **April 13, 2018**.

Detailed information and Freshman Advantage Program packets are available at
www.saddleback.edu/freshmanadvantage



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Steps to Success

15 to Finish

"ASK A COUNSELOR!"
Your time is important and graduating is the key to success. The key to unlocking your future is taking 15 units per semester.

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MANDATORY STEPS

- 1. Apply for the Saddleback College Freshman Advantage Program**
First-time college students planning on attending Saddleback College for the Fall 2018 semester can begin applying on October 1, 2017.
* **Select Fall 2018 Freshman Advantage as the term when applying.**
*Important: High School students, if you are enrolled in a Spring 2018 Counseling Class at your high school, or you are concurrently enrolled in a class at Saddleback College in Spring 2018, you do **NOT** need to complete a new Freshman Advantage application. You must still complete the Matriculation Process by April 13, 2018.*
- 2. Visit the Saddleback College Freshman Advantage website and download your information packet (available November 1, 2017)**
Go to: www.saddleback.edu/freshmanadvantage
- 3. Complete New Student Orientation (online)**
Access the Orientation from the Freshman Advantage website 24/7 with any computer that has Internet access. The New Student Orientation will introduce you to Saddleback College's student services, policies, and special programs.
- 4. Math, English and Reading Assessment (on campus)**
Make an **appointment or attend a walk-in** Math, English, and Reading assessment exam session at Saddleback College. Sample questions for each exam are available in the Freshman Advantage packet. (If you are interested in taking the English as a Second Language exam or would like more information regarding ESL, please contact the Matriculation Office at 949-582-4970.) You must have a current application submitted to Saddleback College and present a **photo ID** when attending an assessment exam session.
- 5. Complete Student Advisement and First Semester Educational Plan (online)**
The Advisement and First Semester Ed Plan can be started from the Freshman Advantage website **after** receiving placement from the assessment exams. The Advisement/Ed Plan helps students determine a potential major, an educational goal, and prepares a First Semester Educational Plan using My Academic Plan (MAP). (In-person advisement options may also be available.)

FURTHER STEPS FOR SUCCESS

(Optional but highly recommended)

Apply for Financial Aid
Visit the Saddleback College Financial Aid website to complete your FAFSA at www.saddleback.edu/fao

Attend a Freshman Advantage Event
www.saddleback.edu/freshmanadvantage
Check the Freshman Advantage website often for new events including Freshman Advantage Information Nights where you will learn about college resources and services that will help you be a successful student. Students and parents are encouraged to attend.



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