SADDLEBACK COLLEGE

SADDLEBACK COLLEGE FRESHMAN ADVANTAGE PROGRAM 2020

The Fall 2020 Freshman Advantage Program offers prospective first-time college students and high school seniors the opportunity to apply for early Saddleback College admission and enrollment. Applicants who meet all program deadlines receive a Freshman Advantage Priority Registration Date and will enroll in their Fall 2020 classes before most new and continuing students.

"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.

15 to Finish

APPLY NOW
FOR THE FALL 2020 SEMESTER!

- ✓ **Apply Early!** The Fall 2020 Freshman Advantage application opens on **October 1, 2019**. This early application period is only open to first-time college students and high school seniors. The earlier you submit the application, the sooner you can start and complete the Matriculation Process.
- ✓ **Matriculate Early!** The Matriculation Process must be completed by **April 17, 2020** to be eligible for program benefits. The Matriculation Process consists of three steps: **(1)** New Student Orientation; **(2)** Math and English Placement via our Current Assessment Process; and **(3)** Student Advisement including a First Semester Educational Plan.
- ✓ **Register Early!** All first-time college students who complete the Matriculation Process by the April 17th deadline will be assigned an early Fall 2020 Freshman Advantage Priority Registration Date. As an added benefit, Freshman Advantage Priority Registration will continue for the following Spring 2021 semester as well.
- ✓ **Please Plan Ahead!** The Matriculation Process may take a few days to complete and must be finished no later than **April 17, 2020**.

Freshman Advantage Program details are available at

saddleback.edu/freshmanadvantage

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STEPS TO SUCCESS

The mandatory steps of the Freshman Advantage Program must be completed by **April 17, 2020**. Start the process at: **saddleback.edu/freshmanadvantage**

FURTHER STEPS FOR SUCCESS

(Optional but highly recommended)

Visit the Saddleback College Financial Aid website to complete the FAFSA or California Dream application at **saddleback.edu/fao**.

MANDATORY STEPS

1. **Submit the Fall 2020 Freshman Advantage Application**
   First-time college students who plan to attend Saddleback College for the Fall 2020 semester can apply for admission starting October 1, 2019. Select **Fall 2020 Freshman Advantage** as the term when applying. Important note to High School Seniors: *if you are enrolled in a Spring 2020 Counseling class at your high school or concurrently enrolled in a Spring 2020 class at Saddleback College, you do **NOT** need to submit a Fall 2020 application. Be sure you verify your Matriculation Completion Date.*

2. **Visit the Saddleback College Freshman Advantage Web Site**
   Detailed instructions and updates will be available as of October 1, 2019.

3. **Complete the New Student Orientation to Saddleback College *(online)***
   To access the orientation module, visit the Freshman Advantage website or log into MySite. The New Student Orientation will introduce you to Saddleback College's student services, policies, and special programs. You must complete all section quizzes and pass the final test at the end of the 30-minute orientation module.

4. **Math and English Placement via Current Assessment Process**
   The Current Assessment Process (Effective 6/17/19) allows new students to obtain Math and English placement using one of the following methods.

   Option 1: Guided Self Placement Tool *(online)*
   If you are requesting Baseline Placement, provided your high school data on your Saddleback College application, or attended high school in California, you may use the online Guided Self Placement (GSP) tool in MySite. The placement tool takes 5-10 minutes to complete.

   Option 2: Request a High School Transcript Evaluation
   As an alternative, students may elect to submit a high school transcript for evaluation. Evaluations take 3-5 business days to process. Your high school transcript must meet the following criteria for submission: official copy or district-issued; contain minimum 3 years of data (e.g. 9th-11th grade or more); cumulative non-weighted GPA of 3.0 or higher.
   Note: student/parent portal transcripts are not accepted.

5. **Complete Student Advisement including a First Semester Plan *(online)***
   The Online Advisement module helps new students determine a potential major and educational goal to prepare a First Semester Plan using MAP. As an alternative, students may elect to schedule an appointment for an in-person Group Advisement session. *(The Group Advisement schedule is posted on the Freshman Advantage website.)*

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