Learning Alliance curriculum is designed to meet your General Education (GE) requirements. During your first year, you’ll enroll in two “connected courses” each semester. By taking these linked courses, you’ll have the opportunity to make new friends, form study groups, attend campus events together, and plan your own extracurricular activities. Each semester we require you to take a minimum of 12 units. As a freshman, you’ll enroll in 8 units with the Learning Alliance in the fall and 6 units in the spring – you can determine your remaining units!

As a member of this unique learning community, you continue your association with us throughout your college career. You also have the benefit of one-on-one academic advising from professional counselors. This advising helps you learn about GE/academic requirements, explore a variety of majors and career options, and monitor your progress toward your degree.

We select faculty members who are particularly effective in helping students make a successful transition to the demands of the college classroom. Our faculty work together to provide connections between classes such as shared reading assignments, group projects, and other combined class activities. Learning Alliance staff members and peer mentors are always available to offer advice and assistance.

First-time freshmen who enter the university with less than 18 transferable college units are eligible to apply to our program. To be accepted, applicants must satisfy certain test requirements. These tests may include the English Placement Test (EPT), SAT, ACT, and the English Advanced Placement (AP) Exams. Visit our website at www.csulb.edu/depts/alliance/joining.html for specific test scores and other eligibility requirements.

The Learning Alliance strives to achieve a reasonable balance of students in our program. Eighty percent of spaces are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, with the remaining spaces filled to ensure equity.
Are you looking for one-on-one academic advising, enrollment in popular general education classes, and a supportive and knowledgeable staff to answer all of your questions? Then the Learning Alliance is for you! We are an academic learning community that helps first-time freshmen like you make a positive transition to university life.

What We Offer You

- A unique university experience that quickly connects you with the campus
- One-on-one academic advising from professional counselors
- Guaranteed, appropriate-level General Education (GE) classes
- Personal interaction with specially selected instructors
- Learning Alliance “connected classes” with integrated topics and assignments
- Opportunities to meet people and attend campus events
- Support and assistance from Learning Alliance staff and peer mentors, and access to other campus services and resources

Once you’ve been accepted to CSULB, you can apply to the Learning Alliance. There are three ways to get an application:

1. Visit our website at [www.csulb.edu/depts/alliance/joining.html](http://www.csulb.edu/depts/alliance/joining.html)
2. Call us at (562) 985-7804
3. E-mail us at Alliance@csulb.edu

Mail or fax your completed application by June 1st for priority consideration. We will notify you of your status within four weeks of receiving your application. The Learning Alliance will continue to accept applications after June 1st until spaces are filled.

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding the status of your application.