

WHAT IS A LEARNING COMMUNITY?

Why Should I Be A Part of One?

A learning community is a unique learning environment where a cohort (group) of students take a combination of classes focused on a special theme. As a student in a learning community, you will build lasting friendships, work with dedicated faculty, and get the support you need to succeed in your classes. There are different types of learning communities at Cabrillo College, from full-time to part-time programs. One of them may be the perfect place for you, and all are designed to develop the skills necessary to achieve your goals. Belong, learn, and succeed by enrolling in one of the following learning communities! See cabrillolearning.org for a complete listing.

ACE: Academy for College Excellence

THEMES: Social Justice; Integrated Science Semester

Help create a just world by exploring a problem in society that's important to you! In ACE you could progress from English 255 up to English 1A in just 1 semester, or prepare for introductory college-level science courses in physics, chemistry and biology through the Integrated Science program (fall semester only). Three cohorts to choose from—see page 41. For more information, call (831) 786-4764 (Watsonville); (831) 477-3340 (Aptos), or see cabrillo.edu/academics/ace/.



STARS First Year Experience

THEMES: Health & Wellness; Early Childhood Education and English proficiency



Be successful in your first year of college and get extra support in math! STARS is a year-long program starting in the summer. This spring semester you can still join an existing ECE and ESL proficiency learning community. Students taking an ECE course this spring can also take an ESL language course based on ECE content and a Counseling/Guidance course focused on career planning. For more information, call Eric Grabiell at (831) 477-3293 or see cabrillostars.org

The Puente Project

THEME: The US Latino/a Experience and Diversity & Social Justice

You can be a Puente student while taking other classes! The Puente Project is a year-long program that will help you transfer to a four year college or university. Puente Project English classes focus on the US Latino/a experience and on how diversity and social justice operate in the United States. For more information, call Rudy Puente at (831) 479-6541 or see <http://www.cabrillo.edu/services/puente/>.



REAL: Reading and English Academic Learning



THEME: Social Networking

ENGL 255 Section 74721 and ENGL 256E Section 75639

How do we define ourselves and our communities in the realm of social networking? What rules of etiquette should apply to cell phones, texting, and twittering? How can we ensure a healthy environment in cyberspace? This course is part of an English/Reading Learning Community, with required enrollment also in READ 255, Section 75638.

Where can I get more information about Learning Communities?

The Learning Communities Office is located in room 501, Aptos Campus.