



### New International Student Academic Survival Session





# You can survive your first semester at Palomar College!

#### How?

- Reading and understanding important information
- Knowing terminology used
- Meet the expectation from the instructors
- Utilizing services available to you
- Knowing what you need to do

# Important questions to ask when Planning your College Education



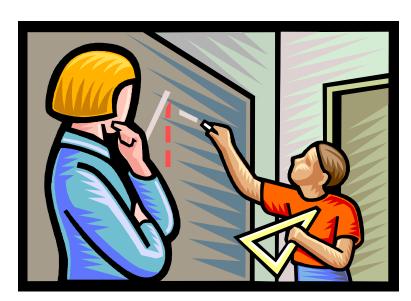


## How American Colleges may differ from those in your home country

- You select, register, and drop yourself from classes
- You seek help when needed
- Your poor attendance will result in a bad grade or being dropped from the class
- You are responsible for missed class work
- You must plan on much more study time outside the classroom
- You are financially responsible for tuition, books and assorted fees

## What will my teachers expect of me?

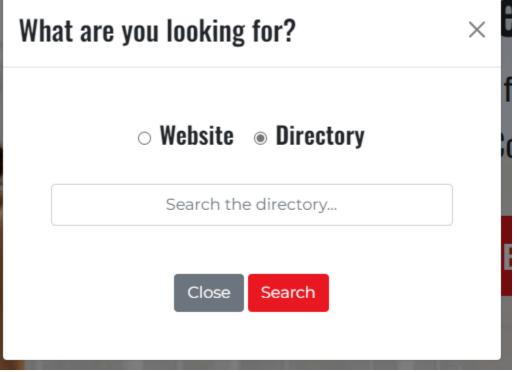
- Be an active learner
- Be prepared
- Read the syllabus
- Keep up with your assignments
- Don't procrastinate
- Use faculty office hours for detailed questions
- Meet assignment deadlines



# How to find instructor's email address?

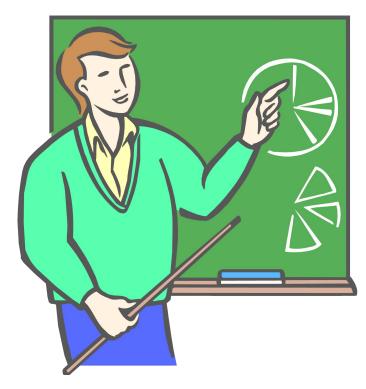


From Palomar's home page, click the search icon. Enter the instructor's last name (make sure you select the 'directory' button. Click search and you see the instructor's email address





- Attend all sessions of each class.
- Make up missed coursework.
- Instructor may drop you for excessive absences.





#### Pass/No Pass?

**P** Passing (At least satisfactory - A, B, C grades. Units awarded not counted in GPA)

**NP** No Pass (Less than satisfactory, or failing - D or F grades. Units not counted in GPA.)

!! NP becomes illegal when received for lack of attendance!!

#### When should I apply for this grading system?

Apply for Pass/No Pass grading system at

<u>Forms – Enrollment Services (palomar.edu)</u>

### what if I start to have difficulty in a class?

- Talk to the instructor
- Use the online tutoring service
- Use the online ESL lab
- See a counselor online
- Form a study group





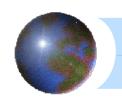
## When should I see a Palomar College counselor?

- At least once per semester
- When unsure of your academic goals or what courses to take to achieve those goals
- When experiencing personal or academic challenges



#### **COLLEGE TERMINOLOGY**





## **PREREQUISITE**

A requirement that must be satisfied *before* enrolling in a particular course; usually a prior course or placement test score

#### MATH 110 COLLEGE ALGEBRA (4.0 units)

Prerequisite: A minimum grade of 'C' in MATH 56 or MATH 60, or eligibility determined through the math placement process

### **CO-REQUISITE**

A course required to be taken at the same time as another course

#### **HE 100 HEALTH ED/FITNESS DYNAMICS (3.0 units)**

Corequisite: HE 100L (see class notes for LAB section)

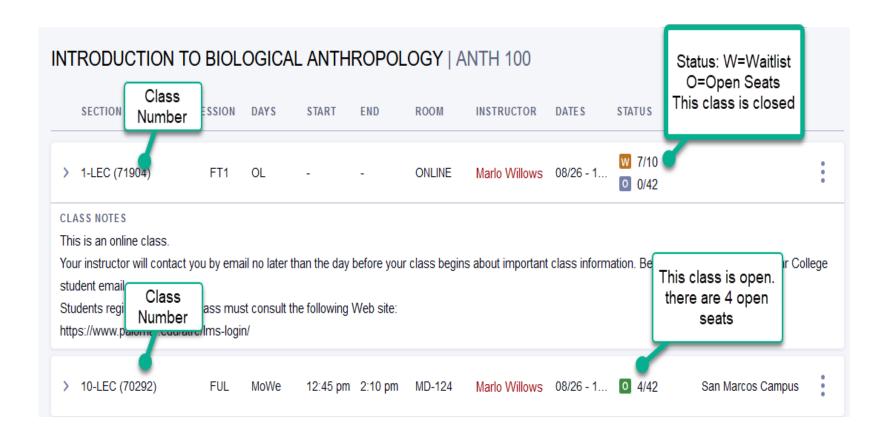
#### Class Schedule



- List of class offerings issued before the fall, spring and summer terms
- Available on line before every term at <a href="https://www.palomar.edu">www.palomar.edu</a>
- Includes classes at all locations



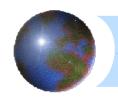
### Reading the Schedule





## College catalog

- A paperback book printed each year
- Contains important course and major information
- Outlines all current college policies
- Shows all regulations and requirements that apply to you during the year you begin your program of study



#### Three Reasons to use the Catalog



- Discover Courses
- Learn the rules
- Find out about AA degree majors, certificate of achievement and certificate of proficiency requirements.



### **Course Numbering System**

## Courses numbered 100 or higher Degree applicable AA/Transfer to CSU/UC

Check Catalog. Certain restrictions may apply for transferring courses

Courses numbered 50-99 AA Degree applicable

Courses numbered 1-49 Non-Degree applicable



### **Course Description**

#### **Psychology 100**

A general introduction to the principles of human and animal behavior. Topics covered include history of psychology, research thinking, intelligence, lifespan development, gender and human sexuality, motivation and emotion, health psychology, personality and other related topics.

CSU;UC

Means acceped by both CSU and UC campuses



## Crashing a Class

Crashing a Closed Class

If a class is closed (all spaces in the class are filled) and wait list is not available, you will have to "crash" the class. In order to crash a closed class, you must attend the first class meeting. If the class is online, please email the instructor. Let the instructor know you are not enrolled and wish to "crash" the class. If there are no-shows (enrolled students who don't claim their seats), you may have an opportunity to be added to the instructor's student specific permission list to add the class. There are no guarantees on whether or not a student will be successful in crashing a class. Once added to the instructor's student specific permission list, you will need to log into your MyPalomar and add the class prior to the add deadline.

## The Palomar College Counseling Staff supports you in your educational endeavors.

After classes start this semester make an appointment with a counselor to expand your educational plan.

Email internationalstudents@palomar.edu for an appointment

Talk to the International Student Counselor at least once per semester.

#### Your success is our success!

