

Section Eight - College of Continuing and Professional Education

The College of Continuing and Professional Education (CCPE) is one of California State University Long Beach's (CSULB) eight colleges. It was established to expand the university's ability to meet the lifelong learning needs of individuals, industries and institutions through self-supporting programs. CCPE provides additional access to CSULB's exceptional academic programs and educational resources by offering over 550 self-supported credit and professional development (non-credit) programs.

Special Sessions

Special Sessions resident credit courses and degree programs taught by regular and adjunct CSULB faculty are offered in Winter Session and other formats throughout the year and are administered by CCPE. All Special Sessions courses are regular University courses; any course in the University Catalog may be offered through CCPE. Academic departments, in consultation from Academic Affairs, can propose through their departments to offer a certificate program or an entire undergraduate or graduate degree program in a Special Sessions format administered by CCPE. Special Sessions courses and/or degree programs can be offered entirely online or through other distance delivered technologies as well as through face-to-face instruction at off-campus domestic or international sites. (Students in these Special Sessions degree programs must matriculate with CSULB and may apply only 24 units of Special Sessions credit prior to matriculation. There are no limits to the number of Special Sessions credit units that can be applied toward a degree following a student's matriculation.)

Please note that all Special Sessions courses follow the same curriculum, rules, policies and guidelines as those established and monitored for all State-supported courses.

All CCPE programs are supported by the participating students on a per unit fee basis. Fees are appropriately established in order to cover all the costs of instruction and delivery. CCPE receives no state-supported funds to operate any of its programs.

Open University

Open University is a Special Sessions program that provides an opportunity for those individuals who are not matriculated at CSULB to enroll on a space-available basis in a variety of courses scheduled during the Fall, Spring and Summer terms. Students may apply up to 24 units toward a baccalaureate degree. At the option of the respective academic department and college six to nine units may be applied to a graduate degree. Those units earned in Open University and applied to a degree program also count as residence credit.

Winter Session

CCPE is the administrator of the three-week Winter Session program that generally begins the first week in January, following the December break. The Winter Session program consists of several hundred Special Sessions courses that have been scheduled by the academic departments on campus. The Winter Session catalog of courses is available online at the end of October with registration beginning the first part of November.

Professional Development

CCPE also administers an extensive array of non-credit professional development courses, programs, seminars and certificate programs that are developed to meet the personal interests or professional training needs of our students in the community. These programs are open-enrollment as well as contract programs designed for a particular corporate or agency audience.

American Language Institute (ALI)

The American Language Institute is the unit within CCPE that provides intensive English language training for international students. Experienced faculty teaching in small, interactive classes emphasize preparation for academic work at the college or university level. In addition, short-term English language programs are available in spring and summer for students with less time to study.