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LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOLSTERS ACCESS TO EDUCATION WITH IN-LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY

LOS ANGELES – In a bold step to remove barriers to education and increase access to life-long learning skills, Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) is piloting a new program in Winter Session to teach select classes in Spanish. The pilot program, called In-Language Learning, is in response to the 2019 American Community Survey that stated that 2.2 million people in Los Angeles self-identify as speaking English ‘less than well’ and a hindrance to education. With 23 classes across six of the nine college campuses starting January 3, the program hopes to solve this hurdle.

“By piloting this program districtwide, it not only combines our collective resources, but it sends a clear message we are doing everything we can to obliterate institutional roadblocks to education. These classes are meeting students where they are at as well as creating pathways to opportunity,” said LACCD Board President Gabriel Buelna. “Our hope is to expand this program to not only this district, but model it for other regions as well.”

“By expanding these new in-language classes for the community, I believe we are removing obstacles to educational opportunities. The skills taught will provide a competitive advantage for the region’s higher educational needs,” said LACCD Chancellor Dr. Francisco Rodriguez. “This overall strategy will increase access, expand community connections as well make education in reach for more students who thought it was not attainable.”

The pilot program classes include topics around computer basics, healthcare, child development, nutrition, English as a second language, GED preparation, and workplace success. The programming aims to provide an educational foundation for further career exploration as well as develop new skills. For the spring semester, LACCD hopes to expand classes to other languages to further help meet the demand for in-language classes.

For more information about LACCD’s In-Language Winter Session or about the program please visit [our website](#) for a full listing of classes and college contact information.

About the Los Angeles Community College District LACCD is *Where Los Angeles Learns!* LACCD (www.laccd.edu) is the nation's largest community college district, educating about 210,000 students annually at its nine colleges that serve the residents of more than 36 cities and communities from 900 square miles of Los Angeles County. Since 1969, the District has been providing an important learning pathway for students seeking transfer to four-year colleges or universities while also offering two-year degrees and certificated training programs to Southern California's diverse workforce in many specialized trades and professions. Learn more about our L.A. College Promise program of free tuition at OurPromiseYourPath.

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