



Guest Speakers

Because of the Legacy Program's unique place in our community, we have been able to attract a number of guests to come speak on campus. Recent visitors to the program include: Terrence Roberts of the Little Rock Nine; Muhammad Ali's daughter, Maryum "May-May" Ali; the creator of Kwanzaa, Maulana Karenga; Former Black Panther Party Captain Aaron Dixon and NBA legend Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.



Benefits

- Curriculum that prepares students for the rigors of university work
- Individual instruction and counseling
- Instructional cohorts that build a strong sense of community



Student Testimonials

The Legacy Program helps you feel like you are a part of the college. The counselors help put you on the right course to achieve your goals. The professors are extremely approachable and helpful as well. The best part is meeting new people and engaging in various trips and activities.

– Matt

As a member of the Legacy Program, I not only learned about important African-Americans and issues affecting the Black community, I also was able to go to museums, plays, movies, dinners, and concerts, all sponsored by the program!

– Samantha

This program will change your life. The only constant in life is change, and the program will help make that change positive.

– Marc-Anthony



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Program History

Established in 2000, the Cypress College Legacy Program (formerly The Black Studies Learning Community) was the first community college program in Orange County to concentrate on Black Studies. Set in a positive academic environment, students create a close bond with both their peers and their professors as they participate in a variety of events both on and off campus. By offering interesting and rewarding curriculum that focuses on the Black experience, students who complete the program are prepared to transfer and excel in university level work. Legacy Program students not only learn a lot, they also have a lot of fun while doing it!

Program Goals

- Increase the development of basic skills
- Encourage successful course completion
- Increase transfer rates
- Create a forum to discuss topics that affect the Black community
- Instill a sense of belonging, confidence and self-esteem



Who Can Join the Legacy Program?

Students who qualify for the English classes offered are welcome to join the program. All members of the program must take both the English class and the corresponding “linked” course each semester.



English Component

The Legacy Program offers two English classes:

English 60—College Writing Preparation

English 100—College Writing

Ethnic Studies 129

These classes work to improve students’ basic written language skills, enhance their research methods, and develop critical thinking. Legacy Program members will become more confident writers as they explore African-American culture and literature.

Counseling Component

A counselor is available to students each semester. Students are required to work closely with their counselor to explore career options, develop an academic education plan, identify lifetime goals, and discuss personal concerns. Counseling 150—Academic and Life Success—is linked with English 60 during the fall semester. Counseling 160 -- College/ University Transition is linked with English 100 during the spring semester.

Ethnic Studies Component

Students taking English 100 and Counseling 160 will be linked with Ethnic Studies 129 -- Introduction to African-American Studies. These classes “share” curriculum so that students will be able to take material they learn from both classes to improve their knowledge and understanding of African-American culture.

Mathematics Component

Once Legacy students complete the math placement test administered by the Assessment Center at Cypress College or at any other California Community College, they will be placed in a mathematics course that corresponds to their tested skill level.

Events and Trips

The Legacy Program sponsors a number of events and trips throughout the year that provide cultural enrichment for all students. Visits to museums, theaters, concerts and movies expose students to African-American culture through a variety of exciting and entertaining ways. Past students have visited the Museum of Tolerance, The Ahmanson Theater, South Coast Repertory, and on our northern California bus trip, UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara and UC Santa Cruz.

