

The Kern Promise



What is the Kern Promise Program?

The Kern Promise is a commitment to help students complete their Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) within two instructional years through structure support and priority access to courses. Upon successful completion of The Kern Promise and Associate Degree for Transfer, students will be guaranteed junior standing admission at one of the 23 campuses of the California State University system.

Eligible students interested in participating in the program will need to apply during the application period for the cohort beginning in Fall.

Eligibility Requirements

- First time college student
- Graduating from a Kern County high school and apply to join the program during the year of graduation
- Declared an Associate Degree for Transfer Pathway
- Have a completed FAFSA or California Dream Act Application on file
- Eligible for enrollment in college level English and Math (ENGL B1A and MATH B22, B1A, B23, B4A, Psyc B5, or higher)
- Ability to attend full-time (30 units per year)
- An incoming cumulative (9th - 11th grade) GPA of 2.6

The following matriculation steps must be completed prior to application to the Kern Promise:

- Application to the college
- Orientation
- Assessment

How to apply to the Kern Promise Program

Please see the application website at:

www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/sse/bakersfieldpromise/info

Once accepted into The Kern Promise, you are required to attend Promise Day and complete a Promise Agreement, signifying your commitment to the program and its requirements to begin your two-year journey towards graduation and/or transfer. Information about "Promise Day" can be found on the above website.

Majors that qualify for the Kern Promise Program:

- Administration of Justice (AS-T)
- Anthropology (AA-T)
- Biology (AS-T)
- Business Administration (AS-T)
- Chemistry (AS-T)
- Communication Studies (AA-T)
- Computer Science (AS-T)
- Early Childhood Education (AS-T)
- Economics (AA-T)
- Elementary Teacher Education (AA-T)
- English (AA-T)
- Geology (AS-T)
- History (AA-T)
- Journalism (AA-T)
- Kinesiology (AA-T)
- Mathematics (AS-T)
- Music (AA-T)
- Philosophy (AA-T)
- Physics (AS-T)
- Plant Science (AS-T)
- Political Science (AA-T)
- Psychology (AA-T)
- Public Health (AS-T)
- Sociology (AA-T)
- Spanish (AA-T)
- Studio Arts (AA-T)
- Theatre Arts (AA-T)

Benefits of the Kern Promise Program

- Renegade Scholarship financial support*
- Priority registration to ensure you get the classes you need
- A Comprehensive Student Educational Plan (CSEP) that maps out your classes from your first semester to your last
- A Completion Coach to serve as a resource and provide structured support to enable completion of a degree and/or transfer within 2 years
- Connections with peers on similar paths and timelines
- Recognition at the annual Student Leadership and Involvement Awards Ceremony
- Free tickets to home football games

*Financial support in the form of scholarship determined based on incoming GPA