



# Lackawanna College Bachelor's Degrees Frequently Asked Questions

## **1. What bachelor's degree programs will the College offer starting in Fall 2017?**

Lackawanna College will offer bachelor's degrees in Business, Criminal Justice, and Human Services.

## **2. Now that the College offers bachelor's degrees in some programs, can I still get my Associates degree in those programs?**

YES! We are still proud to offer associate degree options! We hope students in these programs will choose to stay with us for the bachelor's degree, but if not, we are happy to help you get your start by earning an associate degree.

## **3. Are there admissions requirements for bachelor's programs?**

To enroll in a bachelor's program, you must be college ready as defined through our Office of Admissions. This means that you achieve a certain SAT score, have transfer credits, or test into our college-level writing, reading, and math courses via our placement testing process.

Students who meet the criteria will be accepted into the program on a first-come, first-serve basis. We encourage current Lackawanna students who are expecting to graduate to take advantage of the Early Commitment program. To do this, please apply and commit to the program prior to December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **4. If I am currently enrolled in a Lackawanna College associate degree program, should I finish it before enrolling in the bachelor's program?**

YES! Please finish your associate degree before transferring into our bachelor's program. You will end up earning TWO degrees, which will make you stand out among employers. Plus, after earning your associate degree, you will be eligible for financial incentives to continue on in a bachelor's program.

## **5. Can I start a bachelor's program in the Spring, or do I need to start in the Fall?**

Students cannot officially start the bachelor's program until Fall 2017. If you are a Fall 2016 graduate, you have the choice to take Spring 2017 off, or you can see if there are any extra courses you might need to be ready to start the bachelor's program. Your Bachelor's Enrollment Liaison will provide information to help you make the best decision based on your academic record and transcript.

## **6. If I start in an associate degree program and later decide to transfer into the bachelor's degree program, what do I do?**

Please see your advisor to do a Change of Major form. Remember that if you are enrolled in Criminal Justice, Human Services, Business Studies, or Business Administration, we would like you to complete your associate degree before transferring into the bachelor's program. If you are in another major, please see your advisor as soon as possible to make sure you take the best classes for a smooth transition into the bachelor's program.

## **7. If I am a graduate of an associate degree program, will all my credits transfer into the bachelor's degree program?**

If you are a recent graduate in Criminal Justice, Human Services, or Business, then YES, all of your credits will transfer! If you are in another major, the number of courses that will transfer varies depending upon the specific

curriculum guide for your major, although we are committed to ensuring that as many credits as possible transfer from an associate degree program to a bachelor's program.

If you are a past graduate (not the Class of 2016 or 2017), the possibility exists that you will need to take some foundation level classes in your first semester of BS coursework.

**8. Can I attend the program part time?**

YES! You can enroll as either a part-time or a full-time student, depending upon your schedule.

**9. Is Financial Aid available for the bachelor's programs?**

YES, you will complete a FAFSA as part of the bachelor's program enrollment process. State and federal financial aid is available for those who qualify.

**10. If I am a student-athlete, should I enroll in the associate or bachelor's program of my choice?**

Please check with your coach or the athletic director for individualized information.

**11. If I am a graduate of an associate degree program, how long will it take to complete my bachelor's degree?**

If you are a full-time student, our bachelor's degrees are designed to be completed in TWO YEARS OR LESS, assuming that you have an associate degree in the same major as the bachelor's degree you are seeking. Thanks to our intersession, online, and summer scheduling, you may be able to complete your degree even sooner!

**12. Is there a different tuition for bachelor's students?**

No, Lackawanna College has one tuition that encompasses both associate and bachelor's programs.

**13. What financial incentives are available for current associate degree students, graduates, and others?**

Current Full Time Students Entering with Junior Status (or 3 credits short)

GPA Incentive	Discounted Price	Discounted Percentage
3.50 - 4.00	\$3,000	21.0%
3.00 - 3.49	\$2,500	17.4%
2.49 - 3.00	\$2,000	14.0%
2.00 - 2.49	\$1,500	10.4%

Bachelor's Degree Part-Time Students with 60 credits or Junior Status:

6 credits	\$250 discount per semester
9 credits	\$500 discount per semester

*\*Incentives are for the program's inaugural cohort.*

Alumni - Full Time	\$1,500
Active Law Enforcement with Assoc. (non-alum) – Full Time	\$1,500
Active Law Enforcement with Assoc. and an Alum – Full time	\$1,500 + \$1,500 = \$3,000
Transfer Students Full-Time (Bachelor's Degree Students only) (non-alum, non-active law enforcement)	\$1,250
Alumni and/or Active Law Enforcement - Part Time (6 credits)	\$2,600 per course (cost of 5 credits)

Alumni and/or Active Law Enforcement - Part Time (9 credits)	\$3,500 per course (cost of 7 credits)
60 credits and/or Junior Status - Part Time (6 credits) (non-alum or non-active law enforcement)	\$250 discount per course
60 credits and/or Junior Status - Part Time (9 credits) (non-alum or non-active law enforcement)	\$500 discount per course

**14. How does Lackawanna College's tuition compare to other regional schools?**

Lackawanna College's tuition is incredibly competitive. Visit our [Financial Aid](#) page for a updated list of tuition prices.

**15. If I am a current student wishing to enter one of the bachelor's programs, what do I do?**

Simply visit [www.lackawanna.edu/bachelor](http://www.lackawanna.edu/bachelor) and complete the following steps:

- Meet with your academic advisor.
- Complete the corresponding form on the above webpage.
- A Bachelor's Enrollment Liaison will contact you with to verify your eligibility.
- Complete your FAFSA by May 1<sup>st</sup> and all other financial aid paperwork as required by Lackawanna. The school code for Lackawanna College is 003283.
- Receive your official acceptance letter and a financial aid award.
- Submit your letter of intent to the Bachelor's Enrollment Liaison to finalize the process and reserve your place on campus. We encourage current students to complete this process for Early Commitment by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Current Lackawanna College students are not required to submit an application, application fee, or commitment fee.*

**16. If I am a current student wishing to enter one of the bachelor's programs, can I keep the same advisor?**

To ensure that you enroll in the proper courses, we would like to transition you to an advisor well-versed in your specific bachelor's program. For that reason, you may receive a new advisor (depending upon who your advisor was for your associate degree program).

**17. Can bachelor's students live in on-campus housing?**

Yes. Under the residency policy, first- and second-year students living outside a 45-mile radius (30 for student athletes) are required to live in on-campus housing. For the balance of the degree, bachelor's students are permitted to live off campus, but it is not a requirement.

**18. Can I complete my bachelor's degree at one of Lackawanna College's satellite locations?**

Not yet, but we are currently exploring this possibility and may have more opportunities available in the coming semesters.

**19. Can I take online courses as part of my bachelor's degree?**

Yes. Currently, the entire degree will not be available online, but students may take up to 50% of their coursework online, depending upon the specific classes offered each term in the online format.

**20. If I am a current student graduating in Spring 2017, and I plan to transition into the bachelors program, am I still required to take Capstone (College 201)?**

Yes. Capstone will prepare you for your bachelor's coursework and ensure that you complete all steps required to earn your associate degree.

**21. What can I expect from the coursework in the bachelor's programs?**

All bachelor's programs are designed to broaden your knowledge and prepare you for employment! Programs include the opportunity to practice the skills you learn in the classroom in real-world applications both through course projects and internships.

**22. If I plan to start a bachelor's program in Fall 2017, how and when do I make my Fall schedule?**

You will meet with your advisor during the Spring 2017 semester's advising period. You will chose classes and register during that meeting using the same process you used in previous semesters as you registered for associate degree classes.

**23. Why should I stay at Lackawanna College for my bachelor's degree?**

- Outstanding faculty
- Unparalleled student support services
- Individualized attention from faculty and staff who know your name
- Affordable tuition
- Vibrant campus life
- Service learning and volunteer opportunities
- Internship and job placement opportunities
- Focus on YOU as a student and whole person
- Opportunity for accelerated scheduling

**24. Are Lackawanna College's bachelor's programs designed to be transfer-friendly to students from other schools?**

Absolutely! We know how important it is for students to be able to transfer credits in from other programs, and we build our degree programs accordingly!

We are committed to helping students transfer in as many credits earned in other associate or bachelor's programs as possible, and we are in the process of creating formal articulation and transfer agreements with two-year and community colleges in our region and beyond. If you are a student interested in transferring from other school, please be sure to bring a copy of your transcript with you to your Admissions interview.

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