



FARM PLAN OUTLINE

This outline is based on a draft of the College's Farm Plan, which is still a work in progress. The College will be soliciting input on the plan from the College community through the participatory governance process prior to discussions about the plan with representatives from the broader community.

Los Angeles Pierce College sits on 426 acres of land. 226 acres is dedicated to our four Agriculture Programs: Horticulture (Plant Science), Pre-Veterinarian (including General Agriculture), Registered Veterinary Technology, and Equine Science.

Horticulture Program

- Expand curriculum to include Sustainable Urban Agriculture including pest control
- Rebuild Facilities: Greenhouse and Secured Shade Structure including hydroponics
- Grow and study California native plants*
- Adopt the Associate in Science in Agricultural Plant Sciences
- Explore adopting curriculum in
 - pomology (study of fruit cultivation) - planting citrus groves and avocados*
 - enology (study of winemaking) - growing wine grapes
 - soils - studying methods to improve soil fertilization

Pre-Veterinarian Program (including General Agriculture)

- Maintain or slightly increase the numbers of cattle, donkeys, sheep, goats, and chickens
- Expand pasture to grow hay and alfalfa allowing the program to expand curriculum into crop management*
- Build an Agriculture Education Center*

Registered Veterinary Technology Program

- Maintain current facility
- Continue providing opportunities for small animal veterinary services to the community

Equine Science Program

- Improve outdoor instructional spaces
- Repair and maintain arenas
- Expand curriculum to include barn management and riding instructor certificates

Potential Partnerships and Enterprise Activities

- Cal Poly Pomona - partnering to facilitate transfer in Sustainable Urban Agriculture
- You-Pick events for the community to participate in fruit picking
- Community Gardens*
- Equestrian events
- Cooperative and/or Public/Private partnerships to sell Pierce produce and plants

*Use of land on Victory and Desoto