



## College Location

Lamar State College-Port Arthur, a two-year, state-supported institution, is a member of *The Texas State University System*. Located in Port Arthur, an industrial and cultural center of Southeast Texas, the college offers freshman & sophomore-level work in numerous academic and technical/vocational fields. The campus sits on several blocks of Procter Street & Lakeshore Drive.

The city has modern public schools, churches, shopping districts and recreation areas serving a community of approximately 75,000 people. The metropolitan area, known as the Golden Triangle, includes the cities of Beaumont, Orange, Vidor, Port Neches, Nederland, Groves and Bridge City. All lie within 25 miles of Port Arthur and form the heart of the upper Texas Gulf Coast where approximately 400,000 people live.

## Facilities

The Lamar State College-Port Arthur campus contains 22 buildings situated on approximately 40 acres. Most of these facilities were donated for the creation of the institution. The following is a listing of the institutions and organizations whose facilities contributed to Lamar State College-Port Arthur: Port Arthur College, the City of Port Arthur, the Port Arthur College Foundation, Southern Union Gas, the First United Methodist Church of Port Arthur and Daughters of the American Revolution.

## Enrollment

The fall 2011 enrollment at Lamar State College - Port Arthur was over 2,600 students and the college reached 3,000 students in the 2012 school year.

## Transfer and Degree Programs

Lamar State College-Port Arthur offers general academic courses leading to Associate of Arts and Associate Arts in Teaching degrees. The courses in these degrees are designed to transfer to four-year institutions and include accounting, anthropology, art, biology, business, computer science, chemistry, criminal justice, drama, economics, education, English, geography, geology, government, health, history, home economics, mathematics, music, physical education, physics, psychology, speech, sociology, and Spanish.

A student can complete two full years of course work and satisfy the majority of the general education requirements for a bachelor's degree. In most majors, a student can complete virtually all of his or her freshman and sophomore course work in Port Arthur and be fully prepared to move into junior- and senior-level course work at almost any four-year institution nation-wide.

## Accreditation

Lamar State College-Port Arthur is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate degrees that transfer anywhere.



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# Tell Me about Port Arthur, TX

Port Arthur, Texas, is located in east Texas on the Gulf Coast and has a population of over 60,000 people. The city is on the bank of Sabine Lake, which empties into the Gulf of Mexico. Port Arthur is in between two thriving metropolitan areas, with Houston 90 miles west and Lake Charles, LA, 75 miles to the east. Port Arthur is a diverse city with the population make-up of 43% African American, 39% White, 19% Latino, and 6% Asian.

The Beaumont–Port Arthur Metropolitan Area is a three-county region in Southeast Texas, located east of the Houston metropolitan area. The area is also known as the Golden Triangle. The "golden" refers to the wealth that came from the Spindletop oil strike near Beaumont in 1901, and "triangle" refers to the area among the cities of Beaumont, Port Arthur, and Orange. According to the 2000 Census, it has a population of 385,000.

Port Arthur was founded by Arthur Edward Stilwell in the late 19th century, and was once the center of the largest oil refinery network in the world. Port Arthur's Museum of the Gulf Coast is recognized as the area's definitive collection of items and displays for personalities from Port Arthur and the surrounding communities. Notable residents of Port Arthur include singer Janis Joplin, Olympian Babe Zaharias, former Dallas Cowboys coach Jimmy Johnson. Other professional athletes include Stephen Jackson of the San Antonio Spurs, Kendrick Perkins of the Boston Celtics, and Jamaal Charles of the Kansas City Chiefs. In the last two decades, Port Arthur's profile has risen on the hip-hop scene with the emergence of rap duo UGK. Both members, Bun B and the late Pimp C, are from Port Arthur and often refer to their hometown in their songs.

Port Arthur is a blend of Texas and Cajun culture with a wide variety of entertainment. Port Arthur has all the water you could ever want, as Lake Sabine and the Gulf of Mexico are home to hundreds of miles of beaches for fishing and swimming. There are fishing holes for fresh and salt water anglers and Mardi Gras is always a catch away. Come taste the Cajun flavor, lose yourself in the dramatic history and culture of the “Golden Triangle,” and absorb all the natural beauty that the city of Port Arthur has to share.

The United States may be in a recession, but Port Arthur is in the early stages of an economic boom. Several large projects involving the energy infrastructure are underway. The Golden Pass and Sabine Pass LNG terminals are under construction and have brought cumulative initial investments of \$2 billion, and will employ thousands in the area. Home to a large portion of United States refining capacity, Port Arthur is now seeing renewed investment in several key installations.

Lamar State College–Port Arthur celebrated its 100th birthday in 2009 and has an enrollment of approximately 3000 students. LPA offers a full variety of basic core curriculum classes that are transferrable to almost any four-year university. Lamar State College is recognized for associate programs in Teaching, Commercial Music, Nursing, Legal Assistant and Process technology. The Seahawks field competitive Junior College teams in Men's Basketball, Women's Softball, and Dance.

## Climate data for Port Arthur, Texas

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Average high °F	61.5	65.3	72.0	77.8	84.3	89.4	91.6	91.7	88.0	80.5	70.9	63.9	78.08
Average low °F	42.9	45.9	52.4	58.6	66.4	72.3	73.8	73.2	69.4	59.6	50.8	44.5	59.15

