Alternative (Private) Loan Counseling

Name ___________________________ LMU ID ___________________________

An Alternative Loan is a private loan under your name. **Unless otherwise noted, loans will disburse equally between your terms of enrollment.** You are required to repay the amount borrowed regardless of your educational outcome or subsequent employability.

**Have you considered other forms of federal and state aid?**

- [ ] Have you completed the FAFSA?
- [ ] Have you maximized other federal grant & loan opportunities available to you? Financial Aid information is available through MyLMU on PROWL.
- [ ] **Have you applied for a Federal Direct Graduate or Parent PLUS Loan?** Unlike an Alternative Loan, a Federal Direct Parent PLUS loan has a fixed interest rate of 8.05% (2023-24) and other flexible repayment options. All options are available on https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans. We highly encourage students to apply for a Federal PLUS loan before turning to an Alternative Loan.

**Helpful Links:**
- [http://www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov) – Information on all types of state financial aid

**What do you know about your loan?**

Who is your lender? ___________________________

How much are you borrowing? ___________________________

What is your interest rate? Is it fixed or variable? ___________________________

Did you apply with a co-signer? ___________________________

Which repayment option have you chosen? ___________________________

When do you enter repayment on this loan? ___________________________

How long will it take you to repay the loan? ___________________________

How do you plan to make payments after graduation/before obtaining employment? ___________________________

Please select the term in which you would like your alternative loan to disburse:

- [ ] Fall & Spring
- [ ] Fall Only
- [ ] Spring Only
- [ ] Summer
- [ ] Prior Term Balance: N/A

*Please note summer requires a separate application with your loan servicer.*

**Let’s take a look at a repayment plan sample:**

An Alternative Loan of $20,000 with a 10% interest rate will cost you $31,716 ($11,716 in interest) over ten (10) years. The estimated monthly payment for this loan amount is $264.

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**More to know about Alternative Loans:**

- As a borrower, you are responsible to notify the lender when you graduate, transfer schools, drop below half-time enrollment, or withdraw from school.
- Possible consequences for failing to repay student loans include adverse credit reports, wage garnishment, litigation, delinquent debt procedures under federal law, and inability to borrow future federal aid.

*Please note: After submission please allow 3-5 business days for your loan to be certified and 10-15 business days for your loan to disburse. If you have any questions please contact LMU Financial Aid.*