

GENERAL INFORMATION

Accreditation

Ventura College is one of California's 109 public community colleges and is subject to the legal provisions of the state. Ventura College is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

College Services

At Ventura College, there is a strong commitment to equal opportunity for all students who choose to attend and can profit from the educational courses and programs. All people are welcome to the college family. Various offices and associations promote the efforts of underrepresented people to become students. Students interested in assistance from these support groups and offices should make the appropriate contact.

The Advantages of a Community College

Ventura College offers students some very special opportunities not found at four-year colleges and universities. We put students and teaching first, with smaller classes and more individual attention from staff, counselors, and instructors.

We are the convenient equivalent to lower division university studies and provide smooth and secure transfer to four-year schools.

We welcome all students, whether just out of high school or returning to school after a period of work or home responsibilities. Any student who can benefit from our classes is welcome to attend.

We are the obvious "best-buy" in higher education—fees are low, quality is high.

College and the Community

Though Ventura College draws students from other California regions, as well as other states and foreign countries, there is a particularly strong bond between the campus and the communities which surround it. For decades, Ventura College stood alone as the only postsecondary institution in the county, and, as a result, the College counts as friends, supporters, and alumni, thousands of people from across the Oxnard plain and the Santa Clara, Ojai, Conejo and Simi Valleys. In many of these areas, but particularly in the west county, Ventura College is known as "the College."

Today, Ventura College maintains the same strong commitments with its community. The performances of College drama, music, opera, dance, and athletic groups and teams draw enthusiastic support from the community, as do professional and student artists who exhibit in the two College galleries. In addition to these curricular activities, special noncredit courses and other events, performances, and excursions keep the community focused on the College as an exciting cultural and recreational center.

In 1981, the Ventura College Foundation was established by the College President and a group of education-minded business and professional people from the community. The purpose of the Foundation is to support the goals and services of the College by building and shaping community support.

By the end of 1986, the Foundation's base of support had grown to the point where it appointed an executive director, and set as a capital project goal a new campus building to house tutoring and testing services in addition to providing a place for community meetings. Guthrie Hall was dedicated in November 1989.

The Foundation continues to build support for its ongoing projects of student scholarships, staff study grants and program support. If you would like to be part of the tradition, call the Foundation at (805) 654-6461 and become involved.

Alumni Association

The Ventura College Alumni & Friends Association was created to foster a spirit of friendship and philanthropy among alumni and friends for scholarships, newsletters, reunions, and special events. For additional information, contact the Ventura College Foundation at (805) 654-6461, or visit the Web site www.venturacollege.edu/foundation/index.htm

History

Community college education in Ventura County began in 1925 when a junior college department was added at Ventura Union High School, on the site now occupied by Cabrillo Middle School.

In 1952, responding to recommendations from a commissioned study concerning population growth and building needs, the Ventura High School District adopted a 3-3-2 organization. Ventura Junior College became Ventura College, a two-year institution for the freshman and sophomore years of college.

In 1955, the College moved to its present 112-acre hillside campus at 4667 Telegraph Road in the eastern part of Ventura. The current student enrollment of the College for day and evening classes both on-campus and off-campus (Fillmore, Ojai, Piru, Santa Paula) is approximately 12,000. The East Campus has been added in Santa Paula.

The citizens of Ventura County voted in 1962 to form a community college district separate from any other public school entity. Ventura College has since grown into a comprehensive community college serving a diverse population of college-age and adult students who pursue a wide variety of transfer, vocational, and other educational goals. Today the Ventura County Community College District includes two additional colleges—Moorpark and Oxnard. The District Offices are centrally located in Camarillo.

In March 2002, the Ventura County voters approved a \$356 million general obligation bond to renovate and expand all three campuses and the District training facilities for police, fire, and sheriff's officers. The funds will also support the development of satellite facilities in the Santa Clara River Valley for Ventura College and the Conejo Valley for Moorpark College.

The first Ventura College building using bond funds is the new Library and Learning Resources Center which opened in January 2005.

PRESIDENTIAL HISTORY

Over the past 80 years, Ventura College has had exemplary leadership. That leadership was provided by:

H.O. Wise	1925-1928
Melrowe Martin	1928-1929
Amos E. Clark	1929-1931
D.R. Henry	1931-1953
Hugh Price	1953-1956
Phil Putnam	1956-1960
Ed Rowins	1960-1966
Dr. Richard E. Loehr	1967-1974
Dr. Richard A. Glenn	1974-1985
Dr. Robert W. Long	1985-1992
Dr. Jesus Carreón	1992-1995
Dr. Larry A. Calderón	1995-2004
Dr. Robin Calote	2005-current

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

President	654-6460
Executive Vice President of Student Learning...	654-6464
Vice President of Business Services	654-6354

OFFICES OF THE DEANS

Arts and Sciences	654-6339
Business, Resources Development, Community Education, Off-Campus Programs	654-6368
Criminal Justice, Technology, Music and Reserve Academy	654-6470
Evening Supervisor	654-6483
Health and Human Performance	654-6348
Liberal Arts and Learning Resources	654-6468
Student Development	654-6455
Student Services	654-6487

EAST CAMPUS

East Campus at Santa Paula	525-7136
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IMPORTANT CAMPUS PHONE NUMBERS

For general information call:

From Ventura, Ojai, Saticoy, all others not specifically listed:

(805) 654-6400, (805) 656-0546.

From Oxnard, Camarillo, Port Hueneme:

(805) 986-5855 - connect to Ventura College

From Moorpark, Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, Agoura:

(805) 378-1500 - connect to Ventura College

Admissions and Records	654-6457
Assessment/Testing Center	654-6402
Bilingual College Services	654-6484
Bookstore	654-6485
Business Services	654-6354
CalWORKs	477-2021
Campus Police	654-6486
Career Center	654-6411
Child Development Center	648-8930
Community Education	654-6459
Counseling Center	654-6448
East Campus	525-7136
Educational Assistance Center (formerly Disabled Students Center)	654-6300
TDD only..	642-4583
Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS)	654-6302
Financial Aid Office	654-6369
Human Resources	654-6465
Institute of Comm. and Prof. Development	648-8904
International Student Center	654-6323
Learning Center	654-6320
East Campus Branch	525-7136
Library	654-6482
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Math Center	654-6400 ext.3255
Matriculation Office	654-6493
Public Relations	654-6462
Re-entry and Women's Center	654-6365
Reserve Academy	987-7413
Scholarships (Foundation)	654-6461
Student Activities Office	654-6487
Student Business Office	654-6488
Student Business Fax	648-8950
Student Health Center	654-6346
Student Payroll	654-6400 ext.1351
Transfer Center	654-6473
Tutoring Center	648-8926
East Campus Branch	525-7136
Ventura College Foundation	654-6461
Veteran's Affairs	654-6457