

GENERAL INFORMATION

COLLEGE INFORMATION

History

Los Angeles Valley College is one of nine public colleges in the Los Angeles Community College District. Located in the heart of the San Fernando Valley, the 107-acre campus serves the communities of Van Nuys, Burbank, Studio City, Sherman Oaks, Valley Village, North Hollywood, Panorama City, North Hills, Encino and beyond. Today, there are about 20,000 students enrolled with 199 full-time faculty and 401 part-time instructors.

Los Angeles Valley College was created in June 1949 to meet the tremendous growth of the San Fernando Valley during the 1940's and early 1950's. In September 1949, the college opened with a student body of 439 and a faculty of 23 on the Van Nuys High School Campus.

The college moved to its present site during the summer of 1951. The enrollment at the opening semester on the new campus was 1003, with 55 faculty. The student body was taught in 33 temporary bungalow structures, which increased to 45 bungalows between 1951 and 1956 to meet the growing enrollment. By 1952, the fall enrollment exceeded 2,300 students.

From 1959 to the 1970's, the college added 20 permanent buildings. These buildings included a library, administration building, cafeteria, theater arts, planetarium, campus center, and classroom buildings with science laboratories.

Special features of the campus include three separate stages for theater productions, a motion picture studio, choral and instrumental music rooms, sound proof practice booths, and a recording center for musical instruments, a general machine shop, a weather station, departmental learning centers, a broadcast and speech studio, computer labs and a health center. The college also has an art gallery and a historical museum. The college's athletic facilities include the men's and women's gymnasiums, a fitness center, practice fields, a field house, a swimming pool, and a lighted stadium accommodating 6,000 spectators.

The college is currently undergoing a \$626 million renovation and building project that is being funded by the passage of Proposition A in 2001, Proposition AA in 2003, and Measure J in 2008. It will result in refurbishing all existing buildings and will add 15 new sustainable buildings to the campus.

Since 2006, the college has added a new maintenance & operations/sheriff's station, a state-of-the-art allied health & sciences center, a new aquatics center with Olympic-sized pool, an adapted physical education center, a child development and family complex, a student services complex, and the Belle & Harry

Krupnick media arts center. The college's renovated stadium is also home to the only 10-lane Mondo track in southern California.

Additional projects scheduled to be built include a library & academic resource center, media arts/performing arts building, a student union, new administration/workforce development building, athletic training facility, a multi-purpose community services center, and a parking structure.

Goals

The goals of Los Angeles Valley College are in keeping with the mission statement adopted by the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees, which is to provide comprehensive lower-division general education, occupational education, transfer education, transitional education, counseling and guidance, community services, and continuing education programs which are appropriate to the communities served and which meet the changing needs of students for academic and occupational preparation, citizenship, and cultural understanding.

In pursuit of these goals, we endeavor to:

- promote equal opportunity for participation
- maintain appropriate standards for academic achievement
- provide an educational environment which meets the needs of students with varied learning skills
- provide support services which contribute to instructional effectiveness and student success
- affirm the importance of multi-cultural, international and inter-cultural collegiate experiences that foster individual and group understanding
- manage effectively educational and financial resources.

In order to assist students in achieving their educational objectives, the faculty and staff of Valley College strive to provide:

- counseling services directed toward identifying and fulfilling educational, financial, health and other personal needs
- opportunities to recognize and further develop a sense of curiosity and an understanding of self and others in an atmosphere of freedom and open communication
- realistic experiences for the implementation of skills and principles acquired
- opportunities to develop and use problem-solving

techniques in the achievement of stated objectives

- opportunities to explore, understand and participate in the governance of the college and in other social structures
- opportunities to evaluate the effectiveness of the educational process in terms of the students own goals
- involvement of the members and resources of the community at large in the educational process in a participatory as well as in an advisory capacity
- cooperative relations with other institutions in promoting appropriate educational, cultural and occupational programs.

Los Angeles Valley College offers the following programs and services

Transfer

Four-year universities require students to complete certain requirements for the bachelor's degree. Among these are general education and major requirements. Valley College offers transferable courses which are equivalent to the lower division (i.e., freshman and sophomore) requirements at the many colleges and universities. Among these colleges and universities are: UCLA, USC, CSU Northridge, CSU Los Angeles, CSU Long Beach, CSU Dominguez Hills, Cal Poly Pomona, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, UC Santa Barbara, UC Irvine.

With counseling and careful planning students may, in most cases, transfer as a junior with their lower division major requirements and appropriate general education requirements completed.

Associate Degree (AA/AS)

The Associate Degree (AA/AS) may be earned in conjunction with preparation for transfer or an occupational program. It may also be pursued as an educational end in itself.

Certificates

The Certificate is generally a sequence of courses leading to a specific area of employment. It is designed for those students who have limited time to pursue their formal education and who wish to specialize in a particular employment oriented area.

General Education

A program of general education comprised of planned experiences which develop knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for the student to be effective as a worker, family member, and citizen.

Transitional Education

A program of remedial and basic skills education for students needing preparation for community college level course and programs; and English as a Second Language instruction for immigrants, foreign students and other students with limited English proficiency.

Continuing Education

Opportunities are provided for individuals who are interested in improving their occupational competence. Academic Skills or personal growth that may supplement formal full-time college attendance.

Guidance

A guidance program incorporating vocational, educational, and personal counseling to assist students in the selection and pursuit of a life work compatible with their interests, aptitudes, and abilities.

Community Services Program

A comprehensive program designed to meet the college's mission for lifelong learning providing hundreds of not-for-credit educational offerings (online and classroom) in computer applications, health and wellness, open recreation, personal growth, and business-related studies. This program is a completely self-supported, fee-based division of the college. Online registration is <http://lavalley.augusoft.net>.

The Los Angeles Valley College Foundation

- The Foundation is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to benefit Los Angeles Valley College students and college programs and activities. The Foundation raises funds to support student scholarships, faculty projects, and various campus and alumni events.
- To inquire about the Foundation or to make a contribution, please call (818) 947-2619, or visit them online at www.lavcfoundation.org.