

GENERAL INFORMATION

College Information

COLLEGE HISTORY

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 was officially chartered by the Los Angeles Board of Education. The pioneer class comprised of 439 students (254 men and 185 women), who were taught by 23 faculty members in five bungalows at Van Nuys High School. Vierling Kersey served as the first director of the college.

The college moved to its present site in the heart of the San Fernando Valley during the summer of 1951. At the opening semester on the new campus, enrollment was 1,003 students, with 55 faculty. The student body was housed 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.

After separating from the Los Angeles Unified School District, the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) was formed in 1969. The first independent Board of Trustees was elected the same year. LAVC is one of nine college campuses in the Los Angeles Community College District.

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.

In 2001, LAVC began a bond-funded \$704 million renovation and building project to improve aging college facilities, upgrade infrastructure, and construct new building. Its existing buildings on the campus were renovated, and it has replaced older facilities with 13 new LEED-certified sustainable buildings.

Today, LAVC serves over 26,000 students annually from the neighboring communities of Van Nuys, Burbank, Studio City, Sherman Oaks, Valley Village, North Hollywood, Panorama City, North Hills, and Encino. The college offers 98 associate degree programs (including 26 associate degrees for transfer), 63 certificates of achievement, 17 non-credit certificates, and 10 skills certificates, as well as continuing education, noncredit, and job training programs. It has nearly 200 full-time faculty and more than 400 part-time instructors. LAVC is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, and is a Hispanic-Serving Institution.

COLLEGE FACILITIES

Los Angeles Valley College is a 104-acre community college located heart of the San Fernando Valley. The tree lined campus is affectionately known as the first California community college to be designated as a Tree Campus USA.

LAVC is proud of its Administration and Career Advancement

building, Allied Health and Sciences Center, Child Development & Family Complex, Community Services Center, Library & Academic Resource Center, Monarch Athletic Center, Student Services Center and Annex, Student Union, and renovated classrooms and laboratories with upgraded smart technology. The college also has a child development center, a family resource center for student parents, and a state-of-the-art television studio. Athletic facilities include a stadium with the only 10-lane Mondo track in southern California, baseball and softball fields, archery field, soccer field, tennis courts, athletic training facility, rock climbing wall, gymnastics center, a gym for individuals with disabilities, and an aquatics center with an Olympic-sized pool.

The college anticipates opening a new academic and performing arts building in 2023, and is planning to build two new multi-disciplinary academic buildings. Learn more at the LAVC ReVitalizing Valley Web page at www.lavc.edu/revitalizingvalley.

MISSION & CORE VALUES

MISSION STATEMENT

Los Angeles Valley College serves as our students' pathway to their success and career goals. We embrace the diversity of our community and strive to empower all members to be engaged, confident, and productive. Our comprehensive curriculum and support services enrich learning and inspire our students to achieve their personal goals, including completion of certificates, degrees, and transfer requirements. We are dedicated to providing continuing education, and enhancing personal development and quality of life.

CORE VALUES

Respect, Diversity, Openness, and Support

Los Angeles Valley College is a respectful and supportive community, open to all learners. We recognize diversity by offering extensive resources and pathways within a vibrant and evolving campus. Our focus on equity and inclusion will ensure our disproportionately impacted students are served.

Student Growth through Innovative Teaching and Learning

The college creates a learning-centered environment that offers a broad range of academic and career pathways and services in an atmosphere of academic freedom and collaboration responsive to students, faculty, staff, and community. The college proactively guides, helps navigate, and supports students' growth to fulfill their educational goals through innovative teaching and learning.

Resourcefulness and Environmental Stewardship

The college strives to be effective stewards of our physical, technological, and financial resources to maximize institutional effectiveness. The college fosters sustainability and pride in our vibrant and evolving campus.

WHAT WE OFFER

To accomplish the education philosophy and mission of the Los Angeles Community College District, Los Angeles Valley College offers the following types of educational programs and services:

GENERAL EDUCATION

LAVC offers programs of undergraduate courses that develop basic academic and technical knowledge and skills needed for further study in a field or needed for employment.

Associate Degree (AA/AS)

An Associate Degree (AA/AS) provides students with basic academic and technical knowledge in a particular subject of study. It may be earned in conjunction with preparing to transfer or an occupational program.

TRANSFER

LAVC offers programs that allow students, who complete 60 transferable units of study, to transfer to an accredited four-year college or university to continue their upper-division work towards a bachelor's degree. Students are encouraged to use the Career/Transfer Center.

Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T/AS-T)

The Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T/AS-T) prepares students for transfer to a California State University (CSU). Students completing these degrees are guaranteed admission to the CSU system.

Transfer Pathways to University of California

The UC Transfer Pathways is for community college students who plan to transfer to a University of California (UC) campus to complete their undergraduate degree. It provides a clear road map that prepares students for one of several popular majors, making them competitive for acceptance to and timely graduation from any University of California (UC) campus. It does not guarantee admission to a UC.

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

LAVC offers occupational programs that help students develop skills in a particular discipline that can lead to employment, job advancement, certification or an associate degree.

Certificate of Achievement

A Certificate of Achievement (CA) program is for students who are looking for instruction with a high degree of specialization.

Skills Certificate

A Skills Certificate is for students who want to take a sequence of credit courses that prepares him or her to progress in a career path.

FOUNDATIONAL & TRANSITIONAL SKILLS

LAVC offers English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction and Civics for immigrants, foreign students and other students with limited English proficiency, and vocational education that prepares students for basic workplace skills.

Noncredit Certificate of Completion

A Noncredit Certificate of Completion (NC) is for students who want to prepare to transition into college-credit courses or the workplace, in subject areas such as ESL, Civics, and Vocational Education.

COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE

LAVC offers counseling and guidance support in academic, career, and personal counseling and assistance in matters of admissions, financial aid, job placement and student activities. It is designed to assist the student in the establishment of educational goals and in the selection and pursuit of a life work compatible with his or her interests, aptitudes and abilities.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

LAVC offers a Community Services 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. Register online for Community Services classes at: lavalley.augusoft.net.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

LAVC offers opportunities for individuals who are interested in improving their academic and occupational competencies. In addition, tuition-free noncredit courses are intended to provide students with lifelong learning and college and career preparation opportunities.

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 programs, 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.

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COLLEGE COLORS & MASCOT

The students, faculty and staff of Los Angeles Valley College have selected green and gold as the college's official colors. The mascot is the lion, and its sports teams are known as the "Monarchs". The school colors and mascot were selected by the pioneer class of Los Angeles Valley College in 1949. For the college logo, contact the LAVC Public Relations Office at news@lavc.edu.

ACADEMIC FREEDOM

It is the policy of the Los Angeles Community College District that academic freedom is a right enjoyed by all members of the Los Angeles Community College District community: faculty (tenured, non-tenured, and adjunct), students, staff, and administration. Faculty especially shall have the academic freedom to seek the truth and guarantee freedom of learning to the students. Academic freedom is defined as the freedom to teach, learn, research, and express one's views without fear of sanction, whether such expression takes the form of speech, writing, electronic communication, or the like, and whether it occurs on campus or off campus. The right to academic freedom, however, cannot be separated from the equally important responsibility, which each individual has, to uphold the District's professional ethics policies for faculty, administrators, and staff; and in the case of students, to abide by the District's Standards of Student Conduct.

The District recognizes that an essential function of education is a probing of received opinions and an exploration of ideas which may cause some students discomfort. However, academic freedom does not permit prohibited discrimination, racist expression, unlawful harassment, or sexual misconduct, nor does academic freedom excuse the perpetuation of racism, sexism, homophobia, or any other forms of bigotry and hate. Finally, the discussion of ideas, taboos, behavior or language which may be intrinsic to the content of courses shall in no event constitute prohibited discrimination, racist expression, unlawful harassment, or sexual misconduct.

Each College Academic Senate may adopt its own faculty academic freedom statement. The right to academic freedom shall be protected and supported through the use, when necessary, of appropriate due process procedures established by the College Academic Senates, consistent with this policy and Article 4 of the AFT Faculty Collective Bargaining Agreement. ([Board Policy 4030](#))

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Los Angeles Valley College offers two semesters (Fall and Spring) every academic year. In addition, the college may offer two intersessions (Winter and Summer)*. All college classes are open to regularly enrolled students.

The following outlines some of important dates for the 2021-2022 academic year; a complete listing of academic dates and deadlines is posted each semester.

FALL 2021 SEMESTER

REGISTRATION STARTS

May 24, 2021	Tier 1: CalWorks, SSD, EOPS, Foster Youth, Active Duty Veterans
May 27, 2021	Tier 2: Athletes, Promise, Completion
June 1, 2021	Continuing & New, Fully Matriculated Students and Middle College High School
June 16, 2021	Students Who Lost Priority
June 18, 2021	Open Enrollment, including K-12 Special Admits

GENERAL CALENDAR DATES

August 30, 2021	Day and Evening Classes Begin
September 4, 2021	Saturday Classes Begin
December 19, 2021	Last Day of Instruction
December 13-19, 2021	Final Examinations

HOLIDAY-NO CLASSES

September 6, 2021	Labor Day, College Closed
November 11, 2021	Veterans Day, College Closed
November 25-26, 2021	Thanksgiving, College Closed
Dec. 24-Jan. 3, 2022	Winter Break, College Closed

SPRING 2022 SEMESTER

REGISTRATION STARTS

November 8, 2021	Tier 1: CalWorks, SSD, EOPS, Foster Youth, Active Duty Veterans
November 10, 2021	Tier 2: Athletes, Promise, Completion
November 15, 2021	Continuing & New, Fully Matriculated Students and Middle College High School
December 1, 2021	Students Who Lost Priority
December 6, 2021	Open Enrollment, including K-12 Special Admits

GENERAL CALENDAR DATES

February 7, 2022	Day and Evening Classes Begin
February 12, 2022	Saturday Classes Begin
June 6, 2022	Last Day of Instruction
May 31-June 6, 2022	Final Examinations

HOLIDAY- NO CLASSES

January 17, 2022	Martin Luther King Jr. Day, College Closed
February 18 & 20, 2022	Presidents' Day, College Closed
March 31, 2022	Cesar Chavez Day, College Closed
April 2-8, 2022	Spring Break, College Closed
May 30, 2022	Memorial Day, College Closed

The catalog, schedule of class, and complete listing of academic dates and deadlines in a given semester are available on LAVC's Class Schedule webpage at www.lavc.edu/schedule

* Summer and Winter intersessions are subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.