

# 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 Ventura County Master Chorale shares rehearsal space, professional leadership, and student personnel with the College. 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 1985, the Ventura College Foundation was activated 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 and staff study grants and is developing plans for new building projects. If you think it is time to say "thank you" to Ventura College, 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](http://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 1929, the Ventura High School District adopted the four-four plan of secondary education: four years of junior high school (grades 7-10) and four years of high school/junior college (grades 11-14). The next year, the Ventura Junior College, as the senior four-year school came to be known, was moved to a new campus at Main and Catalina Streets in Ventura, the current campus of Ventura High 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 12,500. 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 scheduled to open in the Fall 2004.

## PRESIDENTIAL HISTORY

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

H.O. Wise .....	1925-1928
Melroe 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 .....	1974-1992
Dr. Robert W. Long .....	1985-1992
Dr. Jesus Carreón .....	1992-1995
Dr. Larry A. Calderón .....	1995-2004

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

President .....	654-6460
Executive Vice President of Student Learning ...	654-6464
Vice President of Business Services .....	654-6354
Arts and Sciences .....	654-6339

## 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
CalWORKs .....	477-2021
Campus Police .....	654-6486
Career Center .....	654-6411
Child Development Center .....	648-8930
Community Education .....	654-6459
Counseling Center .....	654-6448
D.R. Henry Library .....	654-6482
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
Institute of Comm. and Prof. Development .....	648-8904
International Student Center .....	654-6323
Math Center .....	654-6400 ext.3255
Matriculation Office .....	654-6493
Personnel Services .....	654-6465
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
Ventura College Foundation .....	654-6461
Veteran's Affairs .....	654-6457