



STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

WHO QUALIFIES FOR FINANCIAL AID?

To receive aid, you must:

1. Prove financial need based on federal and state guidelines.
2. Have a high school diploma or GED or pass the Ability to Benefit Test. Note: Students who do not pass the test may also be eligible under certain circumstances
3. Be enrolled as a regular student working toward a degree or certificate.
4. Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
5. Be making satisfactory academic progress.
6. Not be in default on any educational loan or owe a refund on an educational grant.
7. Have a social security number.
8. Register with the Selective Service System (applies to male students only).

HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

To apply for financial aid, students must complete the Free

Financial Aid Programs at IVC

STATE PROGRAMS

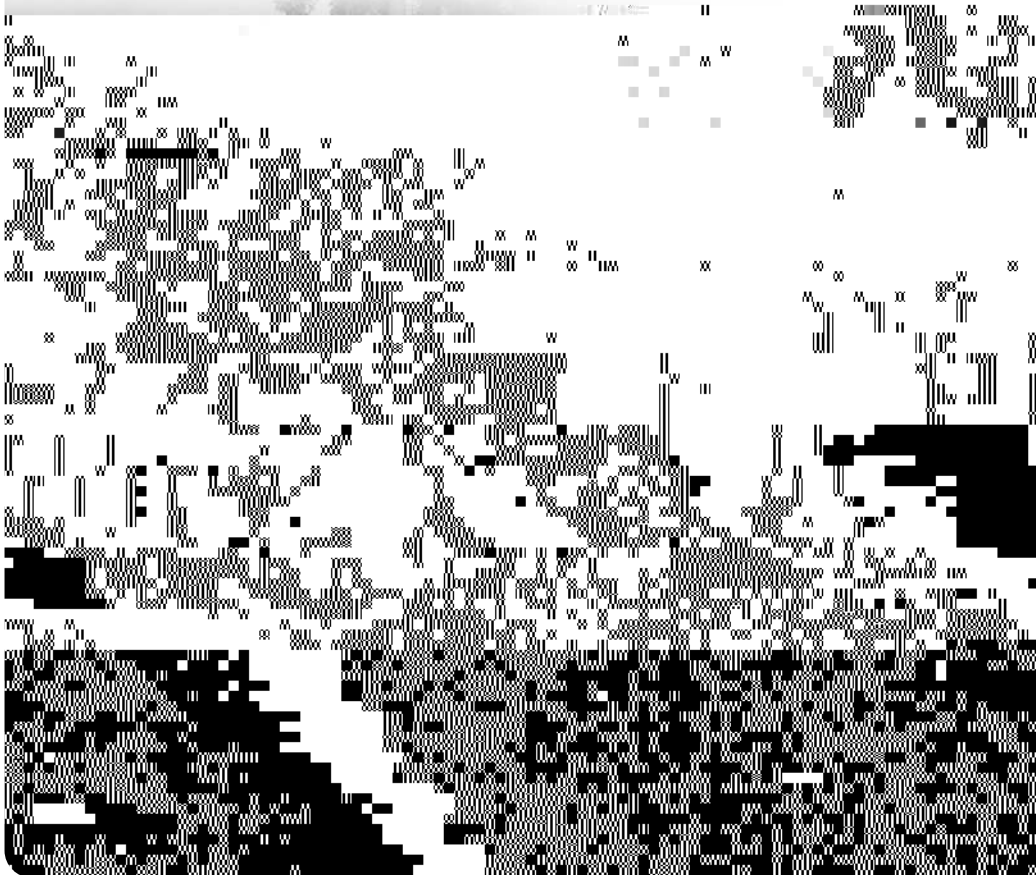
- **Board of Governors Fee Waiver:** A program for California residents attending a community college. The fee waiver pays for enrollment fees for eligible students. It does not cover parking, lab, material, health fees, or the student representation fee.
- **Cal Grant:** A state-funded grant program for California residents. All Cal Grant award offers are subject to the approval of the annual state budget. www.csac.ca.gov

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

- **Federal Pell Grant:** A grant program for students who have not earned a bachelor's or professional degree. Students must file a FAFSA and demonstrate financial need.
- **Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG):** A program that funds grants based on demonstrated exceptional financial need. Priority is given to Pell Grant recipients. Funding at IVC is limited.
- **Federal Work Study (FWS):** A program that funds part-time job opportunities to students with financial need. Students must be enrolled in at least 6 units. Funding is very limited and is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Imperial Valley College does not currently participate in any of the federal student loan programs; however, general information regarding private

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COUNSELING SERVICES

**Location: Hector L. Lopez Student Services Center,
Building 100, (760) 355-6543**

Imperial Valley College counseling services help students with a variety of educational, career, vocational, as well as personal issues/concerns. Students clarify their needs, make decisions, set goals and deal effectively with personal obstacles with the help of counseling faculty. Confidentiality is paramount in the relationship between student and counselor. An individual appointment is necessary for students who wish to meet with a counselor for academic planning, transcript evaluation and career counseling. It is advisable for students to make an appointment to allow sufficient time to have their questions answered on a one-to-one basis. Call **(760) 355-6543** for information or to schedule an appointment.

Academic Counseling

Counselors evaluate transcripts from other colleges and explore transfer options/requirements based on a declared major. Counselors work in conjunction with students to develop a personalized comprehensive Student Educational Plan (SEP) via the Internet-based DegreeWorks program.

Career Counseling

Imperial Valley College counselors are trained to provide students with career counseling, but if students wish to perform a comprehensive research, they can enroll in Counseling 100, Personal and Career Development (COUN 100). The course will provide students with personal and career guidance, which includes interest inventories and referrals to off-campus websites to supplement their research.

Personal Counseling

Personal counseling is provided to students upon request; students may also receive psychological services in the Health and Wellness Center. In addition, Imperial Valley College offers Counseling 100, College Success Skills (COUN 120), which includes: interpersonal communication, self-awareness, stress management, behavior change, and referral to off-campus resources.

Drop-in Counseling

Drop-in counseling provides students with the opportunity to meet with a counselor on a "first-come, first-served" basis for answers to quick questions. The duration of a drop-in counseling session is a maximum of 30 minutes. The counseling reception will inform you what can be done during a drop-in session (i.e. forms).

Transfer Center

**Location: Hector L. Lopez Student Services Center,
Building 100, (760) 355-6543**

The IVC Transfer Center strives to make your transfer to the university system as smooth and seamless as possible. The Transfer Center provides information and services and sponsors special events for students who are preparing to transfer to four-year colleges and universities. The center provides information about transfer programs and general education requirements and arranges appointments with representatives from four-year colleges and universities. Assistance with online applications for admission to California State University (CSU), University of California (UC), California's Private/Independent and Out-of-State Colleges and Universities is available in the Transfer Center. The Transfer Center sponsors a Spring Semester mini-fair each semester, a College and University Day in the fall semester with representatives from colleges and universities throughout California and out-of-state universities, and conducts workshops on the transfer process.

The Transfer Center also provides counseling and resources for students that include college catalogs, articulation agreements, online computer resources, and transfer counseling.

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS)

**Location: Mel Wendrick Access Center,
Health Sciences Building, Rm. 2107 (760) 355-6434/6313**

The function of the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS) unit is to accommodate for students disabilities regardless of a person's educational limitations, enabling that individual to participate in the educational experience at Imperial Valley College to achieve their academic and vocational goals.

The students are eligible for accommodations related to their disability under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the American with Disabilities Act. Any student interested in receiving services must contact the DSPS well before classes start to establish eligibility to insure timely provisions of services. Information can be found on our website: <http://www.imperial.edu/students/dsps>. Participation in the program is voluntary.

Eligible students who have a verifiable disability may qualify for support services through DSPS. Services are provided to students with physical, learning, vision, hearing, communication, psychological disabilities and other health impairments.

Educational accommodations arranged through the DSPS office include priority registration; counseling; testing accommodations, note takers, interpreters for deaf students, LD assessment, equipment such as print enlargers, tape recorders and other alternate media, adapted computer lab and instruction. Liaison with community agencies is also an important component of the DSPS program. The Workability III program, in collaboration with the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) offers pre-employment workshops, as well as direct job placement, and post employment follow-up for clients of DOR. The campus is physically accessible.

Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS)

Location: Hector L. Lopez Student Services Center, Building 100, (760) 355-6407

Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) is a state funded program designed to provide academic support services to low income and educationally disadvantaged students. EOPS is composed of a group of professionals ready to assist you with the resolution of both academic and personal issues. Our staff is set up to understand the problems of our culturally diverse population and strives to meet student needs that are as diverse as our student population. EOPS services include academic, personal, and career counseling, priority registration, tutoring, book grants, EOPS grants, EOPS work-study positions, assistance with the transfer process, and referrals to campus resources as well as referrals to community agencies that provide resources beneficial to EOPS students. You may submit your application online (located in the college's website under EOPS) or pick up an application at the EOPS office beginning May 1 for the fall semester and November 1 for the spring semester.

Cooperative Agreement for Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (CARE)

Location: Hector L. Lopez Student Services Center, Building 100, (760) 355-6407

The primary goal of the CARE program is to provide additional support services that ensure the academic success of single parents who also are CalWORKs participants. There is a heavy emphasis on personal counseling and on referrals to community agencies that provide services beneficial to CARE students. The CARE program also provides academic and career counseling, childcare stipends, priority registration as well as all of the services provided to EOPS students. Students applying to the CARE program must also apply to the EOPS program. Further information may be obtained at the EOPS office.

Website: <http://www.imperial.edu/students/eops/>

California Work Opportunities and Responsibilities to Kinds (CalWORKs)

Location: Hector L. Lopez Student Services Center, Building 100, (760) 355-6407

Imperial Valley College's California Work Opportunities and Responsibilities to Kinds (CalWORKs) program partners with Imperial County Department of Social Services to provide a number of supportive services to CalWORKs cash aid recipients. Services include college work-study, child care, transportation assistance, help to pay for books and other costs related to the approved Educational Plan along with specialized counseling.

CalWORKs recipient students are encouraged to meet with the IVC CalWORKs Counselor as soon as possible when they come to IVC.

Website: <http://www.imperial.edu/students/calworks/>

Student Support Services (SSS)

Location: Hector L. Lopez Student Services Center, Building 100, (760) 355-6379

Student Support Services is a federally funded program designed for students who possess the potential and motivation to succeed in college. The primary goal of the program is to provide support and to ensure students the opportunity for the best possible education. Services include, but are not limited to, academic, career and personal counseling; cultural and educational field trips; and workshops.

Hector L. Lopez Student Services Center, Building 100

ONLINE SERVICES AND DISTANCE EDUCATION

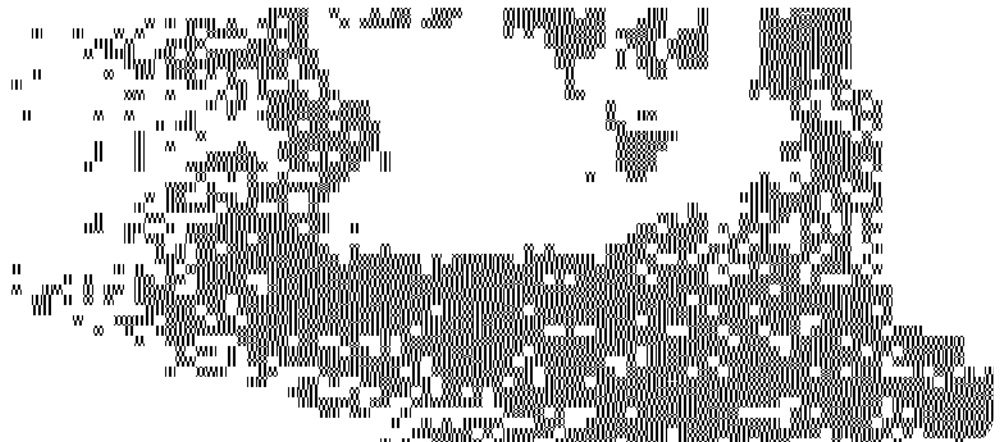
Student Email

Students are automatically provided a **username@students.imperial.edu** email account shortly after submitting their CCCApply application to the college. Usernames are assigned automatically (customized names are not provided), and accounts will remain available even after the student has completed their studies at the college. When the account is created, the password will automatically be synced with your current WebSTAR password. Students can change their email password by updating their WebSTAR password (your email password should be updated in 5 minutes or less automatically).

You can login to your account by visiting: **www.outlook.com**. Once a student has logged into their student email account, they can setup email forwarding so that copies of their student email can also be sent to a personal email address.

For the most current information about how to use your student email account, please log on to: **my.imperial.edu/student-email** (your Student ID and WebSTAR password will be required).

Important Notice: This address will be the primary email address we'll use to contact you while you are studying at Imperial Valley College (this includes all Financial Aid contacts). You will also be



IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Student Activities

Student activities are governed by the Associated Student Government of Imperial Valley College. Those students who are socially inclined will find an opportunity for the development of their interests in clubs and the social activities of the year. Others who are interested in athletics will benefit from a variety of intercollegiate sports and those who are interested in music, publications, or student government will find many opportunities for participation in these activities.

Student Health Services

As an Imperial Valley College student: Your pre-paid semester health fee entitles you to Student Health Services. Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District was selected as the provider for Student Health Services and offers basic health services with an emphasis on health prevention and education programs.

To access the services offered, every student must 1) bring a current IVC Identification Card, 2) bring a current copy of WebSTAR classes, and 3) inform the healthcare staff you are a student at IVC. All students are strongly encouraged to carry outside insurance coverage for situations or issues not covered by Student Health Services. Student can receive services at the following locations:

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Services only provided at the following locations

Student Health Center (SHC on campus)

380 East Aten Road, Building 2100 Health Science
Imperial, CA 92251
(760) 355-6310
8:30 – 4:30 Mon–Thurs. (tentatively)
8:30 – 12:30 Fri

Calexico Health Center (CHC)

450 East Birch St.
Calexico, CA 92231
(760) 768-6262
3pm until midnight Mon – Fri
1pm until midnight Sat & Sun

El Centro – Clinicas de Salud del Pueblo

651 Wake Avenue, Suite A
El Centro, CA 92243
(760) 352-2257
Normal Business Hours Mon – Fri

Occupational Health Center (OHC)

751 West Legion Road, Suite 103
Brawley, CA 92227
(760) 351-4400

**Pioneers Memorial Hospital
Emergency Room (ER)**

207 West Legion Road
Brawley, CA 92227



The **Student Health Fee** allows students to receive health services on campus and at various health centers in the community. The fee is not related to health insurance and is required whether or not students choose to use the Center. The Board of Governors (BOG) fee waiver will not cover this fee. Students receiving a BOG will need to pay the fee. Exemptions from the fee may be granted for the following:

- Students who depend exclusively upon prayer for healing in accordance with the teachings of a bona fide religious sect, denomination, or organization.
- Students who are attending IVC under an approved apprenticeship training program.

Work Experience

Work Experience is a cooperative educational program between Imperial Valley College and community employers. The college provides the organization, the coordination of class facilities, and the personnel for the program. The employers provide places to work (workstations) and on-the-job training which has educational value for the students. The unit of credit earned may be used to meet some of the graduation requirements in selected programs.



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