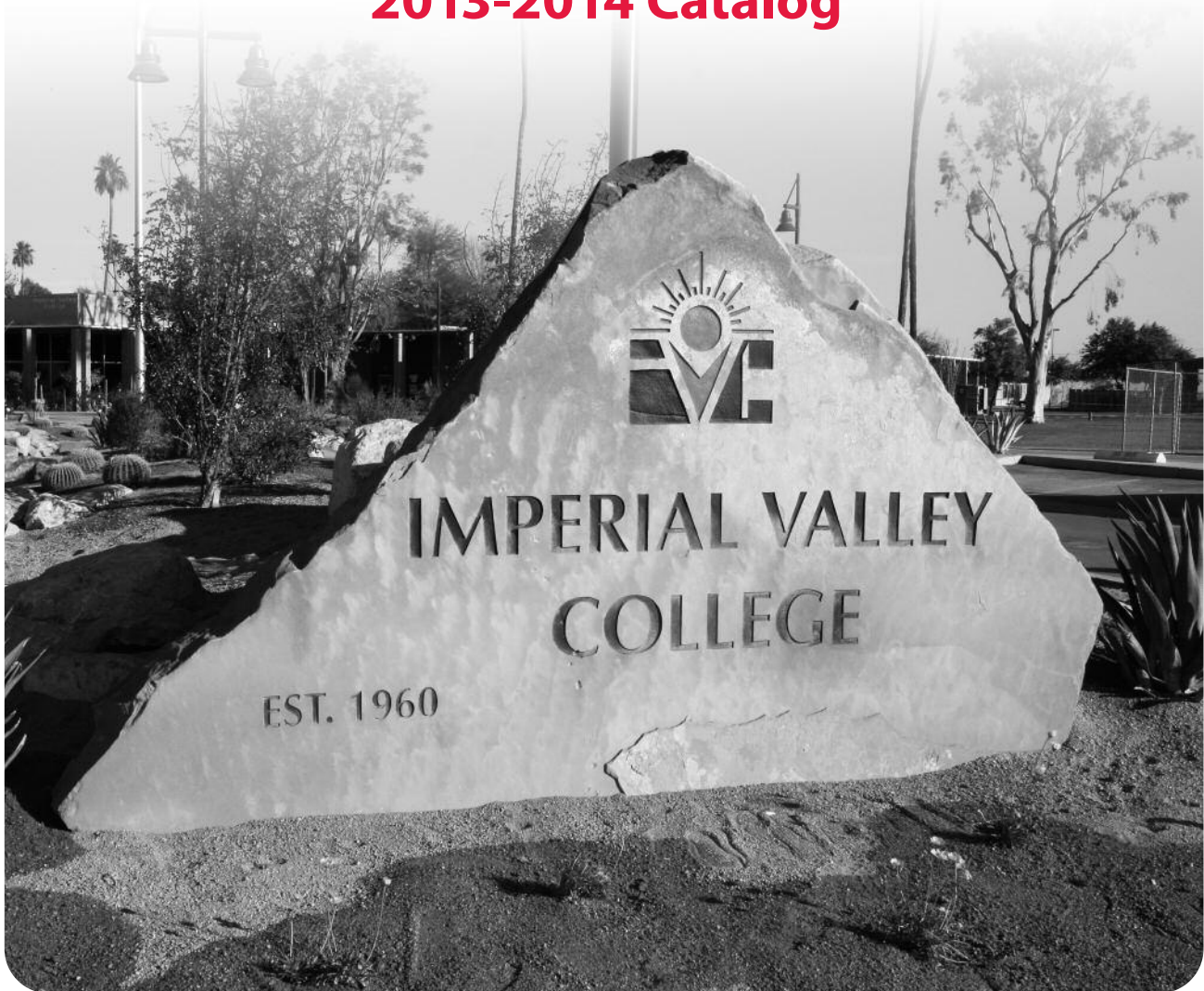


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2013-2014 Catalog



Imperial Valley College welcomes you and wishes to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your decision to accept the challenge of further education. This catalog is your guide to and through this college and the many educational programs which it offers. You will find the information which you must have to succeed and those rules and regulations which govern the college and each student. It is your obligation to become thoroughly familiar with the content of the catalog. It has been prepared with your success in mind!

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Imperial Valley College President's Message

For generations, Imperial Valley College and its predecessors have been empowering Imperial County with higher education.

You are joining us at a significant time in our history. The 2012-13 Academic Year marked the 50th Anniversary of classes at this campus. That means you are helping to launch our second 50 years at this location!

Today, IVC is an oasis of learning, an attractive, inviting campus where students have access to cutting edge technology. Our staff works hard to bring the same inviting atmosphere into each classroom, and looks forward to celebrating another 50 years of educational leadership for Imperial County.

This small community college that started in Quonset huts five decades ago has grown into a substantial educational institution serving over thousands of individuals every year. The imprint that Imperial Valley College has on the region can be found in all industries in the Valley, from agriculture to business and banking, from government and education, to the news industry and utilities companies. Recent studies have shown that at least one in seven jobs in our Valley have some connection back to IVC.

We pride ourselves on not only the quality of our instruction, but more importantly, the quality of our graduates. Many leaders in our community – and many of IVC's own leaders (including myself)--are IVC graduates. As a leading economic engine in the Valley, and an institution with a strong educational tradition, IVC is simply the best place to get a start on your future.

This catalogue is your roadmap to success here. It has a wealth of information that will guide you in your educational journey. It also contains information that will assist you with college finances, registration, and admission, academic advising, career and personal counseling and other services we offer to help you succeed here.

You are entering a partnership. As you join a long line of Imperial Valley College students, you will find excellent curriculum, outstanding instructors, dedicated student service professionals and a staff all committed to enhancing your learning. Our Board of Trustees, employees and volunteers at IVC will work hard to help you succeed. We ask that you develop effective time management and financial planning skills, balance those inevitable life challenges that you will encounter and above all commit yourself to a focus on learning.

We are looking forward to a very fulfilling partnership with you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Victor M. Jaime". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "V" and "J".

Victor M. Jaime, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President

Board of Trustees

Imperial Valley College is part of the Imperial Community College District. In December 2011, new trustee areas were formed. Now residents will vote for candidates in their trustee area.

The Imperial Community College District's Board of Trustees is an independent policy-making body that reflects the public interest in board activities and decisions. A seven-member Board of Trustees is elected by trustee area.

It is the responsibility of each Board member to represent the interests of his or her respective area. Board members take seriously their obligation to represent the overall public interest and to maintain continuity in the leadership of the Imperial Community College District.



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IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE

2013-2014 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall Semester 2013

August	16	Thursday	Orientation (Service Day – All Faculty and Staff)
	19	Monday	First day of classes - Fall 2013 Semester Begins
	24	Saturday	First Day of Fall 2013 Saturday Classes
September	2	Monday	Holiday (Labor Day) – Campus Closed
November	11	Monday	Holiday (Veterans Day – Campus Closed)
	28-30	Thursday-Saturday	Holiday (Thanksgiving) – Campus Closed
December	2-7	Saturday-Friday	Final Exams
	9-13	Monday-Friday	No Classes – Campus Open
	16-31	Monday-Friday	Winter Recess – Campus Closed

Spring Semester 2014

January	1-3	Wednesday-Friday	Winter Recess – Campus Closed
	6-17	Monday-Friday	No Classes – Campus Open
	20	Monday	Holiday (Martin Luther King's Birthday) – Campus Closed
	21	Tuesday	First day of classes – Spring 2014 Semester Begins
February	14-15	Friday-Saturday	Holiday (Abraham Lincoln's Birthday) – Campus Closed
	17	Monday	Holiday (Presidents' Day) – Campus Closed
April	21-26	Monday-Saturday	Spring Recess – Campus Closed
May	10-16	Saturday-Friday	Final Exams – Spring Semester 2014
	17	Saturday	Commencement
	26	Monday	Holiday (Memorial Day) – Campus Closed

Summer Session 2014*

May	16	Monday	Summer Session 2014 Begins
July	4	Friday	Holiday (Independence Day) – Campus Closed
	21-23	Monday-Wednesday	Final Exams – Summer Session 2014
	23	Wednesday	Summer Session 2014 Ends

*Subject to Change

HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE

Imperial Valley College celebrated the 50th anniversary of its Aten Road campus in 2012. The opening of the IVC campus in September of 1962 was the culmination of years of hard work by visionary citizens to finance and build a freestanding community college in Imperial County.

Work to establish what today is the Imperial Community College District had originated three years before the opening of the IVC campus. The State Department of Education approved a recommendation on July 10, 1959, to establish a community college district in Imperial County. The Imperial County Superintendent of Schools then set a date for an election at which all qualified voters residing within the boundaries of the seven high school and unified school districts were eligible to vote. The election was held on October 6, 1959; and by an overwhelming vote, the Imperial Valley Junior College District was established. This was followed by the election of the first Board of Trustees, one from each of the seven high school or unified school districts served by the Imperial Junior College District. Approval for construction of a campus followed in 1960 when District residents set an all-time state record, voting by a ratio of thirteen to one in favor of bonds to finance a new IVC campus on Aten Road.

IVC Roots Run Deep

But even though the grand opening of the main campus in 1962 signaled a new era for higher education in the Imperial County, IVC's roots run even deeper into the county's heritage. Exactly 40 years before the opening of the new campus, classes of Central Junior College began on the grounds of Central Union High School in El Centro—in September 1922. Two years later, in the fall of 1924, instruction began on a second college, Brawley Junior College, on the grounds of Brawley Union High School.

Under the administration of the Central Union High School District, IVC gained recognition as an accredited institution of higher education. As the institution grew with the community, this growth was reflected in the steady rise in enrollment and in the diversity of courses and curricula.

Central Junior College first conferred the Associate in Arts degree in 1934. Enrollment increased in both schools until World War II, when attendance dropped sharply. Brawley Junior College was forced, by lack of attendance, to discontinue classes at the close of the 1947 school year.

In the fall of 1951, Central Junior College students petitioned the Central Union High School Board of Trustees for a more representative name for the college because it was now serving students from all of the Imperial Valley. The Board agreed to change the college's name to Imperial Valley College.

The IVC and the new college district finally received its own campus in 1962. The facility consisted of a library, science laboratories, fine arts rooms, a student activities building, academic classrooms, administration and faculty offices, social science rooms, physical education shower and locker rooms, and agricultural education classrooms and a shop. Over the next two decades, additional buildings were funded from various sources.

Campus Expansion

A steady growth pattern began in April 1967 with the addition of a gymnasium that was designed to house sporting and theater events. It was dedicated on May 26, 1996, as the John A. "Buck" DePaoli Sports Complex in honor of the late John A. "Buck" DePaoli who served IVC for 30 years, of which 14 years were as Superintendent/President.



The Meyer Center for Business and Commerce was dedicated February 20, 1972.

Other major building projects that followed included:

- The Associated Students Activities Building, 1971;
- The Spencer Library Media Center, in 1975, named in honor of the late Terrel Spencer, President Emeritus and IVC's second President.
- The Swimming Pool Complex, 1975;
- The Preschool, 1981.

In November 1986, Imperial Valley College began construction of a 17,500 square foot fully state funded building that now houses Health Technologies programs as well as the Disabled Students Program and Services. The \$2.2 million project was completed at the end of 1987.

IVC passed its second General Obligation bond in 1987: A \$2.5 million measure that allowed the college to do major campus refurbishing and other general improvements including the opening of an extended-campus center in El Centro, rejuvenating classrooms, the library, the college center, the counseling center, the print shop; doubling the size of the Meyer Center for Business and Commerce; and computerizing the energy control system.

In May 1999, the Spencer Library Media Center opened a 4,200 square foot addition that houses the Learning Center and Tutoring Center. The \$1,000,000 project included a complete renovation of the existing library.

In April 2002, the Jean Raulston Reading/Writing Lab was relocated to the newly constructed 2600 building, sharing space there with the Pauline Benoit Rice Language Lab.

The Childhood Education Center celebrated its grand opening on October 28, 1991, and the Infant Care Center was built and opened for service in June of 1999.

Campus Redefined

Thanks to the passage of two additional board measures (in 2004 and 2010), the IVC campus marked its 50th Anniversary with a dramatic transformation, adding facilities as it redefines itself as an institution committed to both sustainability and mobility for future generations.

This milestone was recognized in 2010 when Imperial Valley College received a regional planning award for design, development and implementation of its campus expansion project.

The Compass Blueprint Excellence Award for Visionary Planning for Prosperity was presented by the Southern California Association of Governments. IVC was one of four projects in Southern California to receive a 2010 Excellence Award and was the only Community College to receive one.

This award winning expansion plan includes Xeriscape landscaping and people-scaled features have not only altered the aesthetics of this campus, but have redefined the pivotal role integrated uses can play with the incorporation of expanded public transit facilities. Funding has come through a variety of sources including the \$58.6 million Measure L bond issue passed in 2004 and the \$80 million Measure J measure approved in 2010.

Transportation improvements have been funded in partnership with the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC).

IVC and the ICTC have partnered to develop new transit centers on campus which have improved the safety and security of transit riders. Other circulation improvements have included two new entrances to the campus.

The most significant new building in this expansion is the 2700 building. It is a 70,000 square foot, two-story, classroom and laboratory building that opened to students in January 2010. This building became the first LEED certified science building (silver) in Southern California and the first publicly-owned LEED certified building in Imperial County.

Measure J provided the funding for two new Career Technical Education (CTE) buildings currently under construction west of the 2700 building. These CTE buildings will be home to classrooms that will be training our residents for the careers of the future, including alternative energy development as well as law enforcement, emergency medical technician, and automotive technology. The buildings are also being built to LEED standards.

A 2010 economic analysis shows that the total economic impact of IVC on Imperial County over the next decade will exceed \$5.9 billion with an average annual economic impact over the same period of \$456.6 million. This includes the new construction projects to build as per the ten year facilities plan. One in seven jobs in Imperial County has some connection to IVC, including direct college employees, student workers and graduates of IVC who are in the local workforce.

The following Superintendent/Presidents have served the District and College since its formation:

Milo P. Johnson	1960-1963
Dr. Terrel Spencer	1963-1978
Dr. Dan Angel	1978-1981
Dr. John A. DePaoli	1981-1995
Dr. Gilbert M. Dominguez	1996-2002
Dr. Paul Pai	2003-2007
Dr. Ed Gould	2008-2011

Strategic Plan

In 2008, IVC formed a strategic planning committee that included representatives from all shared governance constituencies including faculty, classified staff, students, and administration. The purpose of the committee was to develop the IVC's Strategic Plan after receiving input from the Educational Master Plan on the prioritized short-term and long term goals of the college. The committee assessed the stated priorities and the college resources for achieving those priorities.

In 2009, a Strategic Plan was developed which synchronized the goals of the Educational Master Plan. This all inclusive framework enabled the college to identify the most critical and campus-wide priorities and strategic goals for the college as follows:

- Strengthen and expand support services to respond to changing student needs
- Increase access to continuing and higher education opportunities for all
- Enhance professional development
- Adapt to a changing fiscal environment with a sound fiscal strategy
- Strengthen internal and external organizational communications practices

The Strategic Plan addresses how the college can best implement planned improvements based on the institutional resources, required and desired timeframes, and final recommendations and strategies of the Educational Master Plan, all in line with IVC's mission and vision. Specific objectives were also identified under each of the five goals listed above.

Educational Master Plan

The Educational Master Plan was developed in collaboration with the members of the Imperial Community College District Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, students, and administration. This Plan provides a sense of vision and a guide for multi-year planning. A comprehensive analysis of both internal and external environments influencing future development of the College, and an examination of the present and anticipated development of both the instructional and support services areas is outlined in the Master Plan. The plan may be found on our website at www.imperial.edu or by contacting the President's office at (760) 355-6219.

Accreditation

Imperial Valley College is officially accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, which is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education; California Association of Alcohol and Drug Educators; California Board of Registered Nursing; California Board of Vocational Nurse and Psychiatric Examiners; Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP); Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training; and the California State Department of Education. Accreditation reports are available and may be reviewed at the office of the Superintendent/President.

College Mission

The mission of Imperial Valley College is to foster excellence in education that challenges students of every background to develop their intellect, character, and abilities; to assist students in achieving their educational and career goals; and to be responsive to the greater community.

Types of Courses and Programs

In order that Imperial Valley College may achieve its goal of serving all students who desire to learn, a variety of courses are offered. Some equip a student with job entry-level skills, and other courses provide a general education for all students to assist them in living meaningful and productive lives in a complex society. Still other types of courses provide the basis for professional training offered by four year colleges and universities. Regardless of the interests of the students, the first two years of college work normally can be completed at Imperial Valley College. Thus, students have an opportunity to begin their advanced education while still residing at home. Not only can this opportunity be of great financial assistance, but it offers an excellent transition between the high school campus and the large, often impersonal, four-year college campus. The intimate, though scholarly, atmosphere of the college, the opportunity for each student to know instructors personally, and the chance to participate in the counseling program, all offer invaluable opportunities to the student. Not only can the student receive excellent personal assistance with work, but the opportunities for leadership in student affairs are increased.

Through the counseling program, a close scrutiny is given to the courses in which a student enrolls. The student plans ahead, sets up goals and systematically includes those courses of study that will be of the greatest benefit.

Many of the needs of the student who seeks employment at the end of the sophomore year can be met by a variety of occupational courses. In addition to offering a breadth of education, these courses meet specific needs in the shortest possible time to prepare the student for a field of employment.

These courses also offer a well-organized general education program to meet the needs of the individual who has only two years to devote to post-high school education. The community college program also includes courses of study which may be taken by adults who can demonstrate their ability to do college work but who have not had the opportunity to complete high school. Evidence of success in classes of college level will permit these adults to continue their educational endeavors.

Coordinated with the general divisions of courses at the college are programs designed with specific types of students in mind: students who can devote only evenings to school; students who cannot fully participate in regular classes on the main campus; students who can coordinate their college study with a program of employment; the outstanding high school 11th and 12th grade students who can profit by special work at the college level; and students with disabilities.

Degrees

The Board of Trustees, on recommendation of the Superintendent/President and faculty of the college, is authorized in accordance with Article 12, Section 102, of the State Administrative Code, Title 5, to confer the Associate in Arts (A.A.), the Associate in Science (A.S.), the Associate in Arts for Transfer (A.A.-T), and the Associate in Science for Transfer (A.S.-T.) degrees. Conditions under which the degrees are granted are outlined in the section on graduation requirements.

The community college degree is awarded to a student who fulfills a two-year organized program of work, either occupational-vocational-technical or lower-division four-year college. A student who wishes to transfer to the upper division of a four-year college must satisfy the course, unit, and grade requirements of the college he/she wishes to enter.

Institutional Student Learning Outcomes

The graduates of Imperial Valley College will demonstrate communication skills, critical thinking skills, personal responsibility, information literacy, and global awareness as a result of their educational experience at this institution.

IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE	
Strive for Five: Defining Student Learning Outcomes	
The college maintains educational standards as measured by student learning outcomes. Upon completion of a degree, program, or certificate a student will complete coursework demonstrating competency in the following areas:	
INSTITUTIONAL LEARNING OUTCOMES (ILOs)	STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (SLOs)
Communication Skills (ILO1)	A student will demonstrate effective communication skills by: • Listening • Speaking • Reading • Writing • Interpreting Art • Creating Art
Critical Thinking Skills (ILO2)	A student will demonstrate the ability to think critically by: • Analyzing • Problem Solving • Creative Thinking • Computing
Personal Responsibility (ILO3)	A student will demonstrate responsible behavior by: • Being Self-Aware • Self-Motivating • Demonstrating Workplace Skills • Striving for Personal Health and Wellness • Meeting Deadlines and Completing Tasks • Using Student Services as Needed • Demonstrating Fiscal Literacy
Information Literacy (ILO4)	A student will demonstrate the ability to seek and use information by: • Researching • Using Technology
Global Awareness (ILO5)	A student will demonstrate awareness of their place in this world by: • Respecting Diverse People and Cultures • Protecting the Environment • Engaging in or assessing artistic endeavors • Describing one's place in history