

## Eligibility for Admission, Regular Status

**Academic Eligibility:** All high school graduates are eligible for admission to Antelope Valley College.

All 16 and 17 year old students who have not graduated from high school may apply to take the examination for a "Certificate of Proficiency." If the student successfully passes the exam, the State Board of Education will award a certificate of proficiency, which authorizes the holder to enroll at Antelope Valley College on the same basis as high school graduates. For exam information go to <http://www.chspe.net>.

A non-high school graduate 18 years of age or older, who is capable of profiting from the instruction offered, is eligible for admission to Antelope Valley College (State Education Code Section 76000, amended, effective 1/1/91). State Education Code is available at <http://ccr.oal.ca.gov> and in the Antelope Valley College library.

## Special Admittance of Minor Students: Advanced Academic and Vocational Education

Students presently in K-12 grade level who have not yet received a high school diploma, California proficiency or GED and are under the age of 18 may, with college approval, enroll at Antelope Valley College. Students must consult their school guidance office and obtain permission from their school principal or designee and parent or guardian. For further criteria and forms contact Admissions and Records or [www.avc.edu](http://www.avc.edu). State and Federal law states that parents of community college students **do not** have a right of access to their children's student records, regardless of age. Board of Governors Fee Waivers (BOGFW) are available to students, but no other form of financial aid is available for students who are specially enrolled.

## Eligibility for International Students

International students planning to apply for admission with a F-1 student visa must provide official TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score unless English is the student's

native language, received a high school diploma from the United States, or has completed English 101 at a regionally accredited institution (official transcript). A TOEFL score of 45 on the internet-based (iBT) testing or 450 on the paper based testing is required. In addition, a sponsor or the student must submit an original bank statement proving financial capability. No financial aid is available for international students with the exception of scholarships. Deadlines for scholarship applications are available from Financial Aid. Health insurance is mandatory for all international students prior to the start of your first term at Antelope Valley College.

For more information on requirements for admission of international students, please call (661) 722-6300, ext. 6342.

## Residence Eligibility

A student whose legal residence is within the State of California will be required to pay a per-unit enrollment fee.

You are considered a California resident for tuition purposes if:

1. You have lived in California for at least one year and one day prior to the residency determination date (the first day of the semester you plan to attend), and
2. You can prove you intend to stay in California.

Students who do not meet these requirements will be classified as non-residents and will be required to pay nonresident fees. **Nonresident students pay both the \$36 per unit enrollment fee and the \$190 per unit nonresident tuition.** NOTE: The per unit enrollment fee may change without notice, subject to mandates issued by the State of California.

Military members that live in California while on active duty will be classified as residents of California for tuition purposes.

Military members who are not California residents at the time of discharge from the service but have been stationed in California for more than one year will also be classified as California residents for a one-year period from the date they are released from the service. After the one-year period, residency classification for such individuals will be evaluated based on California residency

requirements for tuition purposes.

Family members of active duty military personnel who are not California residents but who are being sponsored by an active duty military member stationed in California will be classified as California residents for a one-year period from the date of entry into California. After the one-year period, residency classification for family members will be evaluated based on California residency requirements for tuition purposes. Family members will be reclassified as nonresidents if they do not meet the California residency requirements.

## Evaluation of Transcripts

Transcripts received from other schools which a student has attended will be examined at the time of enrollment to assist students with selection of classes.

Transcripts submitted become the property of Antelope Valley College and cannot be returned to the student nor forwarded to another institution.

The Financial Aid Office reserves the right to require some or all academic transcripts to be submitted to the Admissions and Records Office.

## Program Planning

After the student's transcripts and/or placement results are available, the student should attend an orientation/advisement session for the purpose of educational planning, academic advisement and counseling. If a student plans to transfer to another college or university, it is the student's responsibility to consult the catalog of that institution to determine course requirements. Counselors are available to assist in selecting transferable classes.

## Class Schedule

A copy of the class schedule is available online at the college's website at [www.avc.edu](http://www.avc.edu) prior to the beginning of the term. The class schedule will include: summer, fall, intersession, and spring. **NOTE:** The online schedule is subject to change.

## Cancellation of Classes

Insufficient enrollment for any class may warrant course cancellation without advance notice. Students should consult the Web to select alternate classes.

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### Semester Unit Load

The normal load for a full-time student at the college is 15 units per semester. For most purposes, the official designation of a “full-time” student is one who is enrolled in 12 or more semester units, while a “part-time” student is one who is enrolled in fewer than 12 semester units. A student may not enroll for more than 19 units per semester without the written approval of the Dean of Counseling and Matriculation. The maximum number of units a student can enroll in for the summer is 9 units, and the maximum number of units a student can enroll in for the intersession is 6 units.

### Registration

Registration is accomplished through the Web or in person at Admissions and Records by completing an Admission Application. Returning students that have not attended for more than one year will be required to reapply prior to registering.

### Late Registration

Late registration begins the first day of class for each semester. Should an instructor have openings in a closed class, he/she may allow additional students to enroll in his/her class. Students must be present at the first class meeting to be considered for enrollment. Once a class begins, students must have an instructor assigned Add Authorization Code (AAC) to enroll. Classes with a registration restriction may require an AAC and an instructor signature.

### Drop/Withdrawal Policy

(Title 5, Section 55024)

It is the student’s responsibility to withdraw from any classes for which he/she registers, regardless of whether the student has attended the class.

Students who withdraw from classes before thirty percent (or fourth week, whichever is less) of the term will receive no notation on their academic record.

Students also have the responsibility of officially withdrawing from college when they stop attending all classes, and for observing established deadlines. Otherwise “F” grades may be assigned.

**A student who completes a course by taking a final exam or turning in a final paper or project is not eligible**

**for a late withdrawal under any circumstance.**

### Student Fees and Expenses

**Enrollment Fee:** Every effort is made to keep expenses as low as possible. Beginning with the Fall 1984 semester, all California Community Colleges began collecting the “California Community College Enrollment Fee” approved by the State Legislature and the Governor. Under the new fee program designed to partially defray the cost of education and instruction materials students are required to pay an **enrollment fee of \$36 per unit**, for each semester. NOTE: The per unit enrollment fee may change without notice, subject to mandates issued by the State of California.

**Nonresident Tuition:** Tuition will be charged to students who qualify as nonresidents including out-of-state students and international students. The tuition rate for the 2010–11 school year is \$190 per semester unit, payable at the time of registration. Nonresidents are also required to pay the enrollment fee. (The tuition rate is recalculated each year based on cost per student and is therefore subject to change.) Additional information regarding residency requirements may be obtained from the Admissions and Records Office.

**Instructional Materials Fees:** Materials fees will be charged to students in certain credit and non-credit courses when such materials are necessary to achieve the required objectives of a course and will be of continuing value to the student outside of the classroom. The instructional materials fee must be paid at the same time as enrollment.

**Parking Fee:** A parking permit is required to park a vehicle anywhere on campus. A semester permit can be purchased for \$33 or a permit can be purchased **in combination with the Associated Student Organization sticker for a total of \$20, fall and spring semester only**. Parking permits for the summer session are \$7.50. In lieu of a semester permit, students may purchase daily permits from vending machines located in each parking lot. These permits are 50 cents and are good only on the day they are purchased. Parking without a permit or with a permit improperly displayed may result in a \$30.00 parking citation. Parking at the Palmdale location

does require a parking permit. Student will be responsible for replacing lost parking permits.

**Associated Student Organization Fee:** The Associated Student Organization (ASO) is an elected group of students who represent and advocate on behalf of AVC students. ASO’s main purpose is to work on behalf of all AVC students to enhance their educational and social experience at AVC. Any student at AVC can participate in ASO and are encouraged to do so. ASO is active on all AVC shared governance activities and other college-wide committees. In addition, ASO and the Inter Club Council (ICC) bring issues and activities forward that support students in their academic and social lives. The ASO also provides activities and services housed in the Student Lounge located in the Student Center.

Students can purchase an ASO sticker for \$10 each semester (\$5 during the summer and intersession semester) and receive a number of benefits such as tutoring, free admission to all home athletics events (except post season, tournaments, and playoffs), discount tickets to amusement and theme parks, plus much more. One of the great advantages of the ASO sticker is students can buy a combined parking permit and ASO sticker for \$20 for fall and spring semester. This purchase must be made at the Cashier’s Office.

**Student Representation Fee:** The student representation fee of \$1 provides support of governmental affairs representatives to express the opinions and viewpoints of community colleges regarding issues before city, county and district government offices and agencies at the local, state and federal level.

Students may, for religious, political, financial, or moral reasons, request a refund of the student representation fee by completing the Student Representation Waiver form from the Student Development and College Activities Office. (SSV180)

**Student Health Services and Insurance Plans:** Medical services are available for AVC students once a week when classes are in session. The service is provided through a joint agreement with AVC and Partners in Care Foundation, which provides the Care-A-Van. Health services such as physicals,

primary care and preventive care, vaccinations, lab work and diagnostic testing, women's health treatment, treatment and prevention of acute illness and chronic disease and health education are available. Vaccinations are also available for uninsured children of AVC students. Appointments can be made through Student Health Services office at (661) 722-6300 ext. 6683 or the Student Development and College Activities Office at (661) 722-6300 ext. 6354. Walk-in appointments are available when time permits.

AVC also offers a number of student health insurance plans offered by private insurance companies. Although AVC does not endorse any of the plans, these policies are offered at reduced costs for students. Insurance plans cover injury and sickness, dental and vision, and prescriptions. Students are encouraged to research each plan carefully before making a selection. Brochures are available at the Student Development and College Activities Office in the Student Services Building.

**Housing Expenses:** Antelope Valley College does not maintain on-campus housing. Costs in the community vary greatly with apartment rentals ranging from \$550 to \$850 monthly.

**Estimated College Expenses:** The following are estimated costs of college attendance for a nine-month academic year. These figures include costs of enrollment fee, books and supplies, food and housing, miscellaneous personal expenses and transportation.

Student living at home	\$10,934
Student living away from home	\$17,702

Add \$190 per semester unit for tuition plus enrollment fee if you are not a California resident.

**Failure to Pay Fees and Expenses:** The college cannot extend credit for expenses of admission. In the event that the student does become indebted to the college due to library fines, athletic expenses, student loans, or any other reason, Antelope Valley College will not release any copies of the student's transcripts as stated under Title 5, Section 59410, "Student privileges, diploma or transcripts may be withheld until the student pays a proper financial obligation due the District." State Education Code is available at <http://ccr.oal.ca.gov> and in the Antelope Valley College library.

## Refund of Fees and Expenses

**Refund of Enrollment Fees:** Fees will be refunded for full-term length classes dropped during the first two weeks of instruction. The first week of instruction is the first week of the fall and spring semesters. For short-term classes, the refund period is shorter. No refunds will be made for full-term length classes after the end of the second week of instruction.

**Refund of Nonresident Tuition:** Refund of the nonresident tuition fee can be made only when the student negotiates a total withdrawal from the college. Refunds are not available for a reduction of program. The request for refund must be submitted in writing and accompanied by the registration receipt. Refund of the basic tuition fee will be made according to the following schedule:

Regular Semesters	
1 <sup>st</sup> week of instruction	90% of the original fee paid
2 <sup>nd</sup> week of instruction	75% of the original fee paid
3 <sup>rd</sup> week of instruction	50% of the original fee paid
4 <sup>th</sup> week of instruction	25% of the original fee paid
Summer Sessions	
1 <sup>st</sup> week of instruction	90% of the original fee paid
2 <sup>nd</sup> week of instruction	50% of the original fee paid
3 <sup>rd</sup> week of instruction	25% of the original fee paid

For the purpose of this section, the first week of instruction is the first week of the term, semester, or session.

No refunds shall be made for withdrawal unless the written request for refund is date-stamped by Admissions and Records. The request must be postmarked before midnight of Friday of the third week following that in which instruction begins for regular semesters or academic quarters, or the second week following that in which the instruction begins for summer sessions and sessions less than academic quarters. Refunds shall not exceed the amount of tuition paid and will be processed only when accompanied by the receipt issued at the time of payment.

**Refund of Instructional Materials Fees:** The instructional materials fee will be refunded on a prorated basis.

Requests for refunds must be in writing accompanied by a drop slip signed by the instructor with the amount of materials fee to be refunded.

**Parking Permit Refund Policy:** The Parking Permit Fee will be refunded in full to those students who negotiate a total withdrawal from the college within the first two weeks of instruction. Request for refund must be in writing and accompanied by the student's parking permit, receipt and drop slip. The request must be received by the Cashier's Office no later than the Monday of the third week of the semester.

**Associated Student Organization Refund Policy:** The ASO sticker will be refunded in full to those students who totally withdraw within the first two weeks of instruction and request a refund in writing. Request for refund must be accompanied by the student's Associated Student Organization sticker, the receipt and drop slip. Refund checks will be mailed to the address on file with Admissions and Records.

## Federal Refund Policy

Students receiving Title IV Federal Financial Aid may be required to repay all or a portion of the funds received based upon withdrawal date from all classes. Students who owe a repayment to the Title IV programs are not eligible for funding at AVC or any other college or university. Contact the Financial Aid Office for additional information.

Title IV Federal Financial Aid includes Pell Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Federal Work Study, Stafford Loans, and Academic Competitiveness Grant.

## Student Rights to Privacy of Educational Records

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (Section 438, Public Law 93-380), as amended, requires that educational institutions provide the student access to official education records and an opportunity for a hearing if such records are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise inappropriate. In addition, the college must obtain the written consent of the student before releasing information about the student with the exception of those persons or agencies specified in the act. These rights extend

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to both present and former students of the college.

The Act provides that the college may release certain types of “directory information,” unless the student submits in writing to the Dean of Enrollment Services that certain or all such information not be released without the student’s consent. “Directory Information” is defined as the student’s name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation record in college sponsored activities and sports, weight and height (if an athletic team member), dates of attendance, degrees and awards, and the educational institution of most recent attendance.

Education records will be made available for inspection and review during working hours to presently and formerly enrolled students within five days following the filing of a request form with the Dean of Enrollment Services. Education records generally include documents and information related to admission, enrollment in classes, grades and related academic information.

Should a student wish to challenge any information in the education records, the student may file a written request with the President to remove information recorded and alleged to be: (a) inaccurate; (b) an unsubstantiated

personal conclusion or inference; (c) a conclusion or inference outside of the observer’s area of competence; or, (d) a statement not based on the personal observation of a named person. Attempts will be made to resolve the problem within 30 days after a challenge is made. The student may appeal the president’s decision and submit a written appeal to the Board of Trustees.

### ROTC Program

The Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program offers a variety of two, three and four-year scholarships, many of which pay the full cost of tuition, books and administrative fees.

ROTC is a college-level program designed to select and train highly qualified men and women to become commissioned military officers. After graduation from college and completion of all service specific ROTC training requirements, graduates are commissioned in one the United States military services (Air Force, Army, Navy/Marine Corps) as a reserve officer.

Typical service is four years; service duration for pilots and navigators is longer. These individuals serve in a broad range of duties from actual flying to engineering to administrative and a host of other fields, depending on the individual’s background.

The Army ROTC program is available to Antelope Valley College students through California State University, Northridge (CSUN). Army, Air Force ROTC and Navy/Marine Corps ROTC programs are available through the Extension Division at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

The academic hours earned are counted toward A.A./A.S. degree requirements at Antelope Valley College. To enter ROTC a student must be a United States citizen prior to entering the last two years of the program, be able to pass a medical exam, be of high moral character, be in good academic standing in school and plan to transfer to a four-year institution after completing course work at Antelope Valley College.

Entry into the last two years of the program is on a competitive basis. For CSUN Army ROTC Program information call (818) 677-7855. For UCLA ROTC Program information call (310) 825-3055 (Air Force); (310) 825-7381 (Army); (310) 825-9075 (Navy/Marine Corps).

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