

# LEARNING RESOURCES

## Academic Success Centers

**Hours:** Varies by semester. Please see our website for current hours and tutor schedules.

**Locations:** Math and Science Success Center (MSSC) PS 121 and the Tutoring Center (TC) LA 206

**Phone Numbers:** 909-384-4463 (MSSC) or 909-384-8589 (TC)

**Website** (<https://www.valleycollege.edu/student-services/tutoring-academic-support/student-success-center/>)

The services provided by the Academic Success Centers are here to help you succeed at San Bernardino Valley College by providing academic support, tutoring, and Supplemental Instruction (SI) in multiple subjects to a diverse group of learners. We take special care to empower students with learning strategies and skills needed to become independent learners on the path towards academic success!

## Distance Education

**Website** (<https://www.valleycollege.edu/online-classes/>)

San Bernardino Valley College is one of the top online Community Colleges to attend in California. With a robust variety of classes to take online, within a broad spectrum of offered degrees and certificates, students have more access to achieve their goals. Courses are offered in a variety of different formats including exclusively online (both asynchronous and synchronous), hybrid, and hyflex models. Online courses require access to a computer system with an internet connection, and may have meetings on campus. Students taking an online course should refer to the schedule for individual course format, as well as the Universal Access Point (UAP) for specific course requirements. Fees and academic credits are the same as equivalent traditional classroom courses.

## Guided Pathways

Guided Pathways is a student-centered approach that can dramatically increase the number of students earning community college credentials, while closing equity gaps. Rather than work with a subset of students, Guided Pathways is a college-wide undertaking that provides a framework for integrating California-based initiatives such as SSSP, Equity, Basic Skills Transformation, the Strong Workforce Program, and California College Promise. The California Guided Pathways project was modeled from the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Pathways Project and adapted for implementation in California. San Bernardino Valley College is implementing this model to increase student success by clarifying academic/career paths to student end goals, helping students to choose, stay on path and ensure quality learning.

## Library

**Hours:** When classes are in session:

Monday-Thursday 7:30-8:00

Friday 7:30-5:00

Saturday 10:00-2:00

**Phone Number:** (909) 384-4448

**Website** (<https://library.valleycollege.edu/>)

The SBVC Library houses a collection of more than 70,000 volumes, searchable by author, title and/or subject – along with more than 200,000 eBooks and articles. The Library also subscribes to numerous full-text research databases, accessible from any computer on campus, and from off campus with passwords found in Canvas.

The Library Computer Lab provides currently enrolled students with 120 computers as well as cash/coin-operated printers and photocopiers. Computer technicians are available to provide basic technical support. Faculty librarians provide one-on-one research assistance, orientations, workshops and information literacy instruction. For research assistance at any time, day or night, the Library participates in the Ask-A-Librarian online chat reference service. Books and other items in the general collection normally circulate for 3 weeks. Textbooks and other reserve items (available at the Circulation Desk) normally circulate for 2 hours, and are limited to in-library use.

## Mathematics, Engineering, and Science Achievement (MESA) Program

**Website** (<https://www.sbvstem.org/mesa/>)

The Mathematics, Engineering, and Science Achievement (MESA) program supports students pursuing science, engineering, and mathematics degrees requiring the completion of calculus or higher math courses. It is a rigorous academic program that builds an academic peer community to increase student support and motivation. MESA produces a diverse population of transfer-ready students who will continue their educational journeys in four-year institutions and successfully attain math, engineering, and science degrees. MESA members benefit from academic and career counseling throughout the year, academic and leadership workshops, field trips, transfer preparation, scholarship application support, opportunities to develop professional relationships with faculty and peers, and help finding and applying to summer research and internship opportunities.

## Middle College High School Program

**Location of High School:** 1260 W Esperanza St, San Bernardino, CA 92410

**Middle College High School:** (909) 888-4041

**Location of Program Office at SBVC:** North Hall (NH) 139

**SBVC Phone Number:** (909) 384-4431

**Website** (<https://www.valleycollege.edu/academic-career-programs/specialized-programs/middle-college-high-school/>)

Middle College High School is one of the top-performing schools in the Inland Empire and California. Middle College made its debut in San Bernardino in 2001 as an alternative educational experience for students who were not working to their full potential. The program serves many students who are first in their families to go to college or are considered underserved minorities. Located adjacent to San Bernardino Valley College, students take high school courses in the morning and college courses during the day and/or evenings. Students have the opportunity to work towards a goal of achieving their high school diploma alongside obtaining credits to apply towards their Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) as well achieving an associate degree. The school serves up to 300 students in 9th through 12th grade, all who are selected from the San Bernardino City Unified School District. The students engage in application and lottery process in order to be selected to the program. The program itself is designed to create an environment where students thrive academically and develop a keen sense of responsibility as both college and high school students.

## Noncredit Programs

**Location:** Physical Science (PS) 132

**Phone Number:** (909) 387-1644

The noncredit program offers noncredit courses and certificates that are tuition free but may have some cost associated with fees, cost of textbooks or materials. These courses often serve as a entry point for students who are learning to navigate higher education, as well as a transition point to

prepare students for credit instruction and the workforce. Courses focus on skill attainment, not grades or units. Courses and certificates are currently offered in ESL, Math, and Career Technical Education.

## STEM Program

**Location:** Physical Science (PS) 138 and 140

**Phone Number:** (909) 384-4463

**Website** (<http://www.sbvstem.org/>)

The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Program is housed under the Student Success Center. The program is designed to assist low income and other traditionally underrepresented students and prepare them to pursue diverse careers in various STEM fields. It assists students in Math and Science courses and prepares them to transfer to four-year universities.

The benefits of the program include:

- Petition-Granted Accelerated Math Cohort Courses (095-102, 103-151)
- S-STEM Scholarships to CSUSB
- Specialized Workshops, Events, and Fieldtrips
- Instructor led Ted-Talks and Math and Science Mentors
- Dedicated Counseling for STEM Majors
- Mid-term and Final Pizza Study Jams

## Supplemental Instruction (SI) Across the Disciplines

**Website** (<https://www.valleycollege.edu/student-services/tutoring-academic-support/student-success-center/>)

Supplemental Instruction (SI) is an academic assistance program that utilizes peer-assisted study sessions. SI sessions are regularly scheduled, informal review sessions in which students compare notes, discuss readings, develop organizational tools, and predict test items. Students learn how to integrate course content and study skills while working together. The sessions are facilitated by SI Leaders. SI Leaders are students who have previously done well in the course and who attend all class lectures, take notes, and act as model students.

SI sessions may be held in person and/or online.

Students should:

- Check with your instructor to confirm that you have an SI Leader in your class.
- Consult the associated class Canvas page for SI Session Zoom link information.

Please email [tasmith@valleycollege.edu](mailto:tasmith@valleycollege.edu) (tasmith@valleycollege.edu? subject=) for more information on the SI Program.

## Valley Now!

The Valley Now! Program is a dual enrollment program that allows students from participating local high schools take college-level courses and accelerate their educational achievement. Valley Now! students earn credit towards high school graduation, while at the same time earning college credits. In most cases, college fees and textbook costs are either waived by San Bernardino Valley College or paid by the student's high school – which means that students can participate at absolutely no cost to them. All services available to regular college students, such as use of the Library and Student Success Center, are also available to Valley Now! students.

In order to increase accessibility for our high school population, most Valley Now! courses are conveniently offered online or at participating high school campus (unless otherwise noted). Students must meet the eligibility requirements for dual enrollment students as outlined by the Admissions and Records Office.

Courses offered through the Valley Now! program vary by semester.

For more information, contact the Valley Now! Program office at (909) 384-4467 or at [valleynow@valleycollege.edu](mailto:valleynow@valleycollege.edu).

## Writing Center

**Location:** Liberal Arts (LA) 201

**Phone Number:** (909) 384-4464

**Website**

The Writing Center helps students at all levels and from all disciplines to improve their writing skills. The center houses an experienced staff of writing tutors who are available for one-on-one writing conferences with students in person or online. In addition, the Writing Center offers workshops through the year for both mainstream and English language learners that focus on various aspects of the writing process. Visit the Writing Center webpage to learn more about the services that the Writing Center offers.

## Zero Textbook Cost Degree Program (Z Degree)

**Location:** Physical Science (PS) 116

**Phone Number:** (909) 384-8653

**Website** (<https://www.valleycollege.edu/open-education-resources/students/zero-cost-textbook-classes.php>)

Zero Textbook Cost Degree Program (Z Degree) is one of the Open Educational Resources (OER) initiatives to improve teaching, learning and accessibility for all learners at California Higher Education institutions. San Bernardino Valley College is one of 20 California Community Colleges to be awarded the Implementation Phase II RFA for 2017/2018. The Z Degree Pathway is earned entirely by completing courses that eliminate conventional textbook costs by using alternative instructional materials and methodologies, including open educational resources (OER) (Definition by CA Education Code Section 78052(a)).

This program is designed to improve student success by providing students access to a textbook-free Associate of Arts (AA) degree in Liberal Arts with an emphasis in Social and Behavioral Sciences. The course sections in this AA degree exclusively use digital or other instructional materials that are free of charge. However, low-cost options for print versions may also be available, based on student preference. In addition, a dedicated counselor will provide academic support and resources to assist students in successful degree completion. Please refer to the Liberal Arts - Social and Behavioral Science Associate of Arts Degree (<http://catalog.valleycollege.edu/degree-certificate-program-index/liberal-arts/social-behavioral-sciences/>) for program requirements.