



Freshman Advantage Program



APPLY EARLY. REGISTER EARLY.

The **Freshman Advantage Program** is designed for high school seniors attending Irvine Valley College in the Fall 2019 semester. More than 15,000 students attend our college. Freshman Advantage students will receive the exclusive opportunity to apply early, receive an early Freshman Advantage registration time, and enroll in fall and spring courses **ahead of most currently enrolled IVC students AND other new students.**

- **Apply early!** Freshman Advantage Program applications open on **October 1, 2018**. This early application period is only open to graduating high school seniors.
- **Matriculate early!** The matriculation process must be completed by **April 12, 2019** to be eligible. The matriculation process consists of submitting high school transcripts, orientation, applying for financial aid, and academic advisement, including developing a first semester plan.
- **Register early!** Freshman Advantage registration times will be assigned as students complete the matriculation process.
- **Plan ahead!** The matriculation process may take a couple of weeks and must be completed by no later than **April 12, 2019**.
- Information on the Freshman Advantage Program is available at link.ivc.edu/freshmanadvantage.

THE IMPORTANCE OF FINANCIAL AID

The IVC Financial Aid Office awards students more than \$19 million in financial aid annually, including grants, federal work-study, scholarships, loans and more. The average cost of attendance at a community college for a full time student living with parents is over \$12,000 per year. Financial aid is money that helps you pay for the cost of your education (college fees, books and supplies, and basic living expenses). Sources of financial aid include the federal government, state governments, lending institutions, and the institution you are attending.

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Fall 2019 Admission Steps

Complete the matriculation steps listed at link.ivc.edu/freshmanadvantage by **April 12, 2019** to receive a Freshman Advantage early registration time.

STEP 1: Apply for admission

High school seniors who plan to attend Irvine Valley College in the fall of 2019 can apply online beginning **October 1, 2018** at link.ivc.edu/freshmanadvantage. If you apply to IVC, all admission steps must be completed through IVC. Your admission to IVC will permit you to enroll in Saddleback College classes as well.

STEP 2: Submit transcripts

Students must submit their high school transcripts showing successful completion of math and English courses through the 11th grade. Students who have completed coursework with a grade of C or better at another accredited US college may submit their transcript for math and/or English placement consideration. Students may also submit AP exam scores (in English composition, literature, statistics, and/or calculus) with a score of 3 or higher. Contact your high school or college for details on how to submit your transcripts to IVC. If necessary, bring your physical unofficial transcripts to orientation.

STEP 3: Apply for financial aid

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov, or the California Dream Application for AB 540 students at dream.csac.ca.gov. For more information, visit financialaid.ivc.edu or contact the Financial Aid Office at **949-451-5287**.

STEP 4: Orientation

Orientation will provide you with important information about English and math placement, terminology, policies, available services and the college's expectations of you as a college student. If English is not your first language, visit link.ivc.edu/eslmatric to sign up for the ESL Assessment. Once you complete the ESL assessment, you may complete orientation. More information can be found at link.ivc.edu/orientation.

NOTE: If you have a disability that might require ESL assessment accommodations and/or an alternate media format, such as enlargement or Braille, or a disability-related difficulty with math, reading, writing, spelling, or with understanding/remembering information, please contact the DSPS Office in the Student Services Center or call 949-451-5630 for alternative testing arrangements.

STEP 5: Advisement

Once your placement results for English/ESL and math are available in MySite, you may complete advisement and develop your first semester academic plan. More information can be found at link.ivc.edu/advisement.

See your high school counselor, contact IVC Admissions and Records, or visit the Freshman Advantage website for more info:
link.ivc.edu/freshmanadvantage • **949-451-5220**

 If you require an accommodation, please call Disabled Students Programs and Services at 949-451-5630.