General Information

California State University, Bakersfield operates the Antelope Valley Center with facilities on the northeast corner of the Antelope Valley College Campus (AVC) and at the Lancaster University Center (LUC) at Division and I Streets. The Center provides opportunities for the residents of Lancaster, Palmdale, and surrounding communities to complete selected Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees without commuting out of the area. This cooperative arrangement between two segments of California’s public higher education system enables students who complete an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science program at AVC to continue their academic studies at resident fee rates. Teaching credential programs and graduate courses offer a variety of options to students seeking to enhance their academic and professional skills. All programs offered at the Antelope Valley Center are fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and are an integral part of the curricula of California State University, Bakersfield.

Admission Procedures and Policies at Antelope Valley Center

Students interested in attending CSUB Antelope Valley to pursue a degree program must apply for admission (online at www.csumentor.edu), pay a $55 application fee, submit official transcripts of all college work previously attempted, and in some cases, submit official high school transcripts with ACT or SAT scores.

After being admitted to CSUB and meeting with an advisor, students will register for classes. The Records Office at CSUB is responsible for the registration process and academic record keeping. The online registration system requires that students meet all prerequisites for any course requested. Front desk and advising center staff are available for students having registration questions or problems. Students are not registered until fees are paid.

Students may access their MYCSUB on the campus web site (www.csub.edu) to obtain information about status of the application for admission, financial aid, class registration, billing for fees, and review of final grades by using the same set of procedures and menus used for online registration.

The University Bookstore and the Antelope Valley Center office both sell the University catalog. The schedule of classes is usually available online by the fourth week of the preceding quarter and includes all information needed to register.

Academic Programs

Course offerings are designed to accommodate the diverse needs of students. A range of courses is delivered by means of telecommunications. Classes are scheduled weekday mornings, afternoons, and evenings as well as on weekends and asynchronously on the World Wide Web.

Upper division courses are offered at the Center. Baccalaureate programs may be completed through 2+2 programs articulated with Antelope Valley College and other community colleges. Baccalaureate programs offered or currently planned for implementation during the 2009/10 and 2010/11 academic years include:
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Bachelor of Arts in Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies
• Bachelor of Arts in Communications
• Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice
• Bachelor of Arts in English
• Bachelor of Science in Environmental Resource Management (Extended University Regional Programs On-Line)
• Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies
• Bachelor of Science in Nursing
• Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
• Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

The School of Education offers the Master of Arts degree in Education with specializations in Curriculum and Instruction, Educational Administration, and Special Education. School credentials are offered in multiple subject (elementary), single subject (secondary), mild/moderate disabilities, moderate/severe disabilities, reading, and educational administration. The School of Humanities and Social Sciences offers a part-time Master of Social Work and a part-time Master of English.

The Extended University Division offers the Masters of Public Administration and a growing array of certificate and noncredit courses providing additional opportunities for personal and professional development.

Information on each major is available from the CSUB Antelope Valley Advising Center located at the AVC Campus site and on the home pages for CSUB academic departments and programs.

Student Services

The range of services provided by CSUB at the Antelope Valley Center is steadily increasing. New Student Orientations are offered several times each quarter for newly admitted students. Participation in the orientation enables first-time students to receive information about campus services, meet faculty and staff, obtain academic advising, and register for courses.

Two weeks are set aside each term to obtain academic advising in preparation for course registration for the following term. Academic and Peer Advisors are available by appointment at the CSUB AV Office. Consulting with an advisor, registering on one’s priority date, and paying fees by the due date usually assure getting the classes students want and need.

Students at the Antelope Valley Center may apply for grants, loans, work-study, and scholarships. The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships administers some 20 different financial aid programs to enable students without adequate finances to attend the Campus. Veterans’ education benefits are provided to students who qualify. Financial aid counselors are available to provide information and guidance concerning the financial aid application and delivery process. The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships home page has additional information concerning the financial aid process.

The Antelope Valley Center has a program to serve students with disabilities that is consistent with existing and emerging legislation and regulations (Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973). Students with documented disabilities are entitled to receive approved accommodations, modifications, and auxiliary aids which will enable them to participate in and benefit from all educational programs and activities offered through CSUB. Available services include alternate format materials, alternate testing accommodations, assistive technology and adaptive equipment, learning disability assessment, note taking, sign language interpreters, readers and scribes, and taped textbooks. Disability packets and requests for services for students with disabilities are available at the CSUB AV Office.

The Walter W. Stiern Library has more than 60 electronic journal databases selected to support CSUB & CSUB-AV majors. These, the Distance Services request form, electronic course reserves, the Library catalog, Reference resources, and Ask a Librarian chat reference are accessible from any computer with an Internet connection via the Library home page (www.csub.edu/library). A student ID number is needed to access most of these resources when off campus. Library books may be requested by clicking on
Distance Services and inserting the appropriate information in the boxes. They are shipped to the fixed CSUB-AV location Room 405 usually within three business days. Research assistance can be obtained by contacting the CSUB-AV Center librarian at 661-952-5072, coming to the library (Room 405 at the CSUB-AV site), or through email at kholloway2@csub.edu.

The Academic Advancement Center operates under the aegis of Educational Support Services and with the cooperation of the CSUB campus to provide an academic support program that is available to students experiencing difficulties or simply interested in strengthening their academic skills through tutoring. Tutoring services provided by the Academic Advancement Center are offered at the CSUB Antelope Valley location.

Additional information on each service is available by contacting the Antelope Valley Center or perusing home pages for the AV Center and individual departments.