



International Education Center at Diablo Valley College

Academic Success Program (ASP)

If your goal is to succeed at Diablo Valley College (DVC) or to get a bachelor's or master's degree from a top university in the United States, the International Education Center's (IEC) *Academic Success Program (ASP)* can help you accomplish this.

Getting great grades requires more than an advanced level of English, you will need excellent academic and study skills to compete with American students and feel competent with the American style of university education. The *ASP Program* will assure that you have these skills and the confidence to start your academic career.

The intensive 8-week program will focus on:

- Persuasive speaking
- Strategies for writing research papers and note taking
- Presentation skills
- Critical analysis
- Pronunciation and fluency
- Perfecting your grammar
- Increasing your vocabulary
- Maximizing your listening comprehension

Additional benefits

- Enroll early in your courses at DVC
- Sit in on classes at DVC
- Meet with DVC advisors before the academic term begins
- Make friends first at IEC. Over 90% of students at IEC go on to DVC.
- Take advantage of a full calendar of fun cultural and social activities



Entry Requirements: Admission to DVC or 57 iBT, 490 TOEFL, 5.0 IELTS or Cambridge Advanced

Number of hours of class per week: 24 hours

Maximum number of students per class: 15

Duration: 8 weeks

Program Dates:

Preparation for Fall semester 2011

– June 20 to August 11, 2011

Preparation for Spring semester 2012

– October 24 to December 15, 2011

Cost: **US\$ 3,225** includes full tuition, application fee, medical insurance and activities fee. Books & materials are not included and will cost approximately \$65 to \$90.

Housing: Homestay or shared apartments; consult your representative or IEC for fees.



Chong-in Song from South Korea said:

"It takes more than English proficiency to get good grades in college. At IEC, I improved on my presentation and research paper writing skills which are crucial to my success in college education."



Maria João Pereira from Portugal said:

"My goal is to pursue a bachelor's degree in the USA. I learned about the US education system and the pathways to transfer to prestigious universities at IEC. I enjoyed the small classes and interactions with classmates and teachers."

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