



DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE



**INTERNATIONAL
EDUCATION CENTER
at Diablo Valley College**

Four excellent reasons to study at Diablo Valley College (DVC)

- 1. Excellent Academics: 2 years at DVC + 2 years at a university = Bachelor's Degree. After studying two years at DVC, students have many options to transfer to a university to complete their Bachelor's Degree in only two more years.**
 - DVC transfers more students to UC Berkeley than any other institution in the USA.
 - DVC has Transfer Admission Guarantees (TAG) that guarantee international students admission into UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC Merced, UC Santa Barbara and UC Santa Cruz. In addition, DVC has transfer agreements with all the 23 California State Universities, such as San Francisco State University, San Jose State University and San Diego State University, as well as several private universities, such as the University of San Francisco.
- 2. Excellent Value: Starting your Bachelor's Degree at DVC can save you thousands of dollars compared to starting at a four-year university.**
 - Tuition at DVC for a full-time international student is \$ 5,280 per academic year, which is among the lowest tuition fees in the US.
- 3. Excellent Student Services:**
 - DVC's International Students Admissions and Services Office (ISAS) provides student support to assure your stay at DVC is successful as well as enjoyable. ISAS staff offers personal attention to each student through academic orientation, counselling and registration. The ISAS staff also assists with admissions, visas, housing, health and employment.
 - DVC's English language center, the International Education Center (IEC), offers intensive English language programs to prepare you for university studies. Students at IEC are assisted in transferring to DVC, making the process simple and time-effective.
- 4. Excellent Location: DVC is located in the city of Pleasant Hill in the San Francisco Bay Area in the state of California.**
 - Pleasant Hill, a suburb of San Francisco, is a city of 34,000 people with a strong sense of community and small town charm attracting thousands of visitors each year.
 - Pleasant Hill enjoys a mild climate with almost 300 sunny days per year.
 - Pleasant Hill is only 38 minutes by direct train to downtown San Francisco.
 - San Francisco is considered one of the most beautiful cities in the world and boasts world class museums, restaurants and stores.
 - On weekends, you are no more than a few hours from enjoying great skiing in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, hiking in Yosemite National Park, wine tasting in the famous Napa Valley or surfing in the Pacific Ocean.

Diablo Valley College (DVC)

Part of DVC's mission is to provide all members of the community with access to higher education and an affordable pathway to a university degree. Providing the first two years of the U.S. Bachelor's Degree, DVC has one of the most successful university transfer programs of all Californian community colleges.

Programs Offered: Students can choose from over 45 majors and 40 certificate programs. DVC offers the Associate Degree in Arts, Associate Degree in Science, Certificate of Achievement and transfer programs into many four-year universities.

Start Dates: August (Fall semester) or January (Spring semester). Summer and short-term concurrent enrollment are available for students studying at IEC.

Application deadlines: Fall semester: July 1 / Spring semester: December 1

Accreditation: DVC is a public community college and is accredited by the Community Colleges Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) as an entity that provides a quality higher education to American as well as international students.

Number of students: Approximately 20,000 full-time and part-time students

Number of International students: Over 1,200 students from 68 countries

Student activities: DVC has over 30 student clubs representing a wide range of interests from theatre, dance, music, orchestra, public speaking, business to student government. For students interested in athletics, DVC provides 13 collegiate level sports for men and women, such as baseball, basketball, American football, tennis, swimming and water polo. For more information:
http://www.dvc.edu/union/student_life.htm

Housing: Homestay with American families or private apartments within walking distance of the campus. For more information on homestay: <http://www.diablovalleyhomestay.com/>
For off-campus housing options: <http://www.dvc.edu/international/resources/housing.htm>

DVC Admission Requirements: To be eligible to apply to DVC, you must be a high school graduate (have completed at least 12 years of secondary education) or at least 18-years old. Students whose native language is not English or who did not graduate from an English-medium high school, must also provide proof of their proficiency in English. DVC accepts either the TOEFL (500 PBT or 61 iBT) or the IELTS with a minimum score of 5.0. <http://www.dvc.edu/international/apply/admission/#english>

The following documents are required for admission:

- Application: <http://www.dvc.edu/international/apply/admission/>
- \$50 application fee
- A copy of your high school transcript
- Translation of your high school transcript if it is not in English
- Student's financial certification (included in application)
- English language exam: a copy of TOEFL or IELTS score (if you have already taken the exam)

Students may apply to DVC without having taken the TOEFL or IELTS. In this case, DVC will issue a "Letter of Conditional Admissions" stating the student has met all the academic requirements of DVC and will be fully admitted once the student provides proof of his/her English language proficiency. Students may also be admitted into DVC by completing the highest level of English at IEC. In this case, students will not have to take the TOEFL or IELTS.

DVC Tuition and Fees for 2009-2010

Application fee	One-time fee	\$50
Tuition	Based on 12 units per semester (\$215 per unit)	\$ 5,280
Health Insurance	Academic year	\$ 680
Homestay	Single room with 2 meals (Monday to Friday) and 3 meals on the weekends	\$750 per month

International Education Center at Diablo Valley College (IEC)

IEC offers six levels of English. The programs are structured to increase students' fluency in the English language and prepare them for academic studies at DVC or other universities. There are 24 hours of class per week in addition to IEC organizes volunteer programs, conversation partner programs and many activities for students. <http://www.iec-dvc.org/application.html>

Four excellent reasons to study English at IEC

- No TOEFL is required to transfer to DVC. Students who complete the highest level of English at IEC have direct entry into DVC without taking the TOEFL.
- Highly motivated students: Over 95% of IEC students continue on to DVC or other universities.
- Excellent Instructors: All instructors have a Master's Degree and extensive overseas and US teaching experience, and speak at least one other language.
- Excellent Student Services: Many organized activities, volunteer and community service opportunities, as well as university and general advising.

Intensive English Program Fees 2010:

Application Fee	One-time fee	\$100
Activities Fee	Per 8 week session	\$80
Medical Insurance	Per 8 week session	\$130
Tuition for intensive English program	4 week session	\$1265
Tuition for intensive English program	8 week session	\$2520
Tuition for intensive English program	16 week session	\$4775
Tuition for intensive English program	24 week session	\$7050
Tuition for intensive English program	32 week session	\$9030
Homestay	Single room with 2 meals (Monday to Friday) and 3 meals on the weekends	\$750

	Dates	Mid-session start dates
Session 1, 2010	Jan 4 to Feb 25	Jan 25
Session 2, 2010	Feb 22 to April 22	
Session 3, 2010	April 19 to June 17	
Session 4, 2010	June 14 to Aug 12	July 12
Session 5, 2010	Aug 25 to Oct 21	Sept 20
Session 6, 2010	Oct 18 to Dec 16	
Session 1, 2011	Jan 3 to Feb 24	Jan 24

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