

Matriculation

Matriculation is a process designed to assist students in accomplishing their educational goals. The process brings the college and the student into an agreement for the purpose of realizing the student's educational goal. The primary purpose of matriculation is student success.

The college agrees to provide:

- An admissions application process
- An orientation to the college's programs and services
- An assessment of the student's study skills, English language proficiency, computational skills, goals, career aspirations, academic performance, and need for special services
- Counseling and advisement to develop a Student Education Plan (SEP) and follow-up evaluation of each student's progress in achieving an educational goal.

The student agrees to:

- Express at least a broad educational intent upon admission
- Declare an educational goal by the time the student has completed 15 units
- Attend class
- Work diligently to complete course assignments
- Demonstrate an effort to attain an educational goal
- Meet with a counselor to develop a Student Educational Plan (SEP) that will meet his/her unique needs.

Matriculation goals are partially fulfilled through the ACAD 100 class. Students who intend to graduate from San Bernardino Valley College are required to complete ACAD 100 during the first two semesters in which they are enrolled in 9 or more units.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS & POLICIES

Attendance

All students are expected to attend classes regularly. Each instructor will inform students at the beginning of each term exactly what is to be expected regarding attendance in his/her class, and the instructor's decision is final. In the event an absence is unavoidable, students are responsible for notifying instructors.

A student's failure to attend class meeting(s) during the first week of a term may result in the student being dropped from the class. After the first week of classes during any term, an instructor may drop a student from any class in which the student has:

- Violated the instructor's stated attendance requirements;
- Accrued more than two absences per unit; or,
- Attended so irregularly that the instructor feels it is unwise for the student to continue.

Instructors may not drop students after the 14th week of instruction (for full semester classes) or after 75 percent of instruction (for short-term classes).

Credit Hours (Units)

One credit is awarded for each 16-18 lecture hours of instruction, or for 48-54 laboratory hours, or for appropriate combinations of lecture and laboratory hours. For each one hour of lecture, students are expected to fulfill at least two hours of work outside of class in reading, preparing assignments, or other activities related to the course.

Classification of Student Load

Students are defined as full-time when enrolled in 12 or more units in either the fall or spring semesters. A part-time student is one who is enrolled in fewer than 12 units in either the fall or spring semesters. During the summer session, a full-time student is enrolled in 6 or more units and a part-time student is enrolled in fewer than 6 units. (Please note that for financial aid purposes, 12 units is considered full-time during the summer session, as well).

An overload of units requires a counselor's signature for registration. An overload is considered to be anything over 18 units for the fall or spring semesters and anything over 8 units for the summer.

Grades & Grade Points

The system of grades and grade points at San Bernardino Valley College is as follows:

	Grade Points Per Unit
A Excellent	4
B Good	3
C Satisfactory	2
D Passing, less than satisfactory	1
F Failing	0
* P Pass	0
** NP No Pass	0
*** I Incomplete	—
*** W Withdrawal	—
*** MW Military Withdrawal	—
*** IP In Progress	—
*** RD Report Delayed	—

* Pass (P) grade units are not counted in GPA however, credit is earned.

** No Pass (NP) units are not counted in GPA; NP units are used in calculating units attempted for progress, probation and dismissal.

*** Non-evaluative symbols; no units or credit earned.

Only instructors may assign grades, and the grades given are final except in cases of mistake, fraud, bad faith, or incompetence. No grade will be changed for any reason or any circumstances after three years from the end of the term in which the grade was assigned.

Pass/No Pass

Students who wish to be graded in any class on a Pass/No Pass basis must complete the appropriate form which is available in the Admissions & Records Office (Administration/Student Services Building, Room 100) or on the college website. The paperwork must be submitted no later than the end of the first 30 percent of the course. Credit will be granted only when the work is of a quality equivalent to a grade of "C" or better. A maximum of 15 units of credit (P) courses may apply toward graduation requirements. Pass/No Pass grading is not permitted in a course within a student's major area of study. This rule may be waived for students who complete courses for credit and who later declare a major in that field of study. Once Pass/No Pass has been selected as a grading option, a letter grade (A-F) cannot be issued.