

Students, job applicants, and employees may complain of any action which they believe discriminates against them on the above-cited grounds.

For information regarding the college's non-discrimination policy or to file a complaint, contact the Vice Chancellor of Human Resources and Employee Relations, District Building, SBCCD, 114 South Del Rosa Drive, San Bernardino, CA 92408. You may also call (909) 382-4041. For information regarding the requirements of Section 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or to file a complaint, contact the Vice President of Student Services, San Bernardino Valley College at AD/SS Building, Room 200, or call (909) 384-8297.

### **Open Enrollment Policy**

The policy of San Bernardino Community College District is that, unless specifically exempted by statute or regulation, every course, or class offered by the college is open to enrollment and participation by a person who has been admitted to the college and who meets the prerequisites approved for a given course.

### **Sexual Harassment Policy**

Sexual harassment of students or employees in the academic and work environments violates both federal and state law and district policy, and it will not be tolerated. It also violates law and policy to retaliate against any individuals for filing a complaint of sexual harassment, or for participation in the investigation or resolution of a formal or informal, written or oral complaint of sexual harassment. Unlawful harassment on the basis of sex includes, but is not limited to, classroom conditions, grades, academic standing, scholarships, recommendations, employment opportunities, disciplinary action, or any other aspect of college life within the control of the District. Complaints of sexual harassment may be registered by calling the Vice President of Student Services at (909) 384-4473.

### **Academic Freedom**

San Bernardino Valley College is committed to the principle that the free expression of ideas is essential to the effective education of its students and should be limited only by the responsibility to express ideas with fairness and in a manner that respects the differing ideas of others and distinguishes between established fact and theories and one's own opinion.

No special limitations shall be placed upon the study, investigation, presentation, and interpretation of facts and ideas concerning human society, the physical and biological world, and other branches of learning, subject to accepted standards of academic and professional responsibility. Students shall have the opportunity to study controversial issues and divergent views to arrive at their own conclusions. While students may represent without penalty any opinion in or out of class, they may be required to demonstrate knowledge of views contrary to their own in order to fulfill course requirements.

*(Excerpted from Board Policy 3430; for the full text of Board Policy 3430, ask at the Library Reference Desk to see the Board Policy Manual.)*

## **STUDENT AWARDS AND HONORS**

### **Academic Recognition Programs**

Recognition for outstanding academic achievement is given in the following ways:

#### ***Dean's List:***

Outstanding scholastic achievement by San Bernardino Valley College students is recognized through the *Dean's Honors List*. The *Dean's List* is generated twice in each academic year, once during the fall semester and once during the spring semester. This scholastic recognition is based on GPA earned during the prior semester as opposed to a cumulative GPA. To qualify for the *Dean's List*, students must complete 12 units of college-level courses during the prior semester. (Units earned through credit-by examination will be counted when determining eligibility.) Courses taken on a "Pass/No Pass" basis and/or courses numbered in the 900s that do not apply toward a degree are not included when evaluating whether a student has met the 12-unit requirement. Qualifying students will be included on the *Dean's List* in the following categories:

- *Highest honors* for students earning GPAs between 3.90 and 4.00.
- *Honors* for students earning GPAs between 3.70 and 3.89.
- *Distinction* for students earning GPAs between 3.50 and 3.69.

#### ***Graduating with Honors:***

Students who complete 60 units and who graduate with cumulative GPAs in the above three categories will be honored at graduation with special mention in the graduation program. No more than 15 units of course work graded on a Pass/No Pass basis will be included in this 60-unit requirement.

Students completing their associate degrees with an overall GPA of 3.0 are eligible to wear a sash at graduation. Students completing their vocational certificates with an overall GPA of 3.0 or above are eligible to wear a cord at graduation.

#### ***Alpha Gamma Sigma:***

Students who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher may join Alpha Gamma Sigma, the California Community College Honor Scholarship Society. Applications for admission to Alpha Gamma Sigma are available in the Alpha Gamma Sigma office in Chemistry 113.

### **Honors Program**

The mission of the Honors Program is to provide students with a rigorous learning experience that encourages independent and creative thought, to enhance students' critical reading, writing and thinking abilities as tools for achieving further academic success, and to prepare students for transfer to four-year institutions and to remain in the academic honors track.