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Basic Course Information

Semester:	FALL20	Instructor Name:	Guillermo Salgado
Course Title & #:	BUS 124 – Intro. to Business	Email:	TBA
CRN #:	11595	Webpage (optional):	TBA
Classroom:	Online / Asynchronous. B YARD	Office #:	TBA
Class Dates:	Online	Office Hours:	TBA
Class Days:	August 17 – December 12	Office Phone #:	TBA
Class Times:	Online	Emergency Contact:	TBA
Units:	3		

Course Description

A basic beginning college course that introduces U.S. business and industry, includes the nature and importance of business, forms of business ownership, organization, management, finance, marketing, government and legal regulations, pricing and taxes. Class activities include participating in team building concepts. (C-ID BUS 110) (CSU, UC)

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to:

1. Identify the major business and political forces nurturing economic globalization. (ILO1, ILO3, ILO5)
2. Explain the concepts of ethics and corporate responsibility. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO5)
3. Explain the impact of the Internet on business and on methods of doing business and compare e-business and e-commerce. (ILO1, ILO3, ILO4, ILO5)
4. Describe the purpose of a securities market and explain the basic concepts of stock research activities. (ILO1, ILO3, ILO4, ILO5)
5. Explain the purpose of money, banking, and accounting, and design a basic business budget as a part of the business planning process. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO4, ILO5)

Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Compare American Capitalism, Socialism, and Communism.
2. Identify the various factors (turbulence) that affect business.
3. Explain the various forms of legal business ownership and formation.
4. Describe the purpose of the securities markets.
5. Explain to other students the basic concepts of stock research activities in a team setting.

6. Explain the purpose of money and banking.
7. Design a basic business budget as a part of the business planning process.
8. Explain the function of accounting.
9. Describe marketing mix and methods of identifying target markets.
10. Explain the role of small business and franchising.
11. Explain the purpose of human resources, activities, and labor relations.
12. Describe the function of insurance.
13. Recognize the impact of government on business.
14. Explain the impact of the Internet on business and on methods of doing business; and compare e-business and e-commerce

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

Business in Action, 7th Edition. 2015.
ISBN-13: 9780133773897
Courtland L. Bovee, John V. Thill.

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGY:

Audio Visual Presentations – Power Point Lecture
Demonstration
Discussion
Group Activity
Lecture

METHOD OF EVALUATION TO DETERMINE IF OBJECTIVES ARE MET:

Class Activity & Participation: through Homework Assignments (Learning Objective Questions)
Exams: In total 5. Multiple Choice, 50 questions per exam.
Oral Assignments: 1 Oral Presentation at end of course, to be submitted with Business Plan Report.
Problem Solving Exercise: Business Scenarios & Case Analysis to apply textbook material.
Skill Demonstration: Business Plan Report and Oral Presentation.
Written Assignments: Business Plan Idea Assignment, Business Plan Report, & Learning Objective questions assigned.

What if I need to borrow technology or access to WIFI?

1. To request a loaner laptop, MYFI device, or other electronic device, please submit your request here: <https://imperial.edu/students/student-equity-and-achievement/>
2. If you'd like access the WIFI at the IVC campus, you can park in parking lots "I & J". Students must log into the IVC student WIFI by using their IVC email and password. The parking lots will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Guidelines for using parking WIFI:

-Park in every other space (empty space BETWEEN vehicles)

- Must have facemask available
- For best reception park near buildings
- Only park at marked student spaces
- Only owners of a valid disabled placard may use disabled parking spaces
- Only members of the same household in each vehicle
- Occupants **MUST** remain in vehicles
- Restrooms and other on-campus services not available
- College campus safety will monitor the parking lot
- Student code of conduct and all other parking guidelines are in effect
- Please do not leave any trash behind

-No parking permit required

If you have any questions about using parking WIFI, please call Student Affairs at 760- 355-6455.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

Exams (5).....	500 points (100 per exam)
Business Plan & Presentation (1).....	200 points (50 pts. on presentation, 150 on plan)
Assignments: Learning Objectives (20).....	200 points, 10 pts. Per Chapter Assignment.
Business Plan Idea Assignment (1).....	50 points
Financial Forecast / Projection Sheet Assignment (1)...	25 points
Marketing Plan / SWOT Analysis Assignment (1).....	25 points

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS	1,000 points
900-1000.....	A
800 - 899.....	B
700 -799.....	C
600 -699	D
Below 600	F

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

17 WEEKS IN TOTAL IN THE FALL SEMESTER

Week 1: August 17 - 22

Week 2: August 24 – 29

Week 3: August 31 – September 5

Week 4: September 7 – 12

Week 5: September 14 – 19

Week 6: September 21 – 26

Week 7: September 28 – October 3

Week 8: October 5 – October 10

Week 9: October 12 – 17

Week 10: October 19 – 24

Week 11: October 26 – October 31

Week 12: November 2 – 7

Week 13: November 9 – 14

Week 14: November 16 – 21

Week 15: November 23 – 28 * no class session (vacation / break)

Week 16: November 30 – December 5

Week 17: December 7 – December 12

***assignments must be submitted to email Guillermo.salgado@imperial.edu.**

By Saturday, 11:59pm (deadline) in order to be eligible for full credit. Anything submitted after deadline (during the following week) will be eligible for partial credit (half credit). Please contact your instructor if for some reason you project an issue with submitting assignment on time, before deadline via email, Guillermo.salgado@imperial.edu.

***Weekly Video will be accessible through Canvas (zoom video link provided for students who have access to zoom platform and the internet). Staff at Centinela will assist with sharing video with students if indeed it is deemed an opportunity that can be fulfilled (not a requisite, but will assist students in understanding textbook material and prepare for exams, business plan, etc).**

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Pages/ Due Dates/Tests
Week 1 August 17-22	<p><u>WEEK 1 LECTURE VIDEO – Covering what is below:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Introduction & Syllabus Review -How to Start a Business in California / Power Point -Introduction to a Business Plan (Templates to utilize throughout the course). -Chapter 1 PowerPoint Presentation. <p><u>ASSIGNMENTS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Read Chapter 1 -Learning Objective Questions (5) on Chapter 1. 10 points in total. Due by August 22nd, 11:59pm. 	Read Chapter 1, and answer Learning Objective Questions (5). 10 points in total. Due by weeks end, August 22 nd , 11:59pm.
Week 2 August 24 - 29 August 24 – August 29	<p><u>WEEK 2 LECTURE VIDEO – Covering what is below:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Review Chapter 1 Learning Objective Assignment. - Chapter 2 PowerPoint Presentation. -Chapter 3 PowerPoint Presentation. <p><u>ASSIGNMENTS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Read Chapter 2 & 3 	Read Chapters 2 & 3, and answer Learning Objective Questions (5), per Chapter. 20 points in total. Due by weeks end, August 29 th at 11:59pm.

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Pages/ Due Dates/Tests
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learning Objective Questions (5 per Chapter) on Chapter 2 & 3. 20 points in total. Due by August 29th, 11:59pm. 	
Week 3 August 31 – September 5	<u>WEEK 3 LECTURE VIDEO – Covering what is below:</u> -Review Chapter 2 & 3 Learning Objective Assignment -Chapter 4 PowerPoint Presentation -Chapter 5 PowerPoint Presentation ASSIGNMENTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learning Objective Questions (5 per Chapter) on Chapter 4 & 5. 20 points in total. Due by September 5th, 11:59pm. 	Read Chapters 4 & 5, and answer Learning Objective Questions (5), per Chapter. 20 points in total. Due by weeks end, September 5 th , 11:59pm. *Study for Exam #1
Week 4 September 7 – September 12	EXAM 1 (CHAPTERS 1 – 5) <u>WEEK 4 LECTURE VIDEO – Covering what is below:</u> -Review Chapters 4 & 5 Learning Objective Assignment. -Chapter 6 PowerPoint Presentation -Chapter 7 PowerPoint Presentation ASSIGNMENTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Read Chapters 6 & 7 - Learning Objective Questions (5) on Chapters 6 & 7. 20 points in total. Due by September 12th, 11:59pm. 	Read Chapters 6 & 7, and answer Learning Objective Questions (5), per Chapter. 20 points in total. Due by weeks end, September 12, 11:59pm.
Week 5 Sept. 14 - 19	<u>WEEK 5 LECTURE VIDEO – Covering what is below:</u> -Review Chapters 6 & 7 Learning Objective Assignment. -Chapter 8 PowerPoint Presentation -Chapter 9 PowerPoint Presentation -EXAM#1 Review / Results	Read Chapters 8 & 9 and answer Learning Objective Questions (5), per Chapter. 20 points in total. Due by weeks end, September 19, 11:59pm. *Study for EXAM #2
Week 6 Sept. 21- 26	EXAM 2 (CHAPTERS 6 – 9) <u>WEEK 6 LECTURE VIDEO – Covering what is below:</u> -Review Chapters 8 & 9 Learning Objective Assignment. -Chapter 10 PowerPoint Presentation -Chapter11 PowerPoint Presentation	Read Chapters 10 & 11 and answer Learning Objective Questions (5 per Chapter) Due by weeks end, September 26, 11:59pm.
Week 7 Sept 28 – Oct 3	<u>WEEK 7 LECTURE VIDEO – Covering what is below:</u> -Review Chapter 10 & 11 Learning Objective Assig. -Chapter 12 PowerPoint Presentation	Read Chapters 12 & 13 and answer Learning Objective Questions (5 per Chapter)

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Pages/ Due Dates/Tests
	-Chapter 13 PowerPoint Presentation -EXAM#2 Review / Results	Due by weeks end, October 3, 11:59pm. *Study for EXAM #3
Week 8 Oct 5 - 10	EXAM 3 (CHAPTERS 10 - 13) <u>WEEK 8 LECTURE VIDEO – Covering what is below:</u> -Review Chapters 12 & 13 Learning Objective Assign. -Chapter 14 PowerPoint Presentation -Chapter 15 PowerPoint Presentation	Read Chapters 14 & 15 and answer Learning Objective Questions (5 per Chapter) Due by weeks end, October 10, 11:59pm.
Week 9 Oct 12 - 17	<u>WEEK 9 LECTURE VIDEO – Covering what is below:</u> -Review Chapter 14 & 15 Learning Objective Assign. -Chapter 16 PowerPoint Presentation -Chapter 17 PowerPoint Presentation -EXAM#3 Review / Results	Read Chapters 16 & 17 and answer Learning Objective Questions (5 per Chapter) Due by weeks end, October 17, 11:59pm.
Week 10 Oct 19 – 24	<u>WEEK 10 LECTURE VIDEO – Covering what is below:</u> -Review Chapter 16 & 17 Learning Objective Assign. -Chapter 18 PowerPoint Presentation	Read Chapter 18, and answer Learning Objective Questions. Due by weeks end, October 24, 11:59pm. *Study for Exam #4
Week 11 Oct 26 – 31	EXAM #4 (CHAPTERS 14 – 18) <u>WEEK 11 LECTURE VIDEO – Covering what is below:</u> -Review Chapter 18 Learning Objective Assign. -Chapter 19 PowerPoint Presentation	Read Chapter 19, and answer Learning Objective Questions. Due by weeks end, October 31, 11:59pm.
Week 12 Nov 2 – 7	<u>WEEK 12 LECTURE VIDEO – Covering what is below:</u> -Review Chapter 19 Learning Objective Assign. -Chapter 20 PowerPoint Presentation -EXAM#4 Review / Results	Read Chapter 20, and answer Learning Objective Questions. Due by weeks end, Nov. 7 11:59pm. *Study for Exam #5.
Week 13 Nov 9 – 14	EXAM #5 (CHAPTERS 19 & 20) <u>WEEK 13 LECTURE VIDEO – Covering what is below:</u> -Review Chapter 20 Learning Objective Assign. -Business Plan Template – Hand out & review	Choose a business type: product or service. Summarize a Business Plan idea for a start-up (1 – 2 pages), incorporating topics discussed in class. . Rubric / Grading Scale to be shared in class. 50 point assignment. Due by November 14, 11:59pm
Week 14 Nov 16 - 21	<u>WEEK 14 LECTURE VIDEO – Covering what is below:</u>	Create a Marketing Plan / SWOT Analysis. 25 points.

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Pages/ Due Dates/Tests
	-MARKETING PLAN (SWOT ANALYSIS) TEMPLATE- Hand out and review. -FINANCIAL FORECAST TEMPLATE – Hand out and Review.	Rubric / Grading Scale to be shared in class. Due by November 23, 11:59pm. Create a 2 year Financial Forecast / Projections sheet. 25 points. Rubric /Grading Scale to be shared in class. Due by November 23, 11:59pm.
Week 15 Nov 23 - 28	No class, lectures or assignments.	None.
Week 16 Nov 30 – Dec 5	WEEK #16 LECTURE VIDEO – Covering what is below: - What is expected from the Business Plan report - Oral Presentation Requirements	None
Week 17 Dec 7 - 12	Week #17 LECTURE VIDEO – Covering what is below: - Share business plan ideas / presentations (submitted videos), to assist those students who have yet to complete assignment. - Alternative Assignment – Small Business Case Analysis, to replace Oral Presentation for those who do not have the means to submit video. (50 points). *Assignment Details to be shared prior to start of Week 17.	Business Plan Document (report) 150 points, due by December 12, 11:59pm. Oral Presentation, 50 points, Due by December 12, 11:59pm.

*****Tentative, subject to change without prior notice*****

Attendance

- A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class will be dropped by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. Should readmission be desired, the student's status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student's responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See [General Catalog](#) for details.
- Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. A student whose continuous, unexcused absences exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped. For online courses, students who fail to complete required activities for two consecutive weeks may be considered to have excessive absences and may be dropped.
- Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as 'excused' absences.

What does it mean to “attend” an online class?

Attendance is critical to student success and for IVC to use federal aid funds. Acceptable indications of attendance are:

- Student submission of an academic assignment
- Student submission of an exam
- Student participation in an instructor-led Zoom conference
- Documented student interaction with class postings, such as an interactive tutorial or computer-assisted instruction via modules
- A posting by the student showing the student's participation in an assignment created by the instructor
- A posting by the student in a discussion forum showing the student's participation in an online discussion about academic matters
- An email from the student or other documentation showing that the student has initiated contact with a faculty member to ask a question about an academic subject studied in the course.

Logging onto Canvas alone is NOT adequate to demonstrate academic attendance by the student.

Classroom Etiquette

Electronic Devices: Cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off and put away during class, unless otherwise directed by the instructor.

- Food and Drink are prohibited in all classrooms. Water bottles with lids/caps are the only exception. Additional restrictions will apply in labs. Please comply as directed by the instructor.
- Disruptive Students: Students who disrupt or interfere with a class may be sent out of the room and told to meet with the Campus Disciplinary Officer before returning to continue with coursework. Disciplinary procedures will be followed as outlined in the [General Catalog](#).
- Children in the classroom: Due to college rules and state laws, only students enrolled in the class may attend; children are not allowed.

How do I act differently if I have an on-ground class during COVID?

1. DO NOT COME TO CAMPUS OR ATTEND AN OFF-CAMPUS CLASS IF YOU FEEL SICK, HAVE A FEVER, OR HAVE A COUGH

- a. Even if your symptoms are mild, stay home.
- b. Email your instructor to explain why you are missing class.
- c. [If you are sick with COVID-19 or think you might have COVID-19](#), provides CDC guidance.
- d. If you have tested positive for COVID-19, you must self-quarantine for 14 days and then be without symptoms for at least 72 hours. Clearance is required prior to returning to any face-to-face interaction. It is recommended that you undergo a final COVID-19 test to confirm that you are no longer infected.
- e. If you are exposed through direct contact with a person known to be COVID-19 positive, then you must submit negative COVID-19 test results prior to returning to any face-to-face interaction.

2. ARRIVE AT CAMPUS EARLY (at least 15 minutes early is advised).

- a. All people entering the IVC campus will need to pass a screening process, which will occur at the gates as your drive onto campus. You will need to take a short questionnaire and get

your temperature taken (the screening is completely touchless and will take place while you remain in your car).

3. BRING A MASK TO CLASS (and always wear it).

- a. Be sure that your mask covers both your nose and mouth. If your mask is cloth, then wash it each day. If your mask is disposable, then use a new one each day.

4. GO DIRECTLY TO YOUR CLASSROOM.

- a. The IVC campus is mostly closed so you should not visit other areas or seek any face-to-face services. Services are available to students online and can be accessed through www.imperial.edu.

5. WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY (and use the provided sanitation supplies).

- a. Your classroom is equipped with cleaning supplies. Use them as needed.

6. BE SURE TO SOCIAL DISTANCE (stay at least 6 feet from other).

- a. The number of students in a classroom at any one time is very limited so you have plenty of space to spread and ensure that you stay at least 6 feet from others.

7. BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND DRINKS.

- a. There is no food service currently offered on campus.

Online Netiquette

- What is netiquette? Netiquette is internet manners, online etiquette, and digital etiquette all rolled into one word. Basically, netiquette is a set of rules for behaving properly online.
- Students are to comply with the following rules of netiquette: (1) identify yourself, (2) include a subject line, (3) avoid sarcasm, (4) respect others' opinions and privacy, (5) acknowledge and return messages promptly, (6) copy with caution, (7) do not spam or junk mail, (8) be concise, (9) use appropriate language, (10) use appropriate emoticons (emotional icons) to help convey meaning, and (11) use appropriate intensifiers to help convey meaning [do not use ALL CAPS or multiple exclamation marks (!!!!)].

How am I expected to act in an online "classroom" (especially Zoom)?

Attending a virtual meeting can be a challenge when there are many students on one conference call. Participating in such meetings may count as class attendance, but disruptive behavior may also result in you not being admitted to future meetings. Follow the tips below for best results:

1) Be RESPECTFUL

- a. Your written, verbal, and non-verbal communications should be respectful and focused on the learning topics of the class.

2) Find a QUIET LOCATION & SILENCE YOUR PHONE (if zooming)

- a. People walking around and pets barking can be a distraction.

3) EAT AT A DIFFERENT TIME.

- a. Crunching food or chugging drinks is distracting for others.
- b. Synchronous zoom times are set in advance so reserve meals for outside class meetings.

4) ADJUST YOUR LIGHTING SO THAT OTHERS CAN SEE YOU

- a. It is hard to see you in dim lighting so find a location with light.

- b. If your back is to a bright window, you will be what is called “backlit” and not only is it hard on the eyes (glare) but you look like a silhouette.

5) POSITION THE CAMERA SO THAT YOUR FACE AND EYES ARE SHOWING

- a. If you are using the camera, show your face; it helps others see your non-verbal cues.
- b. You may be at home, but meeting in pajamas or shirtless is not appropriate so dress suitably. Comb your hair, clean your teeth, fix your clothes, etc. before your meeting time to show self-respect and respect for others.

6) Be READY TO LEARN AND PAY ATTENTION

- a. Catch up on other emails or other work later.
- b. If you are Zooming, silence your phone and put it away.
- c. If you are in a room with a TV – turn it off.

7) USE YOUR MUTE BUTTON WHEN IN LOUD PLACES OR FOR DISTRACTIONS

- a. Pets barking, children crying, sneezing, coughing, etc. can happen unexpectedly. It’s best if you conference in a private space, but if you can’t find a quiet place, when noises arise **MUTE** your laptop.

8) REMEMBER TO UNMUTE WHEN SPEAKING

- a. Follow your instructor’s directions about using the “**raise hand**” icon or chat function to be recognized and to speak, but make sure you have unmuted your device.
- b. Do not speak when someone else is speaking.

9) REMAIN FOCUSED AND PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING

- a. Especially when the camera is on YOU, we can all see your actions. Engage in the meeting. Look at the camera. Listen to instruction. Answer questions when asked.
- b. Do not use the Zoom meeting to meet with your peers or put on a “show” for them.

10) PAUSE YOUR VIDEO IF MOVING OR DOING SOMETHING DISTRACTING

- a. Emergencies happen. If you need to leave the room or get up and move about, stop your video.

Academic Honesty

There are many different forms of academic dishonesty. The following kinds of honesty violations and their definitions are not meant to be exhaustive. Rather, they are intended to serve as examples of unacceptable academic conduct.

- Plagiarism is taking and presenting as one’s own the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to “cite a source” correctly, you must ask for help.
- Cheating is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment, or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.

Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the [General Catalog](#) for more information on academic dishonesty or other

misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment; (c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment; (e) using a commercial term paper service.

How do I show academic honesty and integrity in an online “classroom”?

- **KEEP YOUR PASSWORDS CONFIDENTIAL.**
 - You have a unique password to access online software like Canvas. Never allow someone else to log-in to your account.
- **COMPLETE YOUR OWN COURSEWORK.**
 - When you register for an online class and log-in to Canvas, you do so with the understanding that you will produce your own work, take your own exams, and will do so without the assistance of others (unless directed by the instructor).

Examples of Academic Dishonesty that can occur in an online environment:

- Copying from others on a quiz, test, examination, or assignment;
- Allowing someone else to copy your answers on a quiz, test, exam, or assignment;
- Having someone else take an exam or quiz for you;
- Conferring with others during a test or quiz (if the instructor didn't explicitly say it was a group project, then he/she expects you to do the work without conferring with others);
- Buying or using a term paper or research paper from an internet source or other company or taking any work of another, even with permission, and presenting the work as your own;
- Excessive revising or editing by others that substantially alters your final work;
- Sharing information that allows other students an advantage on an exam (such as telling a peer what to expect on a make-up exam or prepping a student for a test in another section of the same class);
- Taking and using the words, work, or ideas of others and presenting any of these as your own work is plagiarism. This applies to all work generated by another, whether it be oral, written, or artistic work. Plagiarism may either be deliberate or unintentional.

Additional Services for Students

Imperial Valley College offers various services in support of student success. The following are some of the services available for students. Please speak to your instructor about additional services which may be available.

How do I access services now that we are mostly online?

- **CANVAS LMS.** Canvas is Imperial Valley College's Learning Management System. To log onto Canvas, use this link: [Canvas Student Login](#). The [Canvas Student Guides Site](#) provides a variety of support available to students 24 hours per day. Additionally, a 24/7 Canvas Support Hotline is available for students to use: 877-893-9853.
- [Learning Services](#). In order to accommodate students and maximize student success during the COVID-19 Pandemic, all tutoring support is being provided through one Zoom link ([IVC online Tutoring](#)). When campus is open again, there are several learning labs to assist students. Whether

you need support using computers, or you need a tutor, please consult your [Campus Map](#) for the [Math Lab](#); [Reading, Writing & Language Labs](#); and the [Study Skills Center](#).

- [Library Services](#). Visit the Spencer Library's page on the IVC website for a wealth of valuable resources and online access to databases, e-books and more. Contact us so we can help you with instructional and research development skills (for those conducting research and writing academic papers). When campus re-opens, students also have access to tutoring services in the Study Skills Center as well as private study rooms for small study groups. There is more to our library than just books!
- [Career Services Center](#). The Career Services Center is dedicated to serve all IVC students and Alumni. Services include Career Assessments, Resume and Cover Letter Assistance, Interview Preparation, Internship Opportunities and Job Placement.
- [Child Development Center](#). The Preschool and Infant/Toddler Centers are on-campus demonstration lab programs that meet the educational, research, and service needs of the institution and community at large. The Preschool program (children three to five years of age) and the Infant/Toddler program (newborn to three years of age) is in buildings 2200 and 2300. Service is available to families who meet the California Department of Education qualifications for enrollment. The centers are open during COVID from Monday-Friday 7:15-5:30. Breakfast, lunch and snack are provided through the California Adult and Child Food Program. Location: Buildings 2200 and 2300. Phone: (760) 355-6528 or (760) 355-6232. Application: <https://forms.imperial.edu/view.php?id=150958>

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS)

[Required language.] Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the [Disabled Student Programs and Services](#) (DSP&S) office as soon as possible. When campus is open, the DSP&S office is in Building 2100, telephone 760-355-6313. Please contact them if you feel you need to be evaluated for educational accommodations.

Student Counseling and Health Services

[Required language.] Students have counseling and health services available, provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee.

- [Student Health Center](#). A Student Health Nurse is available on campus, but you must make an appointment. In addition, Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District provides basic health services for students, such as first aid and care for minor illnesses. Contact the IVC [Student Health Center](#) at 760-355-6128, or when campus reopens, visit Room 1536 for more information.
- [Mental Health Counseling Services](#). Short-term individual, couples, family and group counseling services are available for currently enrolled students. Services are provided in a confidential, supportive, and culturally sensitive environment. Please contact the IVC Mental Health Counseling Services at 760-355-6310 for appointments, or when campus reopens visit Room 1536, for more information.

Veteran's Center

The mission of the [IVC Military and Veteran Success Center](#) is to provide a holistic approach to serving military/veteran students in three key areas: 1) Academics, 2) Health and Wellness, and 3) Camaraderie. The Center also serves as a central hub that connects military/veteran students, as well as their families, to campus and community resources. The goal is to ensure a seamless transition from military to civilian life. When campus reopens, the Center is in Building 600 (Office 624), telephone 760-355-6141.

Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS)

The Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) offers services such as priority registration, book grants, transportation assistance, individualized counseling, tutoring, and community referrals to eligible students. Our staff is available to assist and support students in navigating personal, psychological, academic, and/or career-related issues through empathy, cultural-competence, and a commitment to equity and social justice. Also under the umbrella of EOPS is the CARE (Cooperative Agency Resources for Education) Program, designed to serve single parents and assist with addressing issues that are particular to this population. Students that are single parents receiving TANF/Cash Aid assistance may qualify for our CARE program. For additional information about the EOPS or CARE Programs please contact our Program Office 760.335-6407 and/or visit our Program website www.imperial.edu/students/eops for eligibility criteria and application procedures. We look forward to serving you! - EOPS/CARE Staff

Student Equity Program

[Required language.] The Student Equity & Achievement Program strives to improve Imperial Valley College's success outcomes, particularly for students who have been historically underrepresented and underserved. The college identifies strategies to monitor and address equity issues, making efforts to mitigate any disproportionate impact on student success and achievement. Our institutional data provides insight surrounding student populations who historically, are not fully represented. SEA addresses disparities and/or disproportionate impact in student success across disaggregated student equity groups including gender, ethnicity, disability status, financial need, LGBTQIA+, Veterans, foster youth, homelessness, and formerly incarcerated students. The SEA Program also houses IVC's Homeless Liaison, Foster Youth Liaison, Formerly Incarcerated Liaison, and Military Affiliated Liaison, who provide direct services and referrals to students in need. SEA strives to empower students experiencing insecurities related to food, housing, transportation, textbooks, and shower access. We recognize that students who struggle meeting their basic needs are also at an academic and economic disadvantage, creating barriers to academic success and wellness. We strive to remove barriers that affect IVC students' access to enrollment, education, degree and certificate completion, and the ability to transfer to a university. SEA also provides outreach at local Imperial County high schools to ensure graduating seniors are successfully matriculated into the college and have a strong support system. Please visit us online for assistance at <https://imperial.edu/students/student-equity-and-achievement/> or call us at 760-355-6465 or when campus reopens, visit Building 401.

What if I cannot afford food, books, or need other help?

We have many resources that are available to you. Please tell us what you need by submitting your request(s) here: <https://imperial.edu/students/student-equity-and-achievement/>

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students have the right to experience a positive learning environment and to due process of law. For more information regarding student rights and responsibilities, please refer to the IVC [General Catalog](#).

Information Literacy

Imperial Valley College is dedicated to helping students skillfully discover, evaluate, and use information from all sources. The IVC [Library Department](#) provides numerous [Information Literacy Tutorials](#) to assist students in this endeavor.