

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Educational Assistance Center (EAC) Disabled Students Programs and Services

The Educational Assistance Center (EAC) promotes the educational and vocational potential of students with disabilities by enhancing their total integration into the mainstream of college life. The EAC is located in the FL building.

Students with learning, visual, hearing, speech, mobility, and psychological disabilities, as well as acquired brain injury and other health impairments, are eligible to apply for the support services or instruction needed to fully participate in the educational process.

These special services include: one-stop registration assistance, assessment of learning problems, sign language interpreters, notetaking, readers, transcribers, tutors, mobility assistance, job development and placement, specialized counseling, handicapped parking, alternative testing, alternate media, assistive computer technology and other assistive devices. Instruction is available in job-seeking skills, Braille, adaptive P.E., learning skills, and assistive computer technology. Classroom instructional materials and college publications are available on request in alternate formats. For assistance, call (805) 654-6300.

Foreign Language Lab

The Foreign Language Lab is located in F-207. The lab consists of 30 computer stations that contain various audio, video and interactive programs to aid the foreign language student in his/her language acquisition experience.

The Foreign Language Lab will relocate to the new Library and Learning Resources Center during the Fall semester 2004.

Internet Café

The College has provided a new Internet Café in Building B, the Campus Center, by the Canon Copy Center. There are 18 computer stations, with Internet access and printing capability. Students may use the stations to apply to the College and for financial aid, register for classes, surf the Internet, do homework, access their e-mail and do research. All usage must comply with the "use of the Internet" policy set forth on page 26 of this College Catalog.

Learning Center

The Learning Center functions both as an open-access computer lab which students can use on a drop-in basis for their college related work and as a lab for classroom instruction for English, Reading, and ESL classes. PCs and Macintosh computers are available with software for Internet access, word processing, textbook related materials, and specialized reading and writing programs. The Center is located on the second floor of the F building. Hours will be as posted.

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Library

The D.R. Henry Library's mission is to promote learning through serving as a resource for education, research, information, continuing education, fulfilling intellectual curiosity and promoting student retention. The Library functions as a resource laboratory for classes developing term papers, speeches, and other classroom assignments. The collection consists of 66,156 volumes, 340 periodical titles and 309 microfilm titles. The Library also offers several online "full text" electronic resources such as: **Proquest**, which offers access to 2300 periodical titles and 5 newspaper titles online; and several other online research databases.

Located in the D building, the Library serves as a study area for more than 250 patrons in three quiet study rooms, one research workroom, and additional seating in the lobby. The catalog of library materials is provided through nine computerized Public Access Stations (PACS), which may be accessed from home or office through the Internet at **www.venturacollege.edu**.

The Library provides 12 additional stations specifically designed for Internet use. The checkout of library materials is accomplished through the use of barcoded ASB cards or library cards.

The Library also functions as a teaching facility as the librarians instruct students and community patrons on the use of the Library and its resources. The librarians offer orientation tours, a one-unit, self-paced library course, and individual Internet instruction. For more information, call (805) 654-6482.

A new Library and Learning Resources building is in the construction stages. Completion is anticipated September 2004.

Math Center

The Math Center is staffed by instructors and tutors, and serves the students in three capacities: (1) individualized instruction is available for MATH V09 (Beginning Mathematics); (2) drop-in tutoring is available for all math courses; (3) the Center provides an environment for group study with the security of instructors and tutors nearby, should the group need assistance. The Math Center is located in SCI-225.

Tutoring

Located in Guthrie Hall, the Tutoring Center provides free drop-in, group, and individual tutorial services to students enrolled in Ventura College classes. Tutors are Ventura College students who have been recommended by their instructors to assist students with their classes or volunteers from the community, many of whom are retired faculty.

Besides helping students with course content, tutors clarify instructions for assignment, help brainstorm ideas for papers and projects, and teach strategies for effective study and exam preparation. For more information, please call (805) 648-8926.

The Tutoring Center will relocate to the new Library and Learning Resources Center during the Fall semester 2004.



Drawing and Composition class