

# San Bernardino Valley College Welcomes International Students

## About Our College

San Bernardino Valley College is one of 109 public two-year community colleges in California. Each of these community colleges in California offers two years of study beyond the secondary (twelfth grade) level. Transfer credits are accepted by the California State University system, the University of California system, and independent four-year institutions of higher education.

The 85-acre campus is conveniently located within an hour from California beaches, ski resorts, Palm Springs and Los Angeles. Buildings are grouped conveniently along a central quadrangle and mall, giving easy access to numerous lecture halls and excellently- equipped laboratories, studios, shops, music practice rooms, the planetarium, and numerous computer labs.

The campus boasts graceful tall trees, plentiful parking areas and excellent athletic facilities. The library is state of the art. The Learning Resources Center provides student support for a variety of programs such as tutoring, basic skills in reading, writing and math, and labs in reading, foreign language, business and computer-assisted learning.

Our goal is to provide education to **ALL** who come here. Our success is measured by the number of students who leave SBVC with the skills to establish productive careers which enhance their personal lives and enrich our global society.

San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) is authorized by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to enroll non-immigrant foreign students with F-1 student visas in two-year vocational and semiprofessional curricula and/or the first two years of a baccalaureate degree program.

## Requirements for Admission

1. The International Student must be at least eighteen (18) years of age unless she/he is a high school graduate.
2. An **International Application for Admission** and an **Application for San Bernardino Valley College** must be completed and submitted with a **nonrefundable** processing fee of **\$25.00**. The fee should be in the form of a certified check or money order made payable to:  
**San Bernardino Valley College**
3. Official **TOEFL** (Test of English as a Foreign Language) results are required with a minimum score of 450 on the paper-based test (PBT), or 133 on the computer based test (CBT) or 45-46 on the internet based test (iBT). Information and an application form can be obtained at **TOEFL** website [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org) or by writing to:

### TOEFL

Education Testing Service  
P.O. Box 6151, Princeton, New Jersey  
08541-6151 USA  
(Our Institution Code is 4679)

4. All **official academic records, diplomas and transcripts**, from high school and any college the student attends must be accompanied by a notarized English translation if the original is in another language.
5. **An official bank statement, bank letter and Affidavit of Support form**, documenting sufficient funds to cover student's academic and living expenses while he or she is studying in the U.S. The amount must be at least \$17,500 U.S. dollars for the first year. Since International Students are not eligible for financial aid and off-campus employment, this will serve as satisfactory evidence that the student will have adequate funds to meet the financial obligations that are required once enrolled at San Bernardino Valley College.
6. One passport size **photo**.
7. A copy of your **passport**.
8. **Health/Accident Insurance** is required of all F-1 visa students by the San Bernardino Community College District Board of Trustees. This can be purchased once the student arrives. For information, please go to [www.studentinsuranceagency.com](http://www.studentinsuranceagency.com)
9. **Result of Tuberculosis Test**. The Board of Trustees has mandated that results of a chest x-ray or a negative **Tuberculosis Skin Test** taken in the United States be presented to the International Student Counselor before registering for classes. **NOTE:** The TB Skin Test may be taken in the Student Health Center on campus. This fee is nominal.
10. USCIS requires that **F-1 International Students** must maintain **full-time status** by enrolling in at least **twelve units each fall and spring semester. If the student begins at San Bernardino Valley College in the summer session, the student must enroll in 6 units.**
11. Once the student receives the I-20, he or she must pay an **I-901 Fee Remittance** before going to the American Embassy or Consulate to apply for a student visa (**F-1**). This can be paid in the following ways:

**Mail the Form I-901 and payment to:**

I-901 Student/Exchange Visitor Processing Fee  
P.O. Box 970020  
St. Louis, MO 63197-0020

or

**Courier the Form I-901 and payment to:**

I-901 Student/Exchange Visitor Processing Fee  
1005 Convention Plaza  
St. Louis, MO 63101

or

**Payment by Internet:** [www.FMJfee.com](http://www.FMJfee.com).

**When a student has met all admission requirements**, he or she will receive a letter of acceptance along with an I-20 form (Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student). It is expected that all International Students have funds available in U.S. dollars at the time of registration to pay for their expenses.

## International Student Application Checklist

- \_\_\_ International Student Application
- \_\_\_ San Bernardino Valley College Application
- \_\_\_ \$25.00 Application fee payable to  
San Bernardino Valley College
- \_\_\_ TOEFL 450 (PBT) 133 (CBT) or 45-46 (IBT)
- \_\_\_ Official academic records, diplomas and transcripts, from high school and college (in English)
- \_\_\_ Affidavit of Support form and official bank letter provided by the student's sponsor
- \_\_\_ Bank statement showing the balance of sponsor's accounts (within six months of the semester start date)
- \_\_\_ Passport size photo
- \_\_\_ Copy of passport

Note: The College has no dormitories and assumes no responsibility for the housing of students. For information about off-campus housing, please contact International Student Counselor.

## International Student Information

A **College Catalog** for SBVC may be viewed at the SBVC website at [www.valleycollege.edu](http://www.valleycollege.edu)

### For more information contact:

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### Applications deadlines are:

**March 1** for Summer Session (*Begins June*)

**May 1** for Fall Semester (*Begins August*)

**October 1** for Spring Semester  
(*Begins January*)



**PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**

Are you now living outside the United States? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If you are living in the United States, please answer the questions below:

Date of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Visa you now hold: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Visa at Entry: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date of I-94: \_\_\_\_\_

If currently an F-1 visa student, which U.S. college, university, or high school issued the I-20 Form?

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Attended: From: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

How many units/credits completed? \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average/GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of school? \_\_\_\_\_ Language School \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_ College \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Have you attended any other U.S. schools? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Please list:

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Attended: From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

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**All documents submitted to San Bernardino Valley College become the property of San Bernardino Valley College and will not be returned to the student.**

**Submission of any false information or fraudulent documents will result in immediate dismissal.**

**Your signature below indicates you agree to:**

- 1) Subscribe to an accident and health insurance policy if you are not being covered through a sponsoring agent or your government.**
- 2) Maintain F-1 visa student status which includes enrollment in a minimum of 12 units in the fall and spring semesters, with a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or above. If summer session is the student's first session, enrollment is a minimum of 6 units.**

**All information presented in this application is true and correct. If accepted to San Bernardino Valley College, I agree to abide by all of the rules and regulations set forth by the college.**

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian if student is under 18 years of age: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional:

Release of Information: I hereby give permission to San Bernardino Valley College to release information concerning my student status and academic progress to the following person(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s) Relation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant Date