

SOAR High School

Things You Need To Know

Things You Need To Know informs students of registration, fees, fines, withdrawals/drops, requirements, restrictions, as well as rules pertaining to SOAR High School/Antelope Valley College. It is recommended to read the entirety of this document as it contains pertinent information about the program.

COLLEGE REGISTRATION

Fall and **Summer** registrations take place in the Spring.

Spring registration takes place in the Fall.

General Information

- All registrations are completed online by the student through the student's myAVC portal.
- Registration dates and deadlines are communicated via SOAR High School and AVC email and through AVID classes prior to registration, each semester.
- Students **MUST** be registered in an AVC academic course to continue attendance at SOAR.
- College classes **CANNOT** conflict with high school classes (review your high school schedule prior to college registration).
- Students may **ONLY** register for classes from the IGETC list. If students register for classes that are NOT on the IGETC, they must receive prior approval from the counselor.

Freshman Specifics:

- **ONLY** one of the required foundational courses (HD101 or LIB101) and one PE course (KINF or DA) per semester are allowed in your Freshman year. (See list under "**Required Foundation Courses for ALL students at SOAR High School**")
- **AVC Summer Course (after 9th grade):** must have a minimum 3.0 GPA in high school and college in order to take 1 AVC course

Sophomore Specifics:

- Limited to 6 units at AVC per semester. Minimum 3.0 GPA required to take more than 1 AVC course.
- May not take any Communications courses during this year.
- **AVC Summer Courses (after 10th grade):** Minimum 2.5 GPA is required to take 1 course and minimum 3.0 to take 2 AVC courses. Max units allowed=6.

Junior Specifics:

- Limited to 9 units at AVC per semester. Minimum 3.0 GPA to take more than 1 AVC course.
- **AVC Summer Courses (after 11th grade):** Minimum 2.5 GPA is required to take 1 course and minimum 3.0 to take 2 AVC courses. Max units allowed=9.

Senior Specifics:

- Limited to 11.5 units at AVC per semester. Minimum 3.0 GPA to take more than 1 AVC course.
- If a college course is being taken to meet a high school graduation requirement, the student must meet with their high school counselor.
- High school graduation requirements cannot be completed at AVC during the spring semester of a student's senior year.

Summer Classes

- In order to take a Summer AVC course you **MUST** have a minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA in high school and college.
- In order to take more than 1 Summer AVC course you **MUST** have a minimum 3.00 cumulative grade point average in high school and college.

Required Foundation Courses for ALL students at SOAR High School

- HD101 - College & Life Management
- LIB 101 - Intro to Acad. Lib Research
- (PE) Kinesiology or Dance (Lancaster campus only)
**Note - When registering it is referred to as Kinesiology (e.g. KINF 108 or DA 102)*
- After a student completes the foundational course work, they should refer to their Student Education Plan (SEP) and the IGETC form (from the school year the student began high school) for approved AVC course options. Student Educational Plans will be completed annually.

WITHDRAWALS AND/OR DROPS

- Once college registration for SOAR students closes, students must complete an AVC Drop Request Form to withdraw from a class. This must be done by the drop date established by SOAR. Students can contact Mrs. Moya for the form.
- Once the drop date has passed, if an AVC class is dropped by either the student or instructor, this may incur a **\$50 processing drop fine** payable to AVC (cash or check only).
- If a student withdraws or an instructor drops you from a class, you may be removed from the SOAR program if you no longer have any academic classes. If you continue in the program you will be limited to one academic class the next semester.

PAYING FINES AND FEES

- Always have your college ID with you when paying fines and fees.
- The Student Health Fee along with the Student Representation Fee must be paid online or at the Cashier's Office by 11:30 p.m. on the day you register for college classes or you will be dropped from your classes.
- **College fees**, like library fines or parking permits, can be paid at the **Cashier's Office**, located in the SSV building.
- All **SOAR fines** such as late textbook fines, SOAR class drop fines, or SOAR repeat class fines, must be paid at the Student Life and Services Office, **T-700**.
- All fines (except withdrawal drop fines) must be paid before the next registration cycle begins.
- Students are responsible to pay any fines and fees incurred.
- No additional registrations can occur if there are **ANY** holds on your college record such as owing money for dropping a class, a library fine, or student fees.

TEXTBOOKS

- ALL college textbooks must be returned to the SOAR textbook return by the Monday following the end of the term or there will be a **\$25.00 fine per class**.
- If textbooks are not returned within one week after the last day of the term, you will be charged the **full cost** of replacing each late book, a hold will be placed on your college record, and you will not be able to register for any future terms, nor be issued any additional textbooks until it is cleared.
- Fines for late books should be paid in **T-700**.
- All fines **MUST** be paid before college textbooks are released to students.

GETTING A “D” OR “F”

*****You MUST maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA for high school and a 2.0 cumulative GPA in college in order to continue to attend SOAR High School*****

In College:

- If you received a D or F in a college course, every attempt must be made to retake that course the following semester (or summer school, if applicable).
- Students who get a D or F in a college class will be required to pay to repeat the class.
- If a new textbook is required or is not in the SOAR book inventory, students will be required to pay for the textbook.
- Payment must be paid at the time of registration to T-700E in cash or a check made out to AVC with the memo indicating which class they are repeating.

In high school:

- If you received a D in a high school A- G course, every attempt must be made to retake that course during summer school, if applicable. If you received an F in a high school class you MUST retake the course during summer school.

Mandatory Academic Support (MAS):

- Students will be placed on MAS based on their high school or AVC GPA from the previous semester.
- High School GPAs below a 2.5 or AVC GPAs below a 2.0 will result in MAS placement.
- A grade of a D or an F during the semester at the 5-week and quarter marks for freshman and quarter marks for 10th-12th grade students will also result in placement in MAS.
- A student who is on AVC or high school probation may be withdrawn from the program at the end of the semester if grades have not improved.

TOTAL WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SOAR PROGRAM

- If you withdraw from the SOAR program during the semester, you will be withdrawn from your AVC courses and all textbooks must be returned. If all textbooks are not returned at the time you withdraw, you will be charged the cost of replacing the textbooks.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS AND BEST PRACTICES

- The **CA College Promise Grant** must be submitted every year you are in the SOAR program. You must complete this prior to the deadline. Failure to meet the deadline can result in removal from the SOAR program.
- Any medical condition that occurs while enrolled in SOAR which may result in missing college classes must be reported to the college instructor, the high school office, and Dr. Zimmerman's office.
- Make sure you **ALWAYS** have your college ID when conducting college business.
- Log into myAVC to make sure it works. If it does not, call the help desk at (661) 722-6300, ext. 6535 or 6605 or go to the computer lab for assistance.
- Check your AVC and district emails DAILY.

A-G REQUIREMENTS

A-G requirements must be completed to be eligible for a four-year college or university. UC/CSU's will only accept a grade of C or better in A-G coursework.

- Students must complete their Foreign Language and Visual Performing Arts A-G requirements at AVC. See the IGETC for which classes you can take to meet these requirements.

VPA:

- Visual and Performing Arts requirement are met with courses in Area 3 of the IGETC.
- **NOTE:** *Language, English, History, Philosophy and Photo classes in Area 3 of the IGETC cannot be used to meet the VPA requirement.*

Foreign Language:

- DO NOT take CHIN or LATN.
- A 101 level language course must be completed for foreign language even though it is not indicated on the IGETC.
- It is recommended you take a 102 level language class as soon as possible after completing a 101 level language course.

Please sign and return this signature page, stating that you understand, and agree to the terms of this document.

We have read, understand, and agree to the terms of, **“Things You Need to Know.”** Any violation of the terms can result in removal from the SOAR program.

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Student Name (Print) AND SOAR ID#	Student Signature	Date
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Parent Name (Print)	Parent Signature	Date

Please return to your SOAR AVID Teacher by the assigned due date.