# EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM

A partnership between Irvine Valley College and the Tustin Unified School District

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IRVINE VALLEY COLLEGE

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# 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

’26-’27 will be the 20th year of Early College at Beckman High School.

The first Early College cohort graduated in May 2011, earning Associate’s Degrees.

# BENEFITS

## Early College Program will provide high school students an opportunity to:

- Earn 51 college units
- Majority of IVC classes are weighted = students receive GPA boosts on Beckman HS transcript
- Complete UC and CSU General Education Pattern (CalGETC).
- Earn credits toward an Associate in Arts Degree at Irvine Valley College
- Earn transferable college units
- Use IVC's tutorial, college library, labs, and other facilities and equipment

# BENEFITS OF DUAL ENROLLMENT

Earn credits toward high school graduation, an associates degree, & a baccalaureate degree

Reduces costs.  Students pay no application or tuition fees, but must purchase their own college textbooks

# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Students will take two IVC classes each semester (Fall and Spring)

During the regular school year, students will take **at least** four TUSD classes at Beckman High School and two IVC classes each semester. 9th & 10th graders are <u>required</u> to take a <u>Zero period</u> class and will have a seven period day

# DESIRABLE STUDENT TRAITS

Time management & study skills

Self advocate

Self motivated

Student maturity

Minimum 3.5 GPA

Algebra 1 passed with a B or better

# IEPs, 504s, & ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE FOR IVC COURSES

- IVC provides potential accommodations for students through the DSPS department
- Irvine Valley College requests that students notify DSPS of any accommodation needs to ensure the quality and coordination of services requested
- All accommodations are discussed and determined with a DSPS counselor through an interactive process
- It is the students responsibility to request accommodations

# IEPS, 504S, & ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE FOR IVC COURSES

## Potential Services Offered:

- Adapted Equipment
- Alternate Media for Educational Materials
- Counseling and Advising
- Extended Academic Tutoring
- Note Taking Assistance
- Program Eligibility
- Sign Language Interpreting
- Test Proctoring

# FERPA (FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT)

It is very important to understand that when a minor (or adult) becomes a student at any college, all rights afforded to parent(s) under FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) transfer to the student

In essence, parents or guardians do not have the right to inspect a student's records or gain access to information related to their attendance at Irvine Valley College or IVC courses

# FERPA (FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT)

Minor students and their parents/guardians must also understand that they are entering a college environment, which is designed with adults in mind

Students should be aware that:

- Courses may have frank and open discussions about sensitive topics
- Audio-visual presentations may contain info and graphics not normally seen in high school courses

This information serves only as a precaution to allow students and their parents/guardians to understand what a college setting is like so that they can have a safe, positive educational experience with Irvine Valley College.

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## Communication with parents

- Faculty may not release personal information about a student to a third-party, including parents, without a student's *written* authorization. Written authorization is for one time use only.

## Communication with HS counselors and administrators

- ECP students have signed releases for grade and other information to be exchanged with the high school.

# SAMPLE EARLY COLLEGE 9TH GRADE SCHEDULE

| Period | Course |
|---|---|
| 0 | Early College 9 |
| 1 | Early College 9 |
| 2 | English 1 Honors |
| 3 | Spanish 1 |
| 4 | Geometry Honors |
| 5 | PE |

# GRADE 9 EC COURSES

Fall 2026

- Counseling 10, Intro to College Study Skills
- History 1, World History to 1500

Spring 2027

- Music 20, Music Appreciation
- History 2, World History since 1500

# FALL 2026

Beckman High School Periods 0 & 1 (7:26am – 9:27am) are blocked together for Irvine Valley College classes

IVC courses will be taught by college instructors Monday/Friday and Tuesday/Thursday

Wednesday - Study Hall with a BHS teacher

Grade 9 (Pre-program–Provisional Acceptance)

# COURSE SEQUENCING: 4 YEARS

| ECP Semester Taken | Early College Courses |
|---|---|
| **Freshman Year – at Beckman High School** | |
| Fall Semester | Counseling 10 |
| Fall Semester | History 1 |
| Spring Semester | Music 20 |
| Spring Semester | History 2 |
| **Sophomore Year – at Beckman High School** | |
| Fall Semester | Sociology 1 |
| Fall Semester | Psychology 1 |
| Spring Semester | Communication 1 |
| Spring Semester | Geography 1 |
| **Junior Year – at Beckman High School - *Starting 2025-2026*** | |
| Fall Semester | Humanities 1 |
| Fall Semester | Economics 1 |
| Spring Semester | Writing 1 |
| Spring Semester | Psychology 10 |
| **Senior Year – at Irvine Valley College - *Starting 2026-2027*** | |
| Fall Semester | Biology 1 and 1L |
| Fall Semester | Writing 2 |
| Spring Semester | Ethnic Studies 10 |
| Spring Semester | Political Science 1 |

**Important Change:** Starting with the 2023-2024 entering cohort, Junior and Senior year course have changed slightly to incorporate Ethnic Studies (new IGETC requirement)

# EC STUDENTS ARE STILL ACTIVE BECKMAN PATRIOTS!

# INTERSESSION

Time period when IVC classes are not in session.

# APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE

Program Application, 3 References and Middle School Transcript: April 17, 2026 by 4:00 PM

Required writing assessment on April 22, 2026 in BHS Commons

ECP Acceptance/Denial Letter Sent Out: Last week of the 2025-2026 school year

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# FAQS

**Can my student "try out" the program and drop it after one year?**

NO. The expectation is for students to remain in the program for their entire high school career, taking courses with their cohort for four years. Grades earned from IVC remain on the student's official TUSD transcript, therefore, 100% commitment to the EC is imperative. In addition, it causes great difficulty for student scheduling & graduation credits

*If your student is on an intradistrict transfer and chooses to drop EC, they will be returned to their homeschool.

# FAQS

**Can EC students still take Advanced Placement (AP) classes at Beckman?**

Absolutely!  Most EC students take a combination of IVC, Honors, and AP courses.  However, not all AP courses are available to EC students.  For example, EC students do not take AP World History, as they have already fulfilled this  requirement by taking Hist 1 and Hist 2 their first year in the ECP.

# FAQS

**Are all EC classes taken on the Beckman campus?**

During the first 3 years, all IVC courses are taken at Beckman. For 12th graders, all courses are taken at the IVC campus, allowing students to be fully immersed in the college experience.

# FAQS

**Are there ever conflicts with IVC and Beckman classes?**

Yes.  EC courses are held Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday during 0 and 1st period.

Some BHS courses are only offered one period of the day and may fall during our EC class periods, excluding EC students from enrolling in them.

# FAQS

**What if my child completes the EC program and then would like to play sports at the Community College level following high school?**

Students in EC have completed most community college curriculum. They may not be limited in eligibility to play sports at that level since there would be limited classes for them to enroll in

# FAQS

**Do parents have access to EC grades via Aeries?**

No.  As college students, only student has access to grade from IVC while the course is in session (Per Federal law –FERPA).

The Parent and HS school relationship is different. While students are in college BHS cannot intervene in classes in any way, & professors are not required to respond to parents.

Once final grades are submitted and entered in Aeries, parents are able to see semester EC grades on their students' transcripts.

IVC instructors do not use Aeries to update or post grades.

# FAQS

**Do I have access to my child's academic records at Irvine Valley College?**

Under Section 49061 of the Education Code, parents/guardians of community college students **do not have** a right to access their children's student records, regardless of whether the student is under the age of 18. At Irvine Valley College, any student may access their college records online via MySite. In that way, students have the ability to share enrollment or grade information with their parents/guardians if they choose so.

# FAQS

**Do *all* colleges accept *all* courses and credits earned through the ECP?**

No. The ECP is geared for students applying for UC/CSU schools. Private and out-of-state schools are all unique in the number and type of transfer credits they will accept.

# FAQS

**To which schools have previous EC students been accepted?**

UC Los Angeles, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC San Diego, UC Irvine, UC Santa Barbara, UC Riverside, Cal State Fullerton, Cal Poly SLO, University of Colorado at Boulder, NYU, Boston University, Occidental, LMU, Scripps, Georgia Tech, Pepperdine, and University of Mississippi are a few.

# FAQS

**May I contact my child's instructor regarding assignments and/or grading policy?**

Your student is enrolled in a college course and it is important to understand that instructors may only work directly with students, as opposed to the type of parent/guardian interactions you are accustomed to at the high school level. Under FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) regulations, instructors are not required to discuss student performance or other student-related issues with parents/guardians.

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