

Student Services and Special Programs

Financial Aid

**Student Services Center, Room 120
(949) 451-5287**

Irvine Valley College believes that no student should be denied access to an education for lack of funds. The Financial Aid Office provides information and advisement to students who need help with financing the cost of their education. Eligible students may qualify for a grant, loan, college work-study, scholarship, and/or emergency loan.

The awarding of funds for student financial aid is closely regulated by laws designed to direct educational support funds to those who need them most. The student who seeks financial assistance must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), available in the Financial Aid Office. Information from the FAFSA form is used to determine each student's "need level." "Need" is the difference between the total cost of attendance and the available resources from the student and/or the student's family. Once this figure has been established, the college can offer an award package.

To receive financial aid, the student must:

1. Be a citizen or national of the United States, or be in the United States for other than a temporary purpose and intend to become a permanent resident thereof, or be a permanent resident of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. Holders of student visas are not eligible for aid.
2. Be enrolled.
3. Maintain satisfactory progress in the course of study according to the standards and practices of Irvine Valley College.
4. Not be in default on any loan made from a student loan fund and not owe a refund on grants previously received.
5. Be in need of financial assistance to pursue a course of study at Irvine Valley College.
6. Submit a Statement of Registration Compliance to the Financial Aid Office and, if required, provide proof of registration with the Selective Service.

Financial Assistance for Enrollment Fees

The state has set aside funds to help pay fees for special categories of persons who cannot afford these fees. Students should visit the Financial Aid Office in the Student Services Center at Irvine Valley College, Room 120, or phone (949) 451-5287 for information.

Return of Title IV Funds

When a recipient of federal student aid (Title IV grant or loan) withdraws completely from the college before completing 60% of the enrollment period, a new federal law will require repayment of part of the aid received. The amount that must be repaid will depend upon the percentage of the semester completed. The Financial Aid Office will notify the student regarding the amount owed and repayment options.

Any aid recipient who needs to withdraw from all classes should contact the Admissions and Records Office and the Financial Aid Office. Recipients are encouraged to discuss alternatives to complete withdrawal with their instructors or a counselor before making a final decision.

Drug Conviction

A student is ineligible to receive federal student aid (Title IV grants and loans) if the student has been convicted of an offense involving the possession or sale of illegal drugs. Students may contact the Financial Aid Office for information on the duration of this restriction.

Financial Assistance Programs

Financial Assistance programs currently offered through Irvine Valley College include the following:

- Board of Governors Fee Waivers
- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Grants
- California Grant Program
- College Work Study (CWS)
- Emergency Loan Program
- Extended Opportunity Program and Services Grant (EOPSG)
- Irvine Valley College Scholarship Program
- Pell Grants (Formerly BEOG)
- Stafford Student Loans (formerly GSL)
- Unsubsidized Loans
- Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)

Scholarships, grant programs, and loans can change from year to year. For more information, students should visit the Financial Aid Office (Student Services Center, SC 120) or call (949) 451-5287. For information about EOPS programs, call (949) 451-5243 or visit the EOPS Office (SC 130).

Centers and Services

Counseling Services

**Student Services Center, Room 210
(949) 451-5319**

Counseling services at Irvine Valley College exist to help students deal with a variety of educational, career, and personal concerns. The counseling faculty function as information specialists and facilitators of personal growth, helping students to clarify needs, make decisions, set goals, and deal effectively with personal obstacles. The relationship between student and counselor is confidential; its purpose is to help students define their own questions, explore their own ideas and options, and ultimately find their own answers.

The following are some of the services available to students:

Academic Advisement: Program planning, selecting a major, evaluating transcripts, exploring transfer options and requirements, developing study skills, managing time, overcoming test anxiety, and petitioning for certificates and degrees.

Career Exploration: Career/life-planning courses, vocational testing, investigating career options, developing and implementing career goals, and job-search training.

Personal Counseling: Relationship counseling, interpersonal communication, self-awareness, stress management, behavior change, and referral to off-campus resources.

Counselors are available during day and evening hours, Monday through Thursday, and during the day on Fridays. Appointments may be made in person, through the receptionist, or by calling the Counseling Center. Students may also see a counselor during specific drop-in hours for answers to quick questions.

Career Center

**Student Services Center, Room 230
(949) 451-5431**

The Career Center assists students in making informed decisions about their career goals. Center resources include occupational guides, career-planning books, videos, career files, magazines and publications, and EUREKA—a computer-based career information system. EUREKA allows students to research the most current occupational and educational information specific to the California labor market. Students can also find assistance in conducting a job search, writing a resume, and interviewing.

To facilitate an individual's career development process, the Career Center offers career counseling appointments, drop-in counseling, workshops, seminars, speakers, and networking contacts.

Transfer Center

**Student Services Center, Room 220
(949) 451-5339**

The Transfer Center provides information and services and sponsors special events to educate and assist IVC's transferring students. Students seeking guidance in choosing a transfer institution may browse through the catalogs of dozens of colleges and universities and get the most current information about transfer applications and deadlines and the selection process.

Students can also get help in accessing information about universities and financial aid programs via Internet workstations in the center. *College Source*, a CD-ROM program, enables students to access catalogs for most colleges and universities across the United States.

The center arranges individual appointments on the IVC campus with representatives from the University of California (UC), California State University (CSU), and independent colleges and universities. On Transfer Day (fall semester) and at college mini-fairs, students may speak informally with representatives from most UC and CSU campuses and the many independent colleges and universities who set up tables in the Student Services Center Quad.

Job Placement Center

**Student Services Center, Room 230F
(949) 451-5268**

The Job Placement Center provides employment information for students, alumni, and the community. The center maintains full- and part-time job listings and assists IVC students in finding positions related to their academic and vocational interests while they are in school and after they graduate.

The center prepares a variety of materials, such as handouts on writing resumes and cover letters, to help individuals ready themselves for employment. The center also sponsors special events, including seminars on interview and job-search techniques and job fairs.

IVC students can access the Jobtrak employment network in the center via the Internet and find out about full- and part-time job opportunities at major companies and small businesses throughout Southern California. They can also review company profiles and access additional job-search information. The Job Placement Center complies with all applicable laws and regarding equal opportunity and nondiscrimination.



Scholarships

Scholarship recipients are selected each spring, with award monies disbursed the following fall upon verification of the student's enrollment in a minimum of six units. Scholarship assistance is provided by colleges, educational programs, national associations, businesses, and local organizations. Scholarships may be designed to meet the criteria specified by donors, established as a memorial, or designated on an annual renewal basis. Individuals, organizations, or companies wishing to establish a tax-deductible scholarship are encouraged to contact the IVC Foundation Office at (949) 451-5777.

Veterans Program

Irvine Valley College hopes to provide the kind of assistance that will help veterans attain their educational goals. Students are encouraged to take advantage of the G.I. benefits they have earned.

Veterans have ten years after discharge to use up their entitlement. Certain disabled veterans under rehabilitation can qualify for up to 48 months of benefits. The law also provides educational assistance to war orphans and to dependents and widows of disabled veterans.

For more detailed information, or to make an appointment with the Veterans Affairs specialist, students should call (949) 451-5296. This is a college service office, not a branch of the federal government.

Health and Wellness Center

**Student Services Center, Room 150
(949) 451-5221**

The Health and Wellness Center (HWC), a prevention- and wellness-oriented unit, focuses on educating the student population in the practice of healthy lifestyles. The center sponsors health education programs each semester on a variety of current topics. HWC nurses offer ongoing health counseling on nutrition, exercise, stress reduction, family planning, and personal medical concerns, all on a confidential, one-to-one basis.

The center also treats students with acute injuries and diagnoses and treats short-term illnesses such as colds, sore throats, earaches, skin problems, and other health concerns. TB testing and some immunizations are also available. A physician is on campus regularly and may be seen by appointment for a variety of medical services, including gynecological examinations.

Services at the HWC are free to students who are enrolled and attending classes. There is a nominal charge for any required laboratory work such as blood tests, Pap smears, and pregnancy tests. Several medical insurance policies provided by outside agencies are available at the health center. These policies are specifically designed for college students and vary in both cost and coverage.

The HWC provides services to students who have paid the health fee (or have received a waiver from Financial Aid) and are currently enrolled in and attending classes. Students may call for hours of operation each semester. The center can also be reached by fax at (949) 451-5393.

IMPORTANT: Students entering a four-year college or university are required to have proof of measles and Rubella immunizations (MMR). This immunization is available to IVC students at the Health and Wellness Center at no cost.

Multicultural Center

**Student Services Center, Room 140
(949) 451-5501**

The Multicultural Center is dedicated to supporting the needs of the college's diverse population. Its mission is to develop a better understanding of diverse backgrounds, including culture, faith, religion, race and gender among the college population. The goal of the center is to promote cultural awareness through diversity programs. The center hosts many cultural events throughout the year and welcomes everyone.

Child Development Center

**Adjacent to Parking Lot 9
(949) 451-5484**

Irvine Valley College's on-campus Child Development Center serves children of IVC students, faculty, and staff, as well as community members. IVC students enrolled in six or more units are eligible to receive a discount. The center is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Two, three or five full-day programs are available. Children must be completely toilet trained for group care.

Openings are limited and the center has a waiting list, so interested parents should register as soon as possible to reserve a space. Center tours are Tuesdays at 10 a.m. or Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

Re-entry and Women's Center

**Room B 106B
(949) 451-5430**

A primary goal of the Re-entry and Women's Center is to encourage and support re-entry students and women in their educational, professional, and personal growth, and at the same time promote an understanding of the changing roles of men and women.

Throughout the year, the center sponsors workshops on issues such as parenting, menopause, stress reduction, and relationships—and other topics of particular interest to women and those who are returning to school after an absence of some years. Ongoing projects include assembling a library of books and printed resources related to women and gender; facilitating support groups for students; and sponsoring discussion groups.

Supportive Services

Disabled Students Services

**Student Services Center, Room 130
(949) 451-5243**

The primary function of the program for students with disabilities is to accommodate a person's limitation, enabling that individual to participate in the educational experience at Irvine Valley College. For this reason, students identified as disabled are regarded as students first, and students with special needs secondarily. Participation in the program is voluntary.

Although the major emphasis of this program is focused on the disabled student's total integration into the life of the college, some special courses have been designed to assist students in making a successful transition. Special Services courses may be found in the catalog at the end of course listings in Computer Information Science, English, Mathematics, and Physical Education.

Supportive services arranged through the Supportive Services Office include handicapped parking on campus; preregistration for classes; notetakers, readers, interpreters for the deaf, and aides in classes and labs; and equipment such as brailers, speech calculators, print enlargers, tape recorders, and adaptive computers to circumvent each student's specific limitation. The program also provides counseling in vocational education, transfer programs, and personal adjustment.

Learning Disabilities Program

**Student Services Center, Room 130
(949) 451-5243 or 451-4357**

The Learning Disabilities Program serves all Irvine Valley College students who are not achieving their educational and/or occupational goals because of difficulties with study and organizational skills or basic skills such as reading, writing, spelling, or math. Students with specific learning disabilities may find it difficult to perform well or to succeed in the classroom without help, and the Learning Disabilities Program offers such students specialized instruction and support. Special classes focus on basic skill development and strategies for overcoming specific learning problems.

Students may be referred to the program by an instructor, counselor, or community agency, or they may refer themselves. Each student will receive an initial interview and then be individually assessed. If a student is considered eligible for the program, an individualized educational plan is implemented through one-to-one tutoring, small group instruction, specialized classes, and individualized learning laboratories. Instruction in the program carries nontransferable community college credit. Students may call for further information and appointments.

Extended Opportunity Program and Services (E.O.P.S.)

**Student Services Center, Room 130
(949) 451-5274**

E.O.P.S. is a state-funded program which provides support services to eligible low-income students to ensure their success. Services include a college-readiness program; financial assistance; academic assessment and planning; academic, occupational, and personal counseling; transfer assistance; peer counseling; child care referrals; work-study; subject-area tutoring; and study-skills assistance. Referrals to other campus resources and community agencies are also available. Students may call for eligibility criteria and additional information.

CalWORKs

**Student Services Center, Room 171 A
(949) 451-5521**

As a partner in welfare reform legislation, Irvine Valley College offers a number of approved vocational programs and college work-study positions designed to train students in job-readiness skills. In addition, the college provides several supportive programs with services including child care, counseling, and job placement to CalWORKs recipients.

CARE

**Student Services Center, Room 130
(949) 451-5521**

The Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education program supports CalWORKs single parents, offering child care and transportation assistance, books and supplies, special workshops, and counseling. Students interested in the CARE program are encouraged to contact the E.O.P.S. Office or call 451-5521 to determine their eligibility.

AmeriCorps Literacy Project

**Student Services Center, Room 171 A
(949) 451-5521**

The Irvine Valley College AmeriCorps Literacy Project provides students an opportunity to tutor children in local schools and gain firsthand teaching experience. The program is a collaboration involving IVC, the Corporation for National Service, Orange County Social Services Agency, and Irvine and Tustin Unified School Districts. While concurrently completing courses at IVC, AmeriCorps members assist local school children in acquiring literacy skills and, if eligible, earn \$7.25 per hour of college work study. At the completion of a one-year service contract, members receive an educational award of \$2,363. This program is ideal for students considering a career in teaching and is approved for CalWORKs students pursuing certificates in Early Childhood Education.

Associated Students

**Student Services Center, Room 260A
(949) 451-5260**

Associated Students of Irvine Valley College (ASIVC) is recognized as the official governing body for all areas of student concern. Student representatives sit as members of all standing college committees. The ASIVC constitution establishes an organized student voice at the college, which is facilitated by the Associated Student Government. Student government meetings are held weekly in the ASIVC Office (SC 260), and, unless otherwise posted, are open to the public. Any student duly enrolled at Irvine Valley College is automatically accorded membership in ASIVC and has the right to vote in collegewide elections. Students who are interested in joining the student government should contact their elected representatives or the ASIVC Office for more information.

ASIVC Sponsorship

ASIVC budget monies are derived principally from college contracts, with the remainder of monies coming from the sale of ASIVC cards and the proceeds from college events. Expenditures finance campus causes and events, such as club activities and programs, awareness campaigns, athletics, forensics, journalism, and scholarships. The ASIVC also sponsors special event days to promote cultural awareness and celebrate ethnic diversity. Students are encouraged to purchase the Associated Student Body Card, which entitles its holder to a number of benefits, including an opportunity to join Orange County Teachers Federal Credit Union, no-cost entry to IVC athletic events for the semester, reduced prices for fine arts events, discounted Edwards Cinema tickets, and an opportunity to apply for Associated Students scholarship awards.

Clubs

Irvine Valley College sponsors a diversity of campus clubs and organizations, including the Honor Society (Alpha Gamma Sigma, Phi Theta Kappa and Psi Beta). A number of groups, such as the Muslim Student Association, Chinese Cultural Association and MEChA, offer students an opportunity to become involved with others of similar cultural interests and/or backgrounds. The college also sponsors a broad range of special organizations such as the Administration of Justice Club, Biology Society, Industrial Arts Collective, Geology Club, Health Sciences Society, Dance Club, and Computer Science Club. A list of clubs and their advisors is published in the class schedule each fall and spring. Additional information is available in the Associated Student Office.

International Students

**Student Services Center, Room 170E
(949) 451-5414**

The International Student Office at Irvine Valley College is established to assist students entering the college on an F-1 Student Visa. Prospective students are encouraged to visit or call the center. They may also contact the International Student Office by e-mail at iso@ivc.cc.ca.us or visit the website at <http://www.ivc.cc.ca.us/student/iso/isohome.htm>.

For the international student, Irvine Valley College specializes in providing the first two years of the baccalaureate (four-year) degree, and excels at preparing students to transfer to top quality public and private institutions for their final two years. Higher education in the United States requires a wider breadth of courses in undergraduate study than do European or Asian systems. All students in the U.S. must take introductory courses in several fields, including humanities, science and mathematics, along with pre-major courses, before taking the advanced courses in their major field.

Irvine Valley College is a uniquely American institution, providing the international student with distinct advantages:

- A language skills program that offers special classes designed to strengthen the English skills of our growing international student population.
- Courses that satisfy the lower-division requirements for baccalaureate degrees at four-year colleges and universities. From Irvine Valley College, students can find the university that best meets their needs, without losing time.
- One-year occupational certificates in business, computer technology, drafting and electronic technology, office information systems, fitness training, and many other fields.
- Tuition that is thousands of dollars less than other public and private institutions.
- Small classes, with college professors noted for both their expertise and their ability to teach.
- Greater accessibility for international students, with a TOEFL minimum score at 486. Students may also be considered for admission to Irvine Valley College if they have completed Speech or English classes at other U.S. colleges and universities.
- A greater ability for international students to gain admission and complete their final two years of their major at the University of their choice.

Intercollegiate Athletics

Irvine Valley College is a member of the Orange Empire Conference (OEC) of the California Community College Association. Members of the conference are Cypress, Fullerton, Golden West, Orange Coast, Riverside, Saddleback, Santa Ana, and Santiago Canyon colleges.

In 2001-2002, the men's and women's basketball, soccer and volleyball teams advanced to the regional playoffs, with the women's basketball and volleyball teams advancing to the regional finals. Additionally, the men's cross-country team advanced to the state cross-country championship; and individuals in men's tennis, women's golf, and men's and women's cross country advanced to regional and state competition.

During the 2001-2002 school year, the Lasers will compete in the following intercollegiate sports:

- Men's Baseball
- Men's and Women's Basketball
- Men's and Women's Cross Country
- Men's and Women's Golf
- Men's and Women's Soccer
- Men's and Women's Tennis
- Men's and Women's Track and Field
- Men's and Women's Volleyball
- Women's Badminton
- Women's Softball

Athletic Eligibility:

General athletic eligibility rules, as established by the Committee on Athletics, are as follows:

1. A student-athlete must be continuously and actively enrolled in a minimum of any 12 credit units at his/her community college during the season of sport. Courses less than a semester in length shall be counted if the student is **currently enrolled** in the course or has **completed** the course during the semester of the season of sport. Mini-courses in which the student **expects** to enroll shall not be counted for purposes of athletic eligibility.
2. In order to continue athletic participation in any sport, the student-athlete shall maintain a cumulative 2.0 grade point average in accredited post-secondary coursework computed since the start of the semester/quarter of the first participation in any sport, regardless of the college attended.
3. To be eligible for the **second season** of a sport, the student athlete must complete and pass 24 semester units before the semester of the second season of competition.

Note: College units mentioned do not apply until the student has first participated in a collegiate sport.

Transfer Rule:

A student who is transferring to a California community college for academic or athletic participation purposes and who has previously participated in intercollegiate athletics and whose most recent participation was at another California community college must complete **12 units in residence prior to the beginning of the semester of competition** for that college. A maximum of 8 units can be applied from summer enrollment.

Late Registration:

A student who registers in a community college later than four weeks after the first day of class instruction as listed in that community college calendar shall not represent that community college in athletic competition in that semester.

Important:

These requirements are very exacting. Athletes are advised to become thoroughly familiar with them in order to avoid loss of eligibility. All interested students are urged to contact the Athletics Office at the beginning of the school year to learn the requirements: (949) 451-5407.



Additional Instructional Programs

Study Abroad

Irvine Valley College offers study abroad opportunities for students seeking college-credit learning experiences in other nations. Currently scheduled programs are Summer Session in Costa Rica, Sports Medicine in Thailand, and Art in Istanbul, Turkey. Students may also participate in study abroad classes offered by Saddleback College, including semester programs in England, Italy and Spain; summer programs in China, England, Italy, Japan and Spain; and a Theatre in London spring break program. For information and brochures, students should contact the appropriate division offices or the Office of International Projects at (949) 582-4347.

Community Education

The Community Education Program provides a diverse offering of classes and workshops to enhance the college's state-supported, academic, unit-bearing classes. Course offerings include classes in management and supervision, computers, software, Internet, web design and graphics, professional certifications, small business and more. For more information and to register, students should go to www.ivccommunityed.com or call (949) 451-5555.

Emeritus Institute

The Emeritus program is designed to provide courses of interest and value to older adults at convenient off-campus sites. These courses may be taken on a credit/no-credit basis only and are not intended to meet certificate or transfer requirements. Courses are described in this catalog, and each semester current offerings are listed in the class schedule. Further information about the program may be obtained by calling (949) 451-5382.

Contract Education for Business

IVC provides leadership in the delivery of contract education, consulting, training and economic development services to businesses and individuals. Contract Education assists in training, retraining and upgrading the skills of employees using assessments; individualized, cost-effective training; training management; and continued evaluation and monitoring. Offerings include the following: Management and Executive Development, Supervisory Training, Professional Certifications, Microsoft classes, ISO 9000/Lead Auditor Preparation, and Cisco Systems Training. The college is committed to providing a high quality of instruction, customer support and service, and IVC at the forefront of the training field. The office may be reached by calling (949) 451-5226.

Kaplan International

Irvine Valley College is one of three campus centers for Kaplan International, a private educational institution which offers intensive English as a Foreign Language studies. Kaplan programs are specially designed to prepare international students for successful study at American colleges, universities, and technical schools. Advanced students attend classes that enhance skills needed for university studies, as well as classes that prepare them for the TOEFL and other scholastic achievement exams. The program also offers professionals an opportunity to acquire English language skills for their personal or professional needs.

Kaplan students have the opportunity to live with American host families, attend classes at a Kaplan site on the IVC campus, and access all facilities within the South Orange County Community College District. The year-round program has classes five hours a day, Monday through Friday. Special summer programs are also available. Students and families seeking further information should call (949) 651-1165 or 451-5420. Faxes may be sent to (949) 651-1163.

Air Force ROTC

Students interested in obtaining a commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force may participate in the first two years of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Program through an arrangement with Loyola Marymount University (LMU) in west Los Angeles. Students must transfer to a four-year college and obtain a bachelor's degree to receive a commission. A commissioned officer has leadership and management opportunities in aerospace piloting and operations, logistics, air and space vehicle maintenance, law enforcement, engineering, and most other civilian career fields.

Classes consist of one hour of academics and two hours of leadership laboratory for freshmen and sophomores. The academic hours earned can normally be counted as elective credit toward graduation. AFROTC classes and laboratories are held on Friday to better accommodate students commuting from other colleges and universities.

For more information, students may contact the Loyola Marymount University Department of Aerospace Studies (AFROTC) at (310) 338-2770, or visit the website at www.lmu.edu/acad/rotc/main.htm. Other AFROTC detachments are located at the University of California, Los Angeles, (310) 825-1742; University of Southern California, (213) 740-2670; and San Diego State University (619) 594-5545. Students who will transfer to these universities should contact these detachments directly. All others should contact AFROTC at LMU.

Performance Groups, Exhibits, Publications

Choral Groups

The college's choral music program includes the Irvine Valley College Chorale, Chamber Singers, and Women's Chorus. The ensembles sing several major concerts each year and perform choral music from all style periods. The Chorale has performed many great choral/orchestral works, including the Mozart and Brahms Requiems, Handel's *Messiah*, and the Bach *Magnificat*. The choirs have performed in Europe and in New York's Carnegie Hall, and in the summer of 2001 toured Latin America. Auditions for the season are held in May and August. Students may call (949) 451-5453 to schedule an audition appointment.

Wind Symphony

The Wind Symphony is one of the college's two instrumental ensembles. This state-recognized ensemble performs annually, both on and off campus, playing literature from the Renaissance period through the 21st century. In addition to regular performances, the ensemble performs at festivals and conferences such as the Western States Wind Ensemble Festival. Three years of instrumental ensemble experience is required. For more information about the ensemble or the instrumental music program, please call (949) 451-5366 or e-mail srochford@ivc.cc.ca.us.

Jazz Ensemble

The Jazz Ensemble is one of the college's two instrumental ensembles. Now in its third year, the ensemble performs standard big band literature as well as premieres of new compositions. The ensemble also performs each year with nationally and regionally recognized soloists and at collegiate festivals. The ensemble is open by audition; three years of instrumental ensemble experience is required. For audition information, please call (949) 451-5453. For more information about the ensemble or the instrumental music program, please call (949) 451-5366.

Forensics Team

The South Orange County Community College District Forensics Team is one of the most respected and accomplished teams in the nation, competing against colleges and universities throughout the U.S. The team has placed first or second at the last six state championships and has finished in the top five at the last seven national championships. The team also captured six league titles in the 1990s. Currently, the team is ranked number two in the county for community college parliamentary debate teams and number 15 among all two- and four-year institutions. Interested students are encouraged to call (949) 451-5417.

Theatre

The IVC Theatre Department offers both the IVC student and community actor an opportunity to participate in a variety of dramatic and musical productions. The theatre season includes a fall musical, student shows, a faculty showcase, and a spring classical comedy or drama. The department's productions have been highly acclaimed by the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Orange County Register*, and *The Irvine World News*. Those interested in acting or production work or in just helping out should contact Ron Ellison at (949) 451-5303.

Art Exhibits

The college's art gallery (Room B112) exhibits the work of artists throughout the state, as well as faculty and student artists. Recent shows include Mythologies, with works by David Carlson, James Lorigan and Marilyn Prescott; Assemblage and Collage, featuring the work of Janice Lowry, Scott McMillin and Dave Newman; and The Ekstroms, work by sculptor Cheryl Ekstrom and painter Dennis Ekstrom. The Fine Arts Hotline, (949) 451-5488, offers recorded information about current shows and fine arts events.

The Ear

Founded in 1982, *The Ear* is a journal of fiction, nonfiction, art, and poetry produced each year by the School of Humanities and Languages at IVC. The journal features the work of writers and artists who live in Orange County or have associations here through school, employment, or family. Queries may be directed to *The Ear*, School of Humanities and Languages, Irvine Valley College, 5500 Irvine Center Drive, Irvine, CA 92618. Copies are available in the Humanities Center, Room A 303.

The Voice

The Voice is the campus newspaper, produced by students with the assistance of a faculty advisor from the journalism program. Students on staff earn college credit for working on the newspaper (see Journalism 120: Newspaper Production). *The Voice* publishes news stories, features, in-depth articles, original art, photography, and editorial cartoons developed by students. Copies are available throughout the campus.

Further information about joining the staff of *The Voice* or offering submissions for publication may be obtained by calling the newspaper advisor, (949) 451-5494.