Imperial Valley Campus

General Information

The Imperial Valley Campus is a branch campus of San Diego State University serving the people of southeastern California. It is accredited as an integral division of SDSU and operates under the same academic calendar. Established in 1959, by an act of the State legislature, the campus offers the last two years of undergraduate education, graduate programs, and fifth year credential programs for teacher preparation. In addition, the Imperial Valley Campus offers first and second year undergraduate education through the Imperial Valley University Partnership, an innovative collaboration between SDSU-IV, Imperial Valley College, and the Imperial County Office of Education, to students planning to major in criminal justice, history, liberal studies, psychology, public administration, or Spanish (available for students who have received a score of 3 or higher on the Spanish Language Advanced Placement examination). Imperial Valley Campus faculty are multinational in their classroom orientation and background. Smart classroom technology provides students the opportunity to participate in some classes broadcast live from the campus in San Diego. The Imperial Valley Campus schedules many of its classes in three-hour blocks so that students who work full-time can earn 9-12 units a semester by attending classes once or twice a week. Some classes are also offered on the weekends.

Student clubs, student government, lectures, art exhibits, and musical events enhance education for the approximately 1,000 students at SDSU – Imperial Valley Campus.

Location

Imperial County has a population of approximately 180,000 people. SDSU-IV is located on two sites, Calexico and Brawley. Calexico is 110 miles east of San Diego, 55 miles west of Yuma, Arizona, and 120 miles south of Palm Springs. Interstate 8 and State Highways 111 and 86 connect the County to the rest of the country and state. The Calexico location, six blocks from the Mexican border, provides the opportunity for involvement in a bicultural environment. Just across the border is Mexicali, a city of more than one million people. The Brawley location is 24 miles north of the Calexico site. It is surrounded by rich agricultural fields and a rapidly emerging renewable energy industry.

Curricula Offered

Master’s Degrees

- Master of Arts in Education
  - Concentration in Educational Leadership
  - Concentration in Elementary Curriculum and Instruction
  - Concentration in Secondary Curriculum and Instruction
- Master of Social Work (in cooperation with the San Diego campus)

Certificate Programs

- Business Administration (Currently not admitting new students)
- Public Administration
- Single Subject Mathematics

Teaching Credentials

Basic
- Multiple Subject
- Multiple Subject with Bilingual Authorization: Spanish

Single Subject
- Single Subject with Bilingual Authorization: Spanish

Specialist

- Administrative Services
- Special Education (in conjunction with the College of Education)
  - Mild/Moderate, Moderate/Severe.

For further information on any of these degrees, see the SDSU – Imperial Valley Campus Bulletin.

Exchange Programs and Study Abroad

Graduate and undergraduate students at the SDSU-Imperial Valley Campus can enhance their education and cultural awareness by taking part in several of the many opportunities available to study abroad.

SDSU offers over 350 education abroad programs in more than 50 countries. In addition to SDSU’s own study abroad programs, students may participate in the California State University International Programs; the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) Consortia; and other independent programs.

SDSU GRADUATE BULLETIN 2016-2017 429
Research Centers

Center for Individual and Professional Skills Development
Suzanna Fuentes, Director

The Center for Individual and Professional Skills Development at San Diego State University-Imperial Valley Campus offers community programs to the Imperial and Mexicali valleys. The center offers English as a second language (ESL) courses in the local community and a teacher training program in Mexico. Additionally, the Center for Individual and Professional Skills Development presents annual conferences including the Bi-national Conference on Education and the Bi-national Youth Leadership Conference.

USDA-HSI and SDSU-Imperial Valley Campus Partnership
Roberto González, Jr., Regional Director for Southern California and Arizona

The USDA-HSI national program promotes partnerships and collaborations between U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) agencies and Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs). The partnership cultivates knowledge and develops leaders by linking USDA and higher education. For more information, stop by the Administration Building at SDSU Imperial Valley Campus.

Facilities

The Calexico campus is located on an eight-acre city block in the heart of Calexico's civic center along the Mexican border. The campus facilities create a pleasing architectural harmony of old and new structures surrounding a spacious central lawn area, the Rollie Carrillo Quad. Adjoining the quad, the library, Joseph Rodney Auditorium, and John Stepping Art Gallery provide academic and cultural resources for the entire community. Other buildings include classroom buildings, the administration building, faculty offices, computer labs, a bookstore, and the Student Union. The Brawley campus is a showcase of the latest instructional technologies, including a computer classroom, a video conference classroom, full computer and Internet presentation capabilities in all classrooms, as well as a computer laboratory for students to research and study individually or in groups. The Brawley campus is also the site of the Center for Energy Sustainability and its numerous renewable energy projects.

The library, located at the Calexico site, is designed to facilitate research and to provide a pleasant atmosphere for study. The collection's volumes, periodicals, and newspapers support the curricula offered on the Imperial Valley Campus. Services provided include reference assistance, CD ROM databases, personal computers for word processing, full text database, Internet access, interlibrary loans, and photocopying facilities.

Computer assistance is available in the computer laboratory. Both Macintosh and IBM compatible systems and Internet access are also available on campus.

Transfer Center

The Transfer Center provides support services to identified and potential transfer students from accredited institutions. Information is provided by a professional counselor about programs and services available at San Diego State University, Imperial Valley Campus. The transfer center works with all students, and has among its goals to increase the number of underrepresented students in higher education. Underrepresented students are minorities, disabled, low income, and others not proportionately represented among the transfer population. For more information, call 760-768-5506, visit the office located in Student Affairs, or go to http://www.ivcampus.sdsu.edu/transfer.

Admission and Registration

To apply for admission to the Imperial Valley Campus, students complete the CSUMentor application online at http://www.csumentor.edu and have transcripts sent to the Office of Admissions, San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive, San Diego, CA 92182-7455. Call 760-768-5667 for additional information.

After students have been admitted, they can register on the Internet using WebPortal, but only after fees are paid. Late registration is allowed during the first three weeks of the semester. Students wishing to late register must pay registration fees plus a $25.00 late fee.