

EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Alternative Methods of Instruction in Addition to Distance Learning with Valencia Online

Mathematics

Some mathematics courses are offered through different teaching/learning approaches:

Computer-Assisted Instruction

This approach offers the newest innovations of computer and instructional technologies and features video animation clips, historical and applications-based perspectives, precise graphing tools, and immediate feedback to students. The instructor presents some explanation of the course material as needed by the class but primarily serves as a resource person when students have questions. This approach allows students 24-hour electronic access to computer lessons via the Internet, assuming students have an online account via an Internet service provider. Students need to be able to point and click a computer mouse to participate in this approach. Students are expected to attend all class meetings but also may progress independently outside of class. Chapter tests are announced and taken as a class which requires students to keep a common instructional pace throughout the course.

Individualized Learning for Motivated Students

This approach is for highly self-motivated students. Students must attend class, individually complete all course material and pass each test at the required level. The instructor does not present explanations of the course material to the class but serves as a resource person when students have questions. The instructor assists in the use of various multimedia resources. Each student takes the required competency-based exams when he/she is ready. Individualized Learning provides students the opportunity to complete two courses in one term.

Independent Study

Valencia offers Independent Study (IS) in various courses to allow you to progress at your own rate. IS helps you meet course requirements through student/faculty interaction in a non-classroom situation. IS arrangements are dependent on the availability of a Professor and upon the approval of the respective Academic Dean. Regardless of the date of enrollment in an IS course, you will receive a grade at the end of the Fall, Spring or Summer Full Term in which you register for the course. The conditions of the Withdrawal and Forgiveness rules apply to Independent Study courses. (See the Withdrawal and Forgiveness entry in this catalog.)

If you wish to take an IS course, you will have to make arrangements with a Professor and the appropriate Academic Dean. Application forms are available in the office of the department responsible for the course. A non-refundable fee of \$25.00 per credit hour is charged in addition to regular fees for each IS course in which you enroll. If you receive financial aid or third-party funding, you should verify that your financial aid or third-party funding will cover the fees associated with Independent Study.

Additional Educational Opportunities

Bridges to Success Program

Bridges to Success is a summer transition program for recent high school graduates to enhance skills needed for academic success. Students receive a summer scholarship for course fees and books and can earn up to six college credits. Successful completion makes students eligible for a two-year scholarship at Valencia. (See Scholarships entry in the Student Financial Aid section of this catalog.)

Dual Enrollment

The Dual Enrollment Program provides the opportunity for qualified high school students to enroll in Valencia courses while concurrently enrolled in high school. Dual enrollment students may be attending public or private schools or participating in a home education program. Students receive both high school and college credit for dual enrollment courses.

High school counselors, or parents for home education students, are responsible for identifying students who demonstrate social maturity and motivation and who possess the academic capabilities to pursue college-level instruction. Recommended students must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 unweighted scale in courses taken in high school. In addition, students who are not in special high school programs must have junior or senior class standing and be at least 16 years of age by the end of their first term of dual enrollment. The application process is included in the Admissions section of this catalog.

Dual enrollment students are exempt from application, matriculation, and laboratory fees. Textbooks and instructional materials for public school students are provided by the school district through the high school; however, students enrolled in nonpublic secondary schools or home education programs must pay for their own textbooks and instructional materials.

When a student selects dual enrollment courses, it is advantageous for the student to choose courses that will apply toward his/her intended college degree. Dual enrollment students may take college-level courses at their high school and/or on a Valencia campus. Classes may meet before, during or after high school hours and during the Summer Term. College-preparatory and physical education courses and courses less than three credits are ineligible for inclusion in the Dual Enrollment Program.

Students who are in dual enrollment via a specific high school career education program are not eligible to enroll in any academic courses nor can they enroll in electives outside the requirements of their career program's curriculum without permission from the Dual Enrollment Office.

No high school credit is granted by Valencia; high school credit for dual enrollment is awarded by the high school and is reflected on the high school transcript. College credits earned through dual enrollment are reflected on the college transcript. Valencia dual enrollment students are **required** by Florida Statute to submit an official, final high school transcript showing the date of graduation from high school before a Valencia transcript can be released and a dual enrollment student can become a regular degree-seeking student at Valencia.

All active dual enrollment students are re-classified from *Dual Enrollment* to *Personal Interest* during the term of their high school graduation. This classification allows them to register for classes for any of the Valencia terms immediately following high school graduation even though a start date may be prior to the actual high school graduation date.

A *Personal Interest* classification allows a student to continue as a non-degree seeking student until the high school diploma is received and a Student Records Information Form is submitted to re-classify the student from *Personal Interest* to a degree/certificate-seeking status. Dual enrollment fee waivers are not applied for terms ending after high school graduation, and a non-degree-seeking student is not eligible for financial aid; thus, all tuition and fees must be paid by the student by the stated fee payment deadlines in the online official catalog.

In addition to (1) the final high school transcript and (2) the Student Records Information Form to update enrollment status from dual enrollment to degree seeking, students who wish to continue at Valencia must verify their Florida residency status for tuition purposes by submitting (3) the Residency Affidavit and supporting documentation. Also, international dual enrollment students must meet the admission requirements and procedures for international students outlined in the Admissions section of this catalog.

Flex Start Scheduling

Flex Start scheduling offers students the opportunity to register for classes that begin and end at times other than the official beginning and ending of the Fall, Spring, and Summer Full Terms. Through Flex Start, courses are taught in five, six, eight, and ten week periods. Generally, courses are offered 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Monday through Sunday, and may be taught on campus and online.

Intensive Foreign Language Classes

Students who want to fulfill the foreign language requirement for an Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree in one term may do so by enrolling in intensive language classes. The eight credits that ordinarily are taken over two terms are taught in one Full Term and cover the material from the 1120 and 1121 level courses in that language.

This option reduces the number of terms it takes to complete the foreign language requirement and creates more of an "immersion course setting" which aids most students in language acquisition.

International/Intercultural Education

Since the founding of the College in 1967, Central Florida has grown from a state and regional vacation spot to a dynamic hub for international business, industry, and entertainment. Valencia offers courses and programs that respond to the needs of a global economy and a diverse community at home. International and U.S. students enrich each campus culture and enhance learning opportunities with different perspectives and life experiences.

Study Abroad and Global Exchange (SAGE)

The SAGE Office prepares students to live, work and collaborate effectively in a global community by providing learning experiences that promote an understanding of cultural diversity, increase language acquisition and fluency, and develop intercultural competence. Study abroad and student/faculty exchange opportunities are described on the Web site at valenciac.edu/international/exchange.

International Student Services (ISS)

Valencia boasts an international student population from more than 60 nations. The college has four campuses throughout Central Florida as well as a Center for Global Languages. Valencia is authorized under federal law to issue the I-20, one of the documents necessary to request an F-1 student visa. Prospective international students can learn more and apply to Valencia at valenciac.edu/international/students.

English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

English for Academic Purposes is an English program for speakers of other languages who already have some background in English. The program is designed to bring English skills to a level that will help students be successful in college credit courses. Learn more at valenciac.edu/eap.

Center for Global Languages (CGL)

Valencia's CGL welcomes students from the United States and around the world to study in its intensive language programs, including summer youth offerings. The Center also specializes in custom course and curriculum development for specific workplace language needs. For more information, visit centerforgloballanguages.com.

Learning in Community (LinC)

Learning in Community (LinC) is a program of linking two or more courses in one integrated LinC course. Professors from different disciplines tie their courses together around a common theme. Students take the LinC course as a group, professors teach as a team, and the college provides special academic and social support for each student. Enrollment information is available at New Student Orientation or in Student Services on any campus.

Pre-College Program

College Reach Out Program (CROP)

The College Reach Out Program provides services to economically and academically disadvantaged 6th through 12th graders in Orange and Osceola Counties. Services include tutoring in core subject areas, career exploration, cultural enrichment, and assistance in preparing for the transition to college. The program runs after school and

daily for two to four weeks each summer. A highlight of the program is the opportunity to participate in college tours.

ROTC

All Valencia students are eligible to enroll in the United States Army and Air Force ROTC programs at the University of Central Florida. Army and Air Force Military Science classes are conducted at the University of Central Florida. A maximum of eight semester credits of ROTC credit may apply as elective credit toward a degree at Valencia. Further information is available from the University of Central Florida Air Force ROTC office at 407-823-1247 or airforce.ucf.edu or the Army ROTC office at 407-823-2430 or army.ucf.edu.

Servicemembers Opportunity College

You may benefit from Valencia's special efforts to aid service members in securing a postsecondary education. The Servicemembers Opportunity College (SOC) has designated Valencia as a participating institution of higher education. Aside from stated and traditional means of obtaining credit toward most associate degrees, the following special policies, procedures and services are available to you as active-duty military personnel:

1. You may earn certain credits by satisfactory completion of Advanced Placement examinations. (See Advanced Placement entry in this catalog.)
2. You may earn a maximum of 15 semester credits through extension and/or correspondence courses.
3. Credit can be earned through validated military service training including military service schools: Army/American Council on Educational Registry Transcript System (AARTS), Defense Language Institute (DLI), Sailor/Marine/Ace Registry Transcript System (SMARTS), and United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI).

In recognition of the advanced academic and technical content of many military education experiences, Valencia will grant credit for military education that has been evaluated and recommended as suitable for postsecondary credit. After enrolling at Valencia, you may initiate the request for such credit by providing appropriate

documentation to any campus Answer Center. Recommendations in the American Council on Education (ACE) Guide are advisory in nature and are not binding upon the College.

University of Central Florida Partnerships

DirectConnect to UCF (Guaranteed Entry to the University of Central Florida)

Valencia has joined with the University of Central Florida (UCF) in a unique agreement, known as DirectConnect to UCF, that provides students with increased access to bachelor's degrees. Students who graduate with an Associate in Arts (A.A.) or an Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree from Valencia will receive:

- Guaranteed admission to a bachelor's degree program at UCF.
- Increased opportunity to complete a bachelor's degree on a Valencia campus.
- Preferential admission to select bachelor degree programs at UCF.

Advising, admissions and financial aid services as well as other academic support services are available from UCF staff on Valencia's Osceola and West Campuses.

To participate in the DirectConnect to UCF program:

- On the Valencia Application for Admission or on a Student Record Information Form in any campus Answer Center, indicate your intention to complete a bachelor's degree at UCF.
- Go to facts.org to conduct a two-plus-two degree audit for the associate's degree you are seeking at Valencia and the bachelor's degree you plan to seek at UCF so that you can determine the courses you need to complete both degrees.
- Go to My Education Plan in Atlas (My LifeMap Tools) to develop a specific education plan to complete the associate's degree at Valencia.

- Meet with an Advisor or Counselor to review your plans and obtain additional information on how to prepare to complete the associate's and bachelor's degrees.

Additional information on DirectConnect to UCF services and program expansion is available at: regionalcampuses.ucf.edu. On this site, Valencia's Osceola Campus is referenced as "UCF Osceola" and Valencia's West Campus is referenced as "UCF West Orlando."

Students who have been previously disqualified from UCF may participate in Direct Connect but must meet standard UCF readmission criteria consistent with university policy. The completion of the A.A. or A.S., in and of itself, does not guarantee readmission.

Regional Campuses

Currently, the following bachelor degree programs are available on the Valencia campuses:

Osceola Campus

Applied Science, B.A.S.
Business Administration, B.A.
Elementary Education, B.S.
Interdisciplinary Studies, B.A./B.S.
Psychology, B.S.

West Campus

Applied Science, B.A.S.
Business Administration, B.A.
Electrical Engineering (3rd Year), B.S.
Interdisciplinary Studies, B.A./B.S.
Psychology, B.S.