
Imperial Valley Campus, Calexico

Faculty

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Offered by the Imperial Valley Campus

The Imperial Valley Campus, in cooperation with academic units and the Graduate Division on the San Diego campus, offers selected graduate programs leading to advanced degrees, credentials, and certificates. Scheduled on a part-time basis for working professionals, these programs have been offered for the Master of Arts degree in Education with a concentration in Administration and Supervision, the Master of Arts degree in Education with a concentration in Elementary Curriculum and Instruction or Secondary Curriculum and Instruction, the Master of Science degree in Counseling, Special Education Specialist credentials, the Master's degree in Social Work, and the Master's degree in Public Administration.

General Information

The Imperial Valley Campus is a two-year upper-division campus of San Diego State University serving the desert area 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 is located in the Imperial Valley on the Mexican border in the city of Calexico. Offering only the last two years of undergraduate education, as well as a fifth year credential program for teacher preparation and M.A. programs, the campus accepts transfer students from community colleges or other colleges, who have at least 56 units. As a branch campus, the Imperial Valley Campus offers students the advantages of small classes and individual contact with the faculty. Interactive television provides students in Calexico the opportunity to participate in some classes broadcast live from the San Diego campus. The Imperial Valley Campus schedules its classes to meet once a week 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. Classes are also offered on the weekends.

The location on the Mexican border provides the opportunity for involvement in a bicultural environment. There are many opportunities to participate in the cultural life of Mexicali, just across the border, a city of more than one million people. There are also many opportunities on the U.S. side of the border to be involved in a bilingual/cross-cultural setting. There is an exchange program for students between the Imperial Valley Campus and the Universidad Autonoma de Baja California which allows students to take classes at either of the participating universities and receive credit at their home institution. Among the faculty are professors with Latin American emphases in history, geography, sociology, and Spanish. The faculty is also augmented with other Latin American specialists from Mexico and from the San Diego campus.

The Imperial Valley is one of the richest agricultural centers in the country. It has a desert climate with mild winters and little rainfall. Because of this, the area has great potential for the

development of alternative energy sources. Geothermal energy is already being produced in the area and solar and wind energy are both potentially important sources for future development. The desert also offers the opportunity to study a fragile ecological environment. Significant archaeological discoveries have been made in the area and there is continuing archaeological fieldwork.

Facilities

The campus is located on an eight-acre city block in the heart of Calexico's civic center along the Mexican border. This was originally the site of Calexico's first high school, and some of the campus buildings, including Rodney Auditorium, are part of the original school structures.

The six million dollar expansion of campus facilities has created a pleasing architectural harmony of old and new structures surrounding a spacious central lawn area, the Rollie Carrillo Quad. Adjoining the quad, the expanded library, Rodney Auditorium, and John Stepling Art Gallery provide academic and cultural resources for the entire community. New buildings include administration/student life building, faculty offices, art gallery, physical plant, a computer laboratory, and a library expansion. A dedication was held on October 12, 1995.

The library, located in the center of the campus, is designed to facilitate research and to provide a pleasant atmosphere for study. The collection is expanding and has more than 107,000 volumes, periodicals, and newspapers which support the curricula offered on the Imperial Valley Campus. Services provided include reference assistance, photocopying facilities, CD ROM databases, personal computers for word processing, full text database, Internet access and interlibrary loans. During the semester, the library is open from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Located inside the library are the Learning and Career Centers.

Computer assistance is available in the computer laboratory with both Macintosh and IBM compatible systems and access to the Internet. Also available is a bookstore which carries textbooks, snacks, and other items. The Associated Students operate a Student Union with lounge and study areas.

Admission, Registration, and Commencement

To apply for admission to the Imperial Valley Campus, students must file a complete application and transcripts as outlined in Part Two of this bulletin. Both completed application forms and transcripts should be sent to the Admissions Office, San Diego State University, Imperial Valley Campus, 720 Heber Avenue, Calexico, California 92231. Please telephone (760) 768-5509 for further information. Students register by the touchtone registration system (RegLine). Students will not be permitted to access RegLine until fees are paid. Late registration is allowed during the first two weeks of the semester. Students wishing to late register must pay registration fees plus a \$25.00 late fee.

The Imperial Valley Campus holds its own commencement exercises each spring in the Rollie Carrillo Quad area prior to the commencement exercises on the San Diego campus.