



**Use Dual Enrollment to Grow With Us!**

# **2026 Ventura County Ag Ed Summit**





# What is Dual Enrollment?

- Dual enrollment refers to tuition-free college courses that are offered by VCCCD Colleges (Ventura, Oxnard, Moorpark) on a high school campus.
  - During the School Hours = CCAP
  - Outside School Hours = Non-CCAP
- High school students may also enroll independently in Community College courses
  - Referred to as **Concurrent Enrollment**
- Students can use credits towards high school requirements
- Students will earn CSU/UC transferable college credit
- Program is **FREE**, often including books and course materials





# Dual Enrollment Basics

- Dual enrollment is an effective strategy that helps build partnerships between high schools and community colleges to create easier pathways from high school to college.
- **Students who participate in dual enrollment at community college during high school are more likely to graduate & enter college & more likely to complete a certificate, degree, or transfer to a university**
- Dual enrollment is an opportunity to save time, save money, explore interests, fulfill a high school requirement- all at the same time!
- Applying for dual enrollment is applying to college; these are college courses, and the beginning of a students' college transcript.





# Why Dual Enrollment?

- Get ahead- Earn high school and college credit at the same time, one semester usually equals one year
- Save time- Earn a college degree faster by starting early
- Save money- Enrollment fees are waived!
- Build confidence- Experience and succeed in college-level courses, become familiar with college admission and registration processes
- Stand out on university/college applications
- Follow a passion or interest
- Explore careers and majors





# Who is it for?

- Program is designed for students who are choosing the community college path after high school
- Students who are considering “mid majors” in CSU/UC system
- Best fit for students who are passing their current high school classes
- Not a good fit if students are planning to apply to a 4-year competitive university
- Students who are applying to competitive universities should be taking Honors and AP courses in their regular school schedule
- This program is **not recommended** for students who are struggling with a regular high school curriculum





# Steps in the Process

- **Coming Soon! DualEnroll.com**
- Signing up for Dual Enrollment can feel complicated, since students need approvals from parents and schools.
- To make this process easier, the VCCCD colleges are testing a new online system called DualEnroll.com.
- This tool is designed to bring all registration steps into one place, so students, families, and schools can complete forms and approvals more smoothly.
  - A pilot program is already underway, with expansion to even more high schools in 2026.

- **Key District/College links:**
- [Dual Enrollment | Ventura County Community College District](#)
- [Dual Enrollment Students | Ventura College](#)
  
- **Dual Enrollment Guide:**
- [UPDATED HSDE\\_Student Guide 202305\\_07\\_RK.pdf](#)
- [steps to enrollment dual enrollment 0.pdf](#)
  
- **Student Forms:**
- [dual enrollment - recommendation memorandum.pdf](#)





# Dual Enrollment in Action: Ventura College & Fillmore HS



- **5 Year Partnership**
- Began in 2021 with Ag & Society (GE) (CCAP)
- 2024 began constructing Farm Power class (Poss. Non-CCAP)
- 2025 Welding1 starts on campus (Non-CCAP)
- 2025 working on Animal Science(GE) (CCAP)





# WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

- Zoom & in-person lectures
- Assignments on Canvas
- Connection to VC campus
- Labs when practical
- Semester long classes



## WHO NEEDS TO BE ONBOARD?

- HS Teacher
- CC Professor
- HS Site Administrators
- College Dual Enrollment Team





# HOW TO GET STARTED

- Start with one course
- Anything with out a lab
- Align with Capstone





# So Now... Why VC AG?

## Options for Dual Enrollment and Degree Pathways





# Agriculture in Ventura County = **\$2.3 Billion in Sales (2024)**

## Top seven crops by value (2024)

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|------------------|---------------|
| 1. Strawberries  | \$709 million |
| 2. Avocados      | \$339 million |
| 3. Nursery Stock | \$187 million |
| 4. Celery        | \$163 million |
| 5. Raspberries   | \$162 million |
| 6. Lemons        | \$117 million |
| 7. Peppers       | \$111 million |





# POSSIBLE CAREERS IN AG

## State and Federal Government Jobs

- Grading & Inspection
- Customs, Import/Export
- USDA
  - NRCS
  - FSIS, APHIS
  - Foreign Ag Service
  - Farm Service Agency
  - Food & Nutrition Service
  - NASS, ERS
  - Forest Service
- FDA
- EPA
- Dept. Fish & Wildlife
- Ag Sales & Marketing
- Product R & D
- Agribusiness Manager
- Feed & Livestock Product Sales
- Logistics/Supply Chain Mgmt
- Veterinary Medicine/Veterinary Tech
- Agronomist
- Crop Specialist/Adviser (CCA)
- Pest Control Adviser (PCA)
- Harvest Manager
- Food Safety & Compliance
- Heavy Equipment Operations/Maintenance
- Ag Equipment Sales
- Ag Credit, Banking & Finance Services
- Seed and Input Sales
- Irrigation Specialist





# AGRICULTURE

VENTURA COLLEGE

The Ventura College Agriculture program prepares students for future careers within the agriculture industry through hands-on learning and curriculum designed to engage students in all aspects of agriculture, from the field to the fork. There is demand for qualified graduates in numerous sectors of the vital agriculture industry including Agriculture business management, food safety, postharvest technology, and animal health. You can confidently enter the industry in business, science, and technology.

## Programs Offered:

- Agriculture Business
- Agriculture Plant Science
- Animal/Ag Science
- Food Safety
- Veterinary Technology
- Agriculture Field Supervisor (Non-Credit)

Nearly ALL job sectors within Agriculture will continue to see **INCREASED DEMAND** and **GROWTH** in job markets, particularly in Ventura County!

- State & Federal Ag Agencies (USDA, FDA, EPA)
- Food Safety Regulations, Inspection & Compliance
- Supply Chain Management/Logistics
- Wholesale/Retail Distribution
- Ag Production Systems (Organic, Hydroponic)
- Veterinarian
- Registered Veterinary Technician
- Animal Feed, Pharma Sales
- AND MUCH MORE!



Request more information about AG Programs:

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# AG Courses suitable for Dual Enrollment

## Semester Courses

- ★ **AG V01 – Ag & Society**
- ★ **AG V06 - Plant Science (LAB)**
  - AG V05 – Farm Power (LAB)
  - AG V10 – Intro to Ag Business
  - AG V13 – Computers In AG /Industrial Tech
- ★ **AG V61 – Intro to Animal Science**

- ★ **GE COURSES**  
**(Local and CalGETC)**





# DEGREE & CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

- **ASSOCIATES DEGREE (AS):**
  - **Ag Business \*AST**
  - **Plant Science \*AST**
  - **Animal Sci/Ag Sci \*AST**
  - **Veterinary Technology (RVT)**
  - **Food Safety**



- **CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT (COA):**
  - **Ag Business**
  - **Plant Science**
  - **Veterinary Assistant**
  - **Food Safety**
  - **Ag Pest Control Adviser (PCA) Preparation**
  - **Heavy Equipment & Industrial Systems Ops/Mnt**
- **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION (COCN):**
  - **\*Food Safety**
  - **\*Ag Field Supervisor**
    - **\*Non-Credit**



# The Benefits of Starting at VC

- The California Community College Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) provides a "degree with a guarantee" that ensures priority admission to the CSU system
  - [Associate Degree for Transfer | I Can Go to College | California Community Colleges](#)
  - Completion of 60/120 units at a CC campus
- Students get guaranteed admission (not necessarily to a preferred campus), a GPA boost for impacted majors, and junior standing.
  - [CCC-Associate Degree for Transfer | CSU](#)

● **AND AN AVERAGE SAVINGS OF \$70,000!!**

- Ventura College AG ADT Programs in:

- Plant Science
- Ag Business
- Animal/Ag Science
- [Associate Degree for Transfer | Ventura College](#)



- Successful Transfer of our VC AG Grads to EVERY CSU AG Program and UC Davis!

- Cal Poly SLO
- Cal Poly Pomona
- Fresno State
- Chico State
- CSU Monterey Bay
- UC Davis





# VC AG Benefits to Students

- VC Promise Program
  - **1<sup>st</sup> time. Full Time Student = 2 years for FREE**
- Guided Advising on degree requirements
- Students can double major easily in AG Bus and Plant Sci
  - Use one of their AS degrees towards a minor at CSU Ag programs
- Ability to add Certificates in areas not offered at 4-year campuses (Ex: Heavy Equipment, PCA, Food Safety)
- Ability to explore majors, visit transfer universities and determine best path forward for Bachelor's degree
- **CC Transfer students spend less time to graduation at CSUs than students that began as freshmen at CSU campuses**
  - **Average graduation time for CSU = 62% w/in 6 years!**
  - **Transfer students = 2-2.5 years!**

**2 Degrees  
+ 2 Years  
4 FREE!**





# VC AG Programs

- ADT Programs
  - 1<sup>st</sup> 2 years of CSU Ag degrees taught at CC
- Courses are the same, but 10x cheaper! (or Free for VC Promise)
- Smaller class sizes, more one-to-one support for students
- Guidance in course selection and transfer preparations/applications
- Ability to double major, add certificates and explore with less risk
- Tours: Transfer campuses and Industry



- Hands on Learning in our VC AG Living Labs:

- Avocado Orchard
- Growing Tunnel
- Raised Beds
- Hydroponic Systems
- Coming Soon: 48' Greenhouse
- Heavy Equipment
- State-of-the-Art Teaching Hospital for Vet Tech (Lokahi)
- Industry Partnerships for internships, field trips and class projects





# Student Activities

## Fall Events:

- Cal Poly SLO Preview Day
- Ventura County AgriTech Fair
- IFPA (International Fresh Produce Assoc.) Tradeshow
- Cal Poly Pomona Campus Tour
- Los Angeles Produce Market
- Ventura & SB County Farm Days

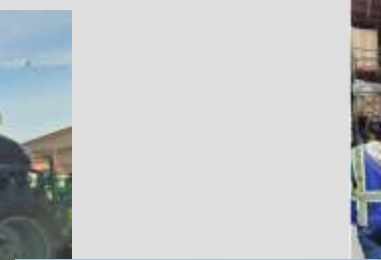




# Student Activities & Feedback

## Spring Events:

- World Ag Expo
- CSU Campus Tours: Fresno State and Monterey Bay
- UC Riverside Citrus Park
- Freshpoint Produce
- Mission Produce
- Industry Tours: Santa Maria, Monterey, Fresno
- High School Outreach/Visits
- VC Career Ed Open House
- Graduation!





# Website:

## [Agriculture | Ventura College](#)



[Link: Ventura College Catalog < Ventura College](#)

- **Dept. Page includes:**
  - Landing pages for each program under AG
    - Ag Business
    - Plant Science
    - Animal Science
    - Food Safety
    - Ag Field Supervisor
    - Vet Tech
    - PCA program
    - AIT Heavy Equipment
  - **Website Content :**
    - Program Learning Objectives
    - Sample Jobs/Careers
    - Degree/Certificate maps
    - Videos highlighting programs:
      - Ag Bus/Plant Sci/Food Safety
      - Ag Supervisor
      - Vet Tech



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