



I am an earth scientist.

THE LENS through which I view the world is one that highlights the wondrous kaleidoscope of rocks, soil, strata, minerals, fossils, and landforms that create our natural landscapes. Exploring the intricacies of our natural world requires an important and ubiquitous tool – a map. The glorious map – whether showing roads, rocks, population density, ecological habitats, or the geographic location of Chipotle restaurants – maps inform us, guide us, keep us on course, and entice us toward a future of possibilities.

SO WHAT DOES this have to do with West Valley College? As you explore this schedule and our hundreds of course offerings, consider this as a map toward your future. Just like a map, this schedule opens doors to a kaleidoscope of opportunities and potential. CREATE YOUR FUTURE – here, now at West Valley College. We welcome you as you pursue this amazing journey.



Lori Jackson

A NOTE

*from the TRANSFER TEAM
at West Valley College...*

TRANSFERRING CAN BE CUMBERSOME AND COMPLICATED. WE ARE HERE TO ASSIST YOU WITH YOUR EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY. VISIT THE TRANSFER CENTER!

LOCATION: In the Counseling Building

PHONE: 408.741.2040

WEBSITE: westvalley.edu/services/transfercenter

Transfer Steps Made Simple

- Decide on a Major: Explore classes in specific disciplines OR Enroll in Counseling 12
- Meet with a Counselor to develop your Educational Plan
- Complete Math, Communication and English requirements as soon as possible to meet minimum eligibility to transfer
- Access Resources: University Websites, University Catalogs, College and Career Library
- Complete Transfer Admission Guarantees (TAGs): UC, CSU and Private Universities
- Attend Transfer Workshops: CSU, UC, Common Application and UC Personal Statement Workshops
- Visit with University Representatives at Transfer Day. One-on-one appointments are available!

NOTE: Meeting the minimum requirements are NOT ENOUGH for impacted majors and impacted campuses

Transfer Day:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2012, 10AM - 1PM,
WVC CAMPUS CENTER



FINANCIAL AID UPDATES

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

STARTING WITH THE 2011-2012 academic year, federal regulations have added a new element to monitor academic progress for financial aid students: Pace Quantitative Standard

PACE QUANTITATIVE STANDARD: Maintain a CUMULATIVE completion rate of 66.7% (2/3) of ALL attempted units and a CURRENT completion rate of 66.7% (2/3) at the end of every semester. "Completing" units is defined as receiving a grade of A, B, C, D or P. For additional information please visit www.westvalley.edu/financialaid/progress

Course repeatability

STUDENTS REPEATING COURSES will be allowed to continue to benefit from financial aid based on a new course repeatability regulation: Units in which a student is enrolled will be counted for financial aid payment as long as the student has never passed the course. Passing grades are: A, B, C, D, P. If the student passes a course and wishes to repeat it to improve his/her grade; financial aid will allow one repetition after passing the course. Courses from which a student withdraws are not considered repeated coursework.

Changes effective 2012-2013 Ability to Benefit (ATB)

STUDENTS WITHOUT A H.S. DIPLOMA or its equivalent (e.g., GED), or do not meet the home school requirement, and who first enroll in a program of study on or after July 1, 2012 will not be eligible to receive financial aid.

Lifetime Pell Grant Limits

APPLIES TO ALL students regardless of when they received their first Pell grant. Students are eligible to receive Pell grant for up to 12 full time semesters. A student attending as a half-time (6 units) student is considered as having used half of a semester for purposes of tracking the Pell grant limits.