

SOAR High School

Things You Need To Know

Things You Need To Know informs students of registration, fees, fines, withdrawals/drops, requirements, restrictions, as well as rules pertaining to SOAR High School/Antelope Valley College. It is recommended to read the entirety of this document as it contains pertinent information about the program. Good Luck!

COLLEGE REGISTRATION

Fall and **Summer** registrations take place in the Spring.

Spring and **Intercession** registrations take place in the Fall.

General Information

- All registrations are completed online by the student through the student's myAVC portal.
- Registration dates and deadlines are communicated via SOAR High School and AVC email and through AVID classes prior to registration, each semester.
- Students **MUST** be registered in an AVC academic course to continue attendance at SOAR.
- College classes **CANNOT** conflict with high school classes (review your high school schedule prior to college registration).
- Students may **ONLY** register for classes from the IGETC list. If students register for classes that are NOT on the IGETC, they will be required to drop the class and will incur a fine.

Freshman Specifics:

- **ONLY** one of the required foundational course and one PE course per semester are allowed in your Freshman year. (See list under "**Required Foundation Courses for ALL students at SOAR High School**")

Sophomore Specifics:

- Priority is to finish your foundational classes.
- **NEW** Sophomores must complete foundational courses before moving on to other AVC courses.
- May not take any Communications courses during this year.

Sophomore, Junior, Senior Specifics:

- **In order to register for more than one academic college course you MUST:**
 - have a minimum 3.00 cumulative grade point average in high school and college
 - maintain the 3.0 GPA throughout Fall and Spring terms

Senior Specifics:

- If a college course is being taken to meet a high school graduation requirement, the student must meet with their high school counselor.
- High school graduation requirement cannot be completed at AVC during the spring semester of a student's senior year.

Summer Classes and Intercession

- In order to take a Summer AVC course you **MUST** have a minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA in high school and college.
- In order to for more than 1 Summer AVC course you **MUST** have a minimum 3.00 cumulative grade point average in high school and college.
- In order to take an Intercession course you **MUST** have a minimum 3.00 cumulative GPA in high school and college.

- Students need to complete a “**College Preference Form**” with parent’s signature and submit it to the SOAR Office by the deadline (in the bulletin) for **Interession ONLY**.

Online and Palmdale Classes

- If you take an online, night, or Palmdale course permission is required. This form is available in the SOAR office. **Freshmen are EXCLUDED from taking these classes.**

WITHDRAWALS AND/OR DROPS

- Once college registration for SOAR students closes, students must complete an AVC Drop Request Form to withdraw from a class. This must be done by the drop date established by SOAR. The form is available in the SOAR Office. The request will be processed once the \$50 fine is received and the textbook is returned to SSV 180 (cash or check only made payable to AVC).
- Once the drop date has passed, if an AVC class is dropped by either the student or instructor, this will incur a **\$50 processing drop fine** payable to AVC in SSV 180 (cash or check only).
- If a student withdraws or an instructor drops you from a class, you may be removed from the SOAR program if you no longer have any academic classes. If you continue in the program you will be limited to one academic class the next semester.

PAYING FINES AND FEES

- Always have your college ID with you when paying fines and fees.
- The Student Health Fee along with the \$1 Student Representation Fee must be paid online or at the Cashier’s Office by 11:30 p.m. on the day you register for college classes or you will be dropped from your classes.
- **College fees**, like library fines or parking permits, can be paid at the **Cashier’s Office**, located in the SSV building.
- All **SOAR fines** such as late textbook fines, SOAR class drop fines, or SOAR repeat class fines, must be paid at the Student Life and Services Office, **T-700**.
- All fines (except withdrawal drop fines) must be paid before the next registration cycle begins.
- Students are responsible to pay any fines and fees incurred.
- No additional registrations can occur if there are **ANY** holds on your college record such as owing money for dropping a class, a library fine, or student fees.

Required Foundation Courses for ALL students at SOAR High School

- CA103 - Introduction to Computers & Dig Tech
- HD101 - College & Life Management
- LIB 101 - Intro to Acad. Lib Research
- (PE) Kinesiology or Dance
***Note - When registering it is referred to as Kinesiology (e.g. KINF 108 or DA 102)**
- HE101 - Introduction to Health Education
***Note - That is if you did not complete this class during the summer before your 9th grade year.**

After a student completes the foundational course work, they should refer to their Student Education Plan (SEP) and the IGETC form (from the school year the student began high school) for approved AVC course options. Student Educational Plans will be completed annually.

A-G REQUIRMENTS

A-G requirements must be completed to be eligible for a four-year college or university. UC/CSU’s will only accept a grade of C or better in A-G coursework.

- Students must complete their Foreign Language and Visual Performing Arts A-G requirements at AVC. See the IGETC for which classes you can take to meet these requirements.

VPA:

- Visual and Performing Arts requirement are met with courses in Area 3 of the IGETC.
- **NOTE:** *Language, English, History, Philosophy and Photo classes in Area 3 of the IGETC cannot be used to meet the VPA requirement.*

Foreign Language:

- DO NOT take CHIN or LATN.
- A 101 level language course must be completed for foreign language even though it is not indicated on the IGETC.
- It is recommended you take a 102 level language class as soon as possible after completing a 101 level language course.

A-G approved coursework for both SOAR and AVC can be found at <http://www.ucop.edu/doorways/> .

GETTING A “D” OR “F”

*****You MUST maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA for high school and a 2.0 cumulative GPA in college in order to continue to attend SOAR High School*****

In College:

- If you received a D or F in a college course, every attempt must be made to retake that course the following semester (or summer school, if applicable).
- Students who get a D or F in a college class will be required to pay for the class.
- If a new textbook is required or is not in the SOAR book inventory, student will be required to pay for the textbook.
- Payment must be paid at the time of registration to SSV 180 in cash or a check made out to AVC with the memo indicating which class they are repeating.

In high school:

- If you received a D in a high school A- G course, every attempt must be made to retake that course during summer school, if applicable. If you received an F in a high school class you MUST retake the course at summer school.

Academic Probation (AP):

- Students will be placed on AP based on their high school or AVC GPA from the previous semester.
- High School GPA's below a 2.5 or AVC GPA's below a 2.0 will result in AP placement.
- A grade of a D or an F during the semester at the 5-week and quarter marks for freshman and quarter marks for 10th-12th grade students will also result in placement in AP.
- A student on academic probation must complete a certain amount of hours for academic probation per week, as defined in the AP contract.
- A student who is on AVC or high school probation may be withdrawn from the program at the end of the semester if grades have not improved.

TEXTBOOKS

- ALL college textbooks must be returned to the SOAR textbook return, T-500 (Books Help) by the Monday following the end of the term or there will be a **\$25.00 fine per class**.
- If textbooks are not returned within one week after the last day of the term, you will be charged the **full cost** of replacing each late book, a hold will be placed on your college record, and you will not be able to register for any future terms, nor be issued any additional textbooks until it is cleared.
- Fines for late books should be paid in **T-700**.
- All fines MUST be paid before college textbooks are released to students.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS AND BEST PRACTICES

- The CA College Promise Grant must be submitted every year you are in the SOAR program. You must complete this prior to the deadline. Failure to meet the deadline can result in removal from the SOAR program.
- Any medical condition that occurs while enrolled in SOAR which may result in missing college classes must be reported to the college instructor, the high school office, and Dr. Zimmerman's office.
- It is your responsibility to make sure that your address, phone and email are current with AVC and SOAR. This can be done online or in person through the Admission and Records Office in the Student Services building for AVC and the SOAR Office for high school.
- Make sure you **ALWAYS** have your college ID when conducting college business.
- Log into myAVC to make sure it works. If it does not, call the help desk at (661) 722-6300, ext. 6535 or 6605 or go to the computer lab for assistance.
- Check your AVC and district emails DAILY.

AVC GRADUATION

- You must apply for graduation in the Graduation Office, SSV 117, by the deadline established by the Graduation Office.
- Verify that you do not have a FERPA hold on your record at the Graduation Office if you want your name to appear in the Commencement Program. Take a photo ID to Admissions and Records to complete the form.
- The SOAR program does not pay for your cap and gown, but if you need help with this contact Dr. Zimmerman.

TOTAL WITDRAWAL FROM THE SOAR PROGRAM

- If you withdraw from the SOAR program during the semester, all textbooks must be returned. If all textbooks are not returned at the time you withdraw, you will be charged the cost of replacing the textbooks.
- It is your responsibility to review the SOAR Rules, and follow them, so that you understand:
 - Student options to return to SOAR
 - How to return to AVC as a Special Admit Student
 - How to have your transcripts released as a high school graduate

Please sign, cut, and return the bottom portion of this document, stating that you understand, and agree to the terms of this document.

We have read, understand, and agree to the terms of, **“Things You Need to Know.”**

Student (Print)

Student Signature

Date

Parent (Print)

Parent Signature

Date

Please return to your SOAR AVID Teacher by assigned due date.