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Important Dates:
- November 12th - Veterans Day (Campus Closed)
- November 21st - Deadline to Submit Fall Only Loans
- November 22nd-25th - Thanksgiving Holiday (Campus Closed)
- November 29th - Deadline to Submit Fall SAP Appeals and Appeal Course Approval Forms
- December 11th-17th - Final Exams

Office Information:
Hours:
- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30am-3:30pm
- Tuesday 8:30-7:00pm
- Friday Closed

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Our Mission Statement:
“Financial Aid is comprised of individuals who are willing and committed to ensuring student success. Through hard work, we strive to take the time to listen, empower, and go the extra step to make students feel special by demonstrating how much we care. A student’s achievement is evidence of our success.”

2013-2014 FAFSA
Early Application Period

January 1, 2013 is just around the corner, meaning it’s time to get ready and complete the 2013-2014 FAFSA. Make sure you submit your application as early as January 1, 2013 for the Fall 2013 semester. New, continuing, and returning students will want to complete their FAFSA during the early application period to avoid delays in Fall aid.

Early Application Period
January 2013 – March 2nd 2013

Required Items:
- 2013-2014 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Opens January 1st
- GPA Verification (for Cal Grant Eligibility) Submit by March 2nd
- View Financial Aid Requirements on the MyVCCCD Portal
- Submit all appropriate documents to the Ventura College Financial Aid Office
Veterans Day is an official United States holiday honoring armed service veterans. Ventura College honors and recognizes the sacrifice of those who have served in the United States Armed Forces. The Veteran's Affairs Office offers assistance and information to veterans and eligible dependents regarding V.A. Educational Benefits.

Ventura College offers the following services to our Veteran population:

**Priority Registration**

As Spring 2013 quickly approaches, so does registration for the term. Priority registration for veterans will begin on November 5, 2012. Veterans can register online through their MyVCCCD portal or participate in the Veteran Registration Event.

**Veteran Registration Event**

- **Date:** November 5, 2012
- **Time:** 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- **Location:** Student Services Building (Registration Area)

**Financial Aid Assistance**

Financial aid is available to eligible veterans who apply by submitting a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the appropriate academic year. To inquire about veteran assistance regarding the financial aid process, please ask to speak to our Veteran’s Liaison, Ashley Lajoie.

**Veterans Club**

This year, the Veterans Club was established with the purpose of advocating for student veterans, providing its members with social and professional networking opportunities and promote awareness of veteran and veteran’s affairs among the non-veteran student body. The organization will assist its members to succeed academically, intellectually, and professionally.

**Veteran’s Club Meeting**

- **Date:** October 31, 2012
- **Time:** 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
- **Location:** Ventura College Cafeteria

Please contact Paul Almanza for future meeting dates.

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“To inquire about information on how to apply for your benefits at Ventura College, contact the veteran’s representative, Patty Mazuca, located in Admissions and Records.”

**Left to Right:** Veteran’s Club President Paul Almanza, Veteran’s Club Vice President Manny Zuniga, and Veteran’s Representative Patty Mazuca. (Photo by Danielle Rodriguez)
As the Fall 2012 semester begins to dwindle down, the Financial Aid Office would like to remind students regarding Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). In order for students to be eligible to receive financial aid, students need to be meeting the Qualitative, Quantitative, and Max Time components of SAP. Each component is made up of the following:

**Qualitative Standard:** A 2.00 minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) in all coursework attempted.

**Quantitative Standard:** A 70% minimum course completion of all coursework attempted.

**Max Time Standard:** Attempted units may not exceed 150% of the number of units required to complete your educational objective.

The Financial Aid Office would like to address our Warning and Probation students.

The definition of Warning is as follows:
If a student fails to achieve a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA or better and his/her pace is not equal or higher than 70% he/she will be placed on **Warning**. If a student is placed on Financial Aid Warning, financial aid is available during that period. At the end of the **Warning** period, a student must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 and must also complete a minimum of 70% of all attempted units.

To determine a student’s pace, we take the number of completed units divided by the number of attempted units.

*For example:* Lisa was placed on Financial Aid Warning for the Fall 2012 semester. Her cumulative GPA was **2.61** and her pace of progression was as follows:

- **Completed Units:** 34
- **Attempted Units:** 52

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\text{Pace} = \frac{34}{52} = 66\%
\]

At the end of the Fall 2012 semester, Lisa attempts 12 units but only completes 9. Her cumulative GPA is now **2.53** and her pace of progression is as follows:

- **Completed Units:** \(34 + 9 = 43\)
- **Attempted Units:** \(52 + 12 = 64\)

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\text{Pace} = \frac{43}{64} = 67\%
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Although Lisa’s cumulative GPA was over a 2.00, she failed to achieve a pace of 70% and will be placed on Financial Aid Suspension for Spring 2013.
Financial Aid Probation is defined as the following:

A student who successfully appeals will be placed on Financial Aid Probation. Financial aid is available during this Probation period. However, SAP will be evaluated at the end of the Probation term. During the Probation term, a student must complete 100% of all attempted units with a term GPA of 2.00 or better if indicated and must be following his/her approved Academic Plan. Failure to follow the terms of the Probation will result in Suspension of financial aid.

For example: Juan successfully appealed for the Fall 2012 semester and was placed on Financial Aid Probation. At the end of the Fall semester, Juan receives the following grades:

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Term GPA: **2.67**

Juan has completed the terms of his Probation. His Probation will continue through Spring 2013. He will also be required to submit an Appeal Course Approval Form verifying he’s enrolled in the correct courses for Spring that correspond with the Academic Plan that was submitted.

Please note: A letter grade of D is considered passing for financial aid purposes. Please be aware that although a student can receive a passing grade of D for a class, his/her term GPA must be still be adequate to pass Probation.

For example: Christina successfully appealed for the Fall 2012 semester and was placed on Financial Aid Probation. At the end of the Fall semester, Christina receives the following grades:

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Term GPA: **4.00**

Although Christina completed the semester with a term GPA that was greater than a 2.00, she withdrew and received a W grade for COMM V01. Her Probation stated that she must complete 100% of all coursework attempted. Grades of W, MW, F, I, IP, NC, NP, and RD are not considered completed coursework.

Christina’s SAP will now change to UNSAT, meaning she is back on Financial Aid Suspension.