

The Oxnard College Mission

Oxnard College embraces its diverse community by providing excellent and unique educational programs in a collaborative, nurturing safe environment that promotes success and lifelong learning.

Mission of California Community Colleges

NOTE: Our mission, while unique to Oxnard College, also enables us to accomplish the State-mandated mission for all California community colleges, which requires us to offer a variety of programs and services in the following areas:

TRANSFER EDUCATION

Standard collegiate courses at the lower division level for those students who plan to earn an associate degree and/or transfer to four-year colleges and universities

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Specialized vocational and technical education and training in selected occupational fields leading to job entry, advancement, retraining, certification, and associate degrees

GENERAL EDUCATION

Courses designed to contribute to associate degree programs; broaden knowledge and perspectives; develop critical thinking and communication skills; enhance cultural literacy; encourage a positive attitude toward learning; and equip students to participate in a complex, interdependent world

BASIC SKILLS EDUCATION

Courses in mathematics, reading, writing, and speaking for under prepared students, as well as other programs designed to enable those with special learning needs to reach their educational goals

SUPPORT SERVICES

Comprehensive services that help students achieve their educational goals through assessment of skills and abilities, counseling and advisement, tutoring, financial aid, job placement, health services, student activities, student government, child care and personal development programs

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Conveniently scheduled, state-supported noncredit classes and fee-supported educational, cultural, recreational, and occupational programs that enrich the lives of area residents and provide opportunities for lifelong learning

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Programs and services, including contract training, designed to meet the specific needs of business and industry in developing a trained workforce that can enhance the economic vitality of the community

The Oxnard College Vision

The collaborative learning community of Oxnard College will

- rely upon scholarly, comprehensive, and current knowledge in all areas of instruction and service;
- provide innovative, appropriate, and effective instruction for student success;
- facilitate and maximize students' use of services that enables their educational success;
- encourage students to enjoy self-reliant, lifelong learning;
- ensure student and staff access to technology and develop proficiency in all forms of communication, information retrieval, critical thinking and applied analysis;
- demonstrate and embrace respect for varied educational needs and cultural contributions;
- enhance our students' connections to the world by promoting leadership qualities, their understanding of global inter-dependence, their appreciation of vast diversity of human cultures, and their cross-cultural competencies;
- establish mutually beneficial relationships with the industries and communities we serve;
- provide leadership and resources for economic development and for improving the quality of life within the region;
- challenge students and the entire staff to a commitment in serving their communities and fellow human beings;
- promote a community culture of kindness, respect and integrity;
- secure sufficient resources – material, financial and otherwise – to facilitate the accomplishment of all of the above.

Oxnard College's Core Values

We, the members of Oxnard College, are inspired by and will strive to exemplify through our collaborative actions the following core values:

Diversity and Commonality

We value others and ourselves as unique individuals and embrace the commonalities and the differences that promote the best of who we are.

Excellence

We value vision, creativity, risk taking and innovation to achieve and sustain excellence.

Integrity and Civility

We value integrity, honesty and congruence in action and word by demonstrating kindness and respect in all our interactions.

Learning

We value learning as a lifelong process in the pursuit of knowledge and personal growth.

Shared Decision Making

We value shared decision making (shared governance) as the process that provides each of us the opportunity to build consensus.

Oxnard College Strategic Goals

1. To develop and strengthen a positive college image in our community.
2. To obtain additional financial and human resources to strengthen the institution.
3. To provide facilities, technology, and other learning resources necessary to meet the educational and cultural needs of our growing community.
4. To enhance the economic, cultural, and social well-being of individuals and families in our community.
5. To use research and program review to assess program quality and guide institutional development.
6. To maximize student success.

Philosophy of the College

Wise I may not call them; for that is a great name that belongs to God alone-lovers of wisdom or philosophers is their modest and befitting title. --Socrates

Oxnard College is dedicated to the philosophy of providing educational programs that develop individual abilities, strengthen human relationships, enhance community life, and heighten global consciousness. We recognize that the process of education is a process of exploration that depends on mutual responsibility.

The College schedules programs that reflect changing local, national, and international needs. Dedicated professionals create an environment that stimulates intellectual curiosity, nurtures learning, and develops an understanding of society and how individuals can influence its workings. The students develop self-understanding, pursue educational objectives, and ultimately stand accountable for their own progress.

Oxnard College celebrates diversity and cultural understanding at all levels throughout the campus. Cultural and aesthetic activities are also relevant in today's society and are to be fostered. The College strives to provide open-access to educational opportunities so that every adult, regardless of age, sex, race, disability, or ethnic socioeconomic, cultural or educational background shall have the opportunity for appropriate education to fulfill his or her potential.

Oxnard College looks to the past to understand the present in order to produce a more successful future. It strives to be innovative and responsive to the educational needs and demands of society in an atmosphere of shared governance, mutual respect, and trust. Oxnard College is responsive not only to community needs but also to the needs of our larger society.