

## USA Institution : Diablo Valley College

### A. LOCATION

City : Pleasant Hill (40 mins from downtown San Francisco)

State : California

Nearby airport(s) : San Francisco Airport (SFO)

Attraction : Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz island, Pier 39, Union Square, The Palace of Fine Arts, San Francisco Cable Cars

School size: 28,000 students, including 1,500 int'l students (166 Indo students in 2019)

School status: public institution

### B. UNIQUE SELLING POINTS (rank, unique program, etc)

- No SAT/ACT required
- Lower tuition cost compared to 4-year university
- Higher Acceptance rates to USA 4-year institutions compare to students who apply directly from high school.
- Smaller class size (Max per class is 25-30 students)
- #1 transfer rate to UC Berkeley (30% Acceptance rate in 2019)
- Students who obtain an Associate Degree from US community college can do 1-year OPT right after graduation from community college and get another OPT after finishing their Bachelor Degree in a 4-year university.
- Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) to University of California system except UC Berkeley, UCLA and UC San Diego
- If students miss the main intake, they can still join the Academic Bridge program. Duration of Academic Bridge program is ½ normal semester duration, and they can earn 6 credits (which is ½ of normal semester credits) during Bridge Program.

### C. Admission Requirements to Associate Degree

**Main Intakes:** Fall (August), Spring (January)

**Academic Bridge** intakes: Fall (October), Spring (March), Summer (June)

**Minimum academic score/GPA :** no minimum score for those with UN, A level, or IB. For IGCSE students, 5Cs including English (first/second language) are required

**English requirements :** IELTS 5.5 (4.5 Writing sub score) or TOEFL 61. For IGCSE students, a score of C on IGCSE English (first/second language) is considered meeting the English requirement.

**Minimum age:** 16-year-old

#### D. Average Cost per year

\$8,304	Tuition and enrollment fees based on 24 units (12 unit minimum required per semester)
\$8,174	Food and housing (based on homestay costs)
\$1,854	Books and other educational expenses
\$1,234	Transportation
\$3,006	Miscellaneous and Personal
\$1,332	Mandatory health insurance fee
<b>\$23,904</b>	<b>Total estimated cost for the academic year</b> <i>Note: fees subject to change</i>

Note: Indo students usually take 15 credits/semester, do that they can finish comcol in 2 years. That means tuition fee become \$10,380/year

#### E. Housing Options

The college does not have dormitory facilities. Guaranteed homestays are available for a fee. The DVC International Students Admission office (ISAS) will also assist students in finding appropriate accommodations on a non-guaranteed basis. These accommodations include apartments and rooms for rent.

<https://www.dvc.edu/international/resources/housing.html>

#### F. Application procedures

Email to [iso@dvc.edu](mailto:iso@dvc.edu)

There's certain schedule for application processing, for example, fall application window is between March 1<sup>st</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>. Check the schedule at

<https://www.dvc.edu/international/apply/admission/index.html>

Application fee is \$50 and students also need to pay for I-20 mailing fee (there are options with different prices). There's an additional fee of \$400 for Academic bridge program.

Note: Enrolled students will be required to do online orientation and register their courses online BEFORE they arrive at campus.

#### G. Scholarships

None

#### H. Other useful information

- Student who is 18 yo and above will be counted as Mature Student; they are not required to finish high school.
- DVC has a strong Indonesian Student Association called Indo DVC, so students don't need to worry about getting homesick
- Courses offered during Bridge program is pre-set by DVC. Student's can't choose courses during Academic Bridge semester.
- Students who starts in Spring Bridge will be able to progress to Summer normal semester (new students are not allowed to join Summer normal semester, only those progressing from Bridge program are allowed to)

- Students will still be required to do English and Math placement test upon arrival at campus, regardless of their IELTS/TOEFL scores. Placement test results will serve as guidelines only for students to choose their English and Math courses.
- Easy transportation to go to/from SF, airport and surrounding area



- What if the student's chosen major is not available at DVC? Student may choose other major that has resemblance to their preferred major, because DVC is only conducting the first two year courses, which are more general. Example: student who wish to study food science may do chemistry major at DVC and then transfer to 4-year university that offers food science.