

## INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION/STUDY ABROAD

The faculty-led study abroad program provides students with unique opportunities to enroll in an academically rigorous program of study set in a variety of cultural settings that enable students to participate in cross-cultural experiences as part of the global community.

Previous fall and spring programs have been offered in Florence, Italy, the “birthplace of the Renaissance,” and Dublin, Ireland, voted the “friendliest city in the world.” The two-week summer tours have been offered in Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Greece, Turkey, Morocco, Kenya, Spain, and France.

For more information contact the International Education/Study Abroad office at (951) 222-8160.

## LIBRARY/LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER (LLRC)

The Riverside Community College District offers quality library services at the Salvatore G. Rotella Digital Library/Learning Resource Center (Riverside City College), the Moreno Valley Library (Moreno Valley College), and the Wilfred J. Airey Library (Norco College). Each library has book and multimedia collections to support college courses and the local community, as well as academic journals, magazines, and newspapers. Visit the Wilfred J. Airey Library (Norco College) at: <http://library.rcc.edu/norco/>.

Hours for each library during the fall and spring semesters are:

**Salvatore G. Rotella Digital Library / Learning Resource Center** (Riverside City College)

Monday – Thursday: 7:30 am - 7 pm

Friday: 7:30 am - 4 pm

Circulation Services: (951) 222-8651

Reference Desk: (951) 222-8652

**Moreno Valley Library** (Moreno Valley College)

Monday – Thursday: 8 am - 7 pm

Friday: 8 am - 1 pm

Circulation Services: (951) 571-6111

Reference Desk: (951) 571-6447

**Wilfred J. Airey Library** (Norco College)

Monday – Thursday: 7:30 am - 8 pm

Friday: 7:30 am - 1 pm

Circulation Services: (951) 372-7019

Reference Desk: (951) 372-7115

The website to access summer and winter intersession hours is: <http://library.rcc.edu/norco/>.

The libraries provide research instruction, quiet study areas, and access to printers, photocopiers, media playback equipment, and computers. Computers are equipped with internet access and software for word processing, spreadsheets, and presentations. The RCCD College Card functions as the library card for students, faculty and staff. Community members may purchase a library card for \$5 per term. Library faculty are available at the Reference Desk during hours of operation to provide research assistance and instruction to students and other library users.

## CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

An extensive program of activities is provided by the Associated Students Norco College (ASNC). A calendar of these events is maintained in the Center for Student Success Room 205A (CSS 205A) and is available online at <https://www.norcollege.edu/committees>. Please stop by and find out how you can get involved and follow us on Facebook and Instagram @asnorcollege.

## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The ASNC sponsors an array of clubs/organizations, including honors societies, social services, professional and general interest clubs/organizations. Membership to these organizations is open to all students who have paid the current semester’s student services fee. Students are encouraged to join campus clubs and organizations or form new clubs or organizations. Not all clubs listed here are currently active. For an updated list, visit <https://www.norcollege.edu/committees>. The Clubs and Organizations Guide offers procedures for starting a new club. The club guide is available in the Office of Student Life (CSS 205A).

### Honors

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

### Religious

Mustangs for Christ

### Academic

American Criminal Justice Association

Anthropology Club

Drama Club

Game Development Organization

Music Industries Club

Norco Choir

Norco Karate Organization

Philosophical Affairs Club

Political Science Club

Pre-law Society

Puente

Software Engineering Club

Spanish Club

STEM

Umoja

### Special Interest

Art Club

Circle K International (Kiwanis Club)

Dance Club

Dreamers and Leaders Club

Gender and Sexuality Awareness (GSA) Club

Men of Color Mentoring Club

Public Health and Wellness Club

Rising Scholars

Veterans Club

Student clubs and organizations dedicate their time to improvement of the College and community through service projects. Although social events are planned throughout the year, the primary goal is to maintain high scholastic standards. Clubs and organizations also exist to provide various kinds of service to the College and to the community as well.

- Show potential for future success in higher education, plan on completing A.A. degree, certificate program
- Has a need for academic support, (as determined by the S.S.S. program)
- Enrolled at Norco College with a minimum of 12 units
- No more than 30 units completed

### STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM, (TRIO, SSS RISE)

The Student Support Services Realizing Individual Success through Education program (S.S.S. RISE) is a federally funded TRiO program from the U.S. Department of Education, designed to assist disabled, low-income and/or first-generation college students with enhancing their academic skills, increase retention/graduation rates and provide access and opportunities to higher education.

#### Services:

- Personal, academic, transfer and career counseling
- Tutorial Referrals: Personal one-on-one collaboration
- Workshops (in the areas of transfer information, career, study skills, scholarships)
- Transfer, financial aid and scholarship application Assistance
- Field trips to four-year universities and cultural activities

#### Eligibility:

- Documented disabilities; for example, mobility impairments, psychological, learning, developmental, visual and hearing impairments, etc.
- Citizen or permanent resident of the United States
- First-Generation college student (neither parent received a four-year degree) and/or low-income students by federal guidelines for income and family size
- Show potential for future success in higher education, plan on completing an A.A. degree, certificate program, and/or transfer to a four-year college
- Has a need for academic support (as determined by the S.S.S. RISE program)
- Enrolled at Norco College with a minimum of 12 units
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### TRANSFER CENTER

The Transfer Center is dedicated to assisting students with resources to enhance their academic success, ultimately leading to the attainment of individual educational goals.

We are committed to providing resources, information and services for students who are interested in researching transfer options to accredited baccalaureate four-year universities. Our services include:

- Transfer counseling
- Assistance in researching major course requirements
- Transfer advisement with local university admission officers
- Guaranteed Transfer Pathways:
  - CSU Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)
  - UC Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)
- Transfer application assistance
- Transfer information workshops
- Transfer Fairs

For more information call: (951) 372-7043 or email: [transfer@norcollege.edu](mailto:transfer@norcollege.edu)

### LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER (LRC) TUTORIAL SERVICES

Mustang Tutoring is here to help. Why should you come for tutoring?

You can increase your independence as a learner

- You can use your limited study time more effectively
- Individual and group sessions are offered
- Tutoring is free to Norco College students
- You can receive up to three hours per week/per subject
- Our tutors are here to motivate, coach, and guide you to foster independent learning.

Tutoring sessions are led by qualified tutors who received an “A” or “B” in the respective courses for which they choose to tutor. They reinforce specific course material emphasized by the professors and use their own successful student experiences to integrate what-to-learn with how-to-learn. All of our tutors come highly recommended by the College’s faculty members.

Subject areas offered for tutoring change each semester, but may include math, chemistry, history, psychology, physics, biology, anatomy and physiology, sociology, business administration, computer information, Spanish, French, and many more.

Mustang Tutoring is here to provide a supportive learning environment to all of our students seeking academic support. We strive to help our students foster effective study and learning skills.

#### How To Obtain Tutoring Services

If you are in need of a tutor, please follow these simple steps to secure your appointment.

- Stop by the office or call to see tutor availability.
- Be prepared to give the days and times you are available to receive tutoring.
- All tutoring sessions are scheduled within the Learning Resource Center (LRC) during office hours.

#### How To Become A Tutor

Tutoring offers a great opportunity to earn while you learn! Tutors must have passed the class(es) they are tutoring in with at least a “B” grade or higher and:

- Students interested in becoming a LRC tutor should also consider enrolling and passing ILA – 1 (Intro to Tutor Training)
- Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher each semester
- Complete and submit a student application
- Follow LRC Policies and Procedures
- Submit Faculty Recommendation(s) completed by Norco College faculty
- Submit a hire packet to Student Employment
- Enjoy working with and helping others
- Have a positive attitude and enjoy being part of a team
- Have great interpersonal skills
- Maintain enrollment in a minimum of 6 units if actively tutoring during the fall or spring terms
- Maintain enrollment in a minimum of 3 units if actively tutoring during the summer or winter terms.

Students interested in becoming employed as tutors are welcome to pick up an application at the LRC's front desk, or call for more information. Applications are continually being accepted.

**Norco College Learning Resource Center**Library Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Telephone: (951) 372-7143

**SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION**

Supplemental Instruction (SI) is an academic support program designed to improve the student's academic success in traditionally difficult courses. SI sessions are regularly scheduled, peer-led study sessions that provide students an opportunity to meet with classmates to compare notes, discuss important concepts and develop study strategies for studying the subject. These sessions are available to all students enrolled in the course at no cost. Student attendance at SI sessions is voluntary.

SI leaders are model students who have been trained and already completed the class successfully. The leaders are selected based on faculty recommendation, their academic strengths as well as their communication skills. The SI leaders attend the class, take notes, do the readings, and what they won't do is re-teach or re-lecture; their job is to create a bridge between teaching and learning so students can learn the content more efficiently. The leaders also meet regularly with the course instructor during their office hours to discuss what concepts should be stressed in the weekly sessions.

**Who attends SI study sessions?**

SI is open to all students enrolled in the targeted class and therefore attracts students from all ability levels. SI helps "A" students keep their "A" and it helps other students pull up their grades.

**How to become a SI Leader**

The Supplemental Instruction Leader position at Norco College requires the following:

- Attend mandatory two-day training
- Attend all the assigned lectures for your course(s) throughout the semester
- Plan and conduct two engaging, collaborative study sessions each week
- Meet regularly with the professor of your course(s)
- Attend bi-weekly SI staff meetings
- Work an average of 8-10 hours per week
- Conduct extra SI sessions prior to exams as requested.
- Role model successful student behavior

**Qualifications:**

- Have and maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Have received an A or B in the course(s)
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills to be able to explain concepts to others
- Work comfortably with people from diverse backgrounds

**A completed application includes:**

1. Supplemental Instruction Leader Application.
2. Copy of resume and unofficial transcripts from ALL colleges and universities attended
3. Copy of completed degrees/certificates if applicable
4. Two recommendation letters, at least one from a faculty member in the subject area
5. Students interested in becoming a SI Leader are welcomed to pick up an application at the LRC front desk, or call for more information at (951) 738-7763. Applications are also available online.

**TRiO UPWARD BOUND**

Upward Bound provides students with academic guidance, personal development and fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. The program provides opportunities for participants to succeed in their precollege performance and ultimately in their higher education pursuits. The program predominately serves first-generation, low-income students attending: Centennial High School, Corona High School, and Norte Vista High School. Each high school has its own Upward Bound Program. The Upward Bound Program is 100% federally funded through the Department of Education, TRiO program. For more information call (951) 738-7721 or visit our website at <https://www.norcocollege.edu/services/sp/upBound>.

**VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER**

Norco College provides assistance to Veterans and VA dependents for the following benefit programs:

- Chapter 30 - Active Duty Educational Assistance Program
- Chapter 31 - Veteran's Administration Vocational Rehabilitation
- Chapter 33 - Post-9/11 GI Bill
- Chapter 33TR - Post-9/11 GI Bill Transfer to VA Dependents
- Chapter 35 - Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance Program
- Chapter 1606 - Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Program
- Chapter 1607 - Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)

Veterans and eligible VA dependents seeking to use VA Educational Benefits should apply online to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs at [www.vets.gov](http://www.vets.gov) to request a Certificate of Eligibility. One copy should be submitted to the Veterans Resource Center office at Norco College to be included in your VA file. For questions regarding pay, status of Certificate of Eligibility, please call 1-888-GIBILL-1.

While waiting for the Certificate of Eligibility, students are advised to complete Norco College's enrollment process such as completing the online admission application and if required, proceed with completing the placement test and online orientation. All students are encouraged to submit the FAFSA application (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) for additional financial assistance.

Before a VA Student Educational Plan (SEP) can be developed, all transcripts must be received by the College in order to have prior credit(s) evaluated. Transcripts must be official, sealed, and printed less than 90 days ago. Veterans are referred to a counselor to obtain a VA approved Student Educational Plan (SEP), which provides a list of acceptable courses that are payable by the VA. Students may then proceed to register for classes on or after their registration appointment as listed online through WebAdvisor. Check the VA website [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) for a list of VA approved programs at Norco College.