Reading/Writing Lab

Improve reading and writing skills
Fulfill requirements for your reading class
Prepare for the next level writing class
Keep your skills sharp if you didn't get the class you needed
Earn an additional unit of credit

Program Description

The Reading/Writing Lab at Imperial Valley College serves as a support service for classroom instruction in reading and writing. Students work on carefully selected practice exercises designed to strengthen their reading and writing skills. Our guiding purpose is to assist students in achieving their educational goals.

Reading Program

The Reading Lab assignments constitute 15% of the final grade in the four-unit reading classes at IVC. The Lab is open 58 hours each week during the semester to give students time to complete Lab assignments. Currently, two online reading programs are being used: Aplia and *My Skills Lab*. Assignments in Aplia are one week long, and the instructor monitors student progress. Students have two weeks to complete each of six assignments for *My Skills Lab*. Phonics exercises are also part of the Lab assignment for both programs. All materials and assignments reinforce classroom instruction.

Writing Program

The Writing Lab program provides one-on-one tutoring for students enrolled in IVC writing courses. Instructors may send students to the Lab to work on individual areas of weakness in grammar or writing skills. Trained Writing Tutors help students as needed with these assignments. Tutors also provide coaching for students working on English Department essays or research papers, from planning, to drafting, to revising, to rewriting.

The Writing Lab offers both in-lab and online tutoring.

Tutors may help students from other schools if those students are willing to sign up for Eng. 051 AD so we can keep track of Lab usage.

English 051AD is a one-unit, 36-hour, Credit/No Credit Individualized Writing Lab designed to help students systematically improve their writing skills. It consists of a set of predetermined writing and grammar exercises at four writing levels: 004, 008, 009, 101. The level at which the student begins is determined by the supervising instructor.

Any IVC student can sign up for the lab. Students who are registered in a writing class may take 51AD concurrently with the class in order to get additional help with their assignments. Students not registered in a writing class may take the lab as preparation for their next level class, or simply for practice.

Students arrange Lab time according to their schedules, but deadlines throughout the semester must be met in order to stay in the program. All work is checked by the supervising instructor or other qualified Lab personnel who direct students in improving their skills.

Reading Lab Rules

-You must have an IVC ID card to check into and out of the Lab.
-Turn cell phones and pagers off before entering the Lab.
-If you need to leave the Lab for any reason, you must exit the computer program and check out at the front desk.
-Leave any food or drink on the shelves by the Lab entrance.
-Since students need to concentrate, no talking or other disturbances are allowed.
-No listening to personal sound devices is allowed (iPods, etc). The only headphones that can be used are those intended for listening to the instructional programs.
-Computers in the 2600 Building are for academic (school work) purposes only.

Reading Lab Hours
And Contact Information

2600 Building 760-355-6391

Fall and Spring

Monday—Thursday 8:30 A.M.—7:45 P.M.
Friday—8:30 A.M.—3:00 P.M.

Summer

Monday—Thursday 8:30 A.M.—5:45 P.M.