Gavilan College Catalog

Big Time Education, Hometown Location!

Are you where you want to be in life? What do you need to get ahead? If you want to prepare for a great career, transfer to a university, get better job skills to get ahead, or review the basics to go back to school, Gavilan College can help you succeed.

~ President Steven M. Kinsella

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Distance Learning Program

Distance learning refers to instruction delivered through technology to students at a distance from their instructors. All distance learning courses are academically equivalent to traditional classroom instruction. They are not easier, as some students think, in fact, they may be more difficult, if we consider the amount of technical ability needed, plus the self-discipline needed to keep current.

Methods of instruction include:

- Online classes, using a computer with an individual email account and access to the internet. Class meetings and the majority of coursework are done primarily online. However, one or more optional on-campus meetings may be held. Online courses require students to have an email account. Please go to www.gavilan.edu/disted for instructions on how to obtain an email account prior to registering for an online course.

- Telecourses, using a set of videos which can be checked out from the Gavilan Library or either the Hollister or Morgan Hill branch campuses. Videos are also cablecast on GavTV (channel 18 in Gilroy, Hollister and San Juan Bautista). There may be 3 or fewer required meetings for classes.

- Hybrid courses are a mix of online meetings plus face-to-face meetings, usually in a 50/50 ratio.

Supplemental resources and assignments, varies per instructor, not offered in every course.

In-person orientations to online learning are held at the beginning of every semester. An online version of the Orientation to online learning is also available as a non-credit course, listed as LIB 732. For general help with online classes, go to http://www.gavilan.edu/disted.

For a list of courses currently offered through the Distance Learning Program, visit the website at http://www.gavilan.edu/disted. If you would like more information, contact the Distance Education Coordinator via email at disted@gavilan.edu.

Evening Program

The evening program at Gavilan College is an extension of the day program. Courses meeting the requirements for the Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees and for transfer in most majors to four-year institutions and a variety of occupational/technical courses are available at all three locations. A student may choose to attend only at night, or combine day and evening courses.

Many college facilities are available on the main campus to students enrolled in the evening program. These include the college library, counseling services, the science, arts, business and occupational laboratories, the student bookstore, cafeteria and the Student Center. The satellite sites in Hollister and Morgan Hill are also open in the evening.

Study Abroad Programs

Gavilan College will be offering students the opportunity for world-wide learning experiences through various travel and study programs. These programs may be offered during summer sessions or the regular fall or spring semesters.

Gavilan has previously offered programs that have included travel and study in Mexico, England, Spain and other countries.

For a current list of course opportunities, see the class schedule or the college website at www.gavilan.edu or contact the Office of the Vice President of Instruction at (408) 848-4761.

South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium

As a member of the South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium, Gavilan College offers courses for students who are interested in Correctional Officer, Law Enforcement, Reserve Police Officer, Dispatcher, Fire Technology, Probation Officer, or Juvenile Hall Counselor careers. The Consortium is funded by all colleges regionally to provide vocational specific training which may require special facilities, special training conditions or is presented outside of the regular schedule of college classes.

The application and registration process is completed at the South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium Center located in south San Jose. Although open to the public, the majority of these courses are intended to serve the "already employed". If you have questions about these courses, or if you would like information about a career in any of these programs, please call (408) 270-8458 or visit the webpage at www.theacademy.ca.gov.
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<td>ESL 782</td>
<td>ESL Lifeskills 6</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>Lecture</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>This is the sixth and final course in a series of survival English for students with beginning oral or written English competency. It will reinforce basic skills learned and continue to develop vocabulary and ease of communication in life skill areas such as the family, the larger community, health, employment, and leisure activities to manage the real world. The course emphasizes oral communication and integrates listening, speaking, reading, and writing. ADVISORY: Placement into ESL Lifeskills by the CASAS placement test and successful completion of ESL 781.</td>
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<td>GUID 700</td>
<td>Online Basic Academic Skills</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1.0 TO 6.0</td>
<td>Lecture</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>This course is designed for elementary students who want to improve their basic academic skills through the use of appropriate online software. The online program is a comprehensive resource for diagnosing and remediating students' basic skill. Modules include: Reading (Comprehension and Vocabulary), Language Arts, Math, Science, and Writing. Course content is based on individual student need. This course may be repeated.</td>
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<td>GUID 710</td>
<td>Parent Advocacy</td>
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<td>2.0</td>
<td>Lecture</td>
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<td>This course is designed to help parents understand the transition from high school to college. Parents will develop techniques on how to better support their college student at home by creating a college-going environment and increase potential involvement to enhance academic achievement. Parents will also develop a general understanding of the challenges and obstacles students face on a daily basis.</td>
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<td>HUM 767</td>
<td>Film Classics</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>3.0</td>
<td>Laboratory</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>This class is designed to study the facts, fantasy, history and trivia of classic and modern films. The background and history of each film and its performance will be compared and contrasted.</td>
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<td>Internet Literacy for Older Adults</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>Lecture</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>A class for older adults to learn email techniques, how to find information on their interests, news sources, and the skill of browsing online, as well as how best to use the local public library online services, online shopping, search strategies, and interactive games.</td>
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<td>LIB 731</td>
<td>Finding Book Treasures in Literature for Older</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>Lecture</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Older adults are guided in the reading of selected quality fiction and nonfiction to promote discussions of theme development, narrative techniques, social context and what makes good writing. Content varies from semester to semester and may include fiction, drama, poetry, essay, and biography. Readings selected may have particular relevance to older adults.</td>
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<td>LIB 732</td>
<td>Introduction to Online Gavilan</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>Laboratory</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Introduction to the online classes and student services at Gavilan College. This course will show students how to log into their online courses, find lectures, assignments and exams, take part in online class discussions, submit attachments, and view their grades. The course will also cover all the online student services available to the distant student, including counseling, library resources, records and grades, financial aid, tutoring and technical support.</td>
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<td>LIB 733</td>
<td>Exploring the Web for Older Adults</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>Lecture</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Designed to address the interests of older adults, students will learn about the web’s rich offering in graphics, sharing digital pictures, and downloading audio files and audiobooks after playing your hits online. Students will learn online techniques to take advantage of all the latest blogs, such as wikis, blogs, search techniques and great travel destinations. ADVISORY: LIB 733, Internet Literacy for Older Adults.</td>
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<td>LIB 735</td>
<td>Library Research - Research Basics</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>Lecture</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Students jump start their research skills with this introductory course and learn to supplement their basic course readings with the Library's extensive array of materials, including electronic books, print material, audio books, and specialized magazine databases. Students save time, learn to be information literate, and be able to mine for quality information.</td>
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<td>LIB 736</td>
<td>Library Research: Develop a Topic</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>6.0</td>
<td>Lecture</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Designed for entry-level students, this introductory course provides bite-sized exercises using a variety of library sources to show effective methods for developing quality research papers. These include transforming a topic, concept mapping, evaluating the validity of a topic for a paper, finding supporting evidence for a thesis statement, making effective use of evidence from online and print sources and established citation style rules regarding use published materials.</td>
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<td>LIB 737</td>
<td>Library Research: Avoid Plagiarism</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>6.0</td>
<td>Lecture</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Designed for entry-level student research. Beginners are introduced to rules of college research, strategies to avoid accidental plagiarism, Gavilan's plagiarism policy, best methods of planning and organizing notes and supporting your research topic.</td>
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<td>Information Competency for Nursing Assistants</td>
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<td>1.0 TO 8.0</td>
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<td>No</td>
<td>Online information competency modules that stop through the process of finding and evaluating online health resources. These tutorials are paced with AH 160 (Fundamentals of Nursing - Convalescent).</td>
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<td>LIB 741</td>
<td>Information Competency for the Life Cycle</td>
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