

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

ESL Computer Lab

The ESL Program has its own dedicated computer lab with a variety of software programs for all levels and classes. Students, at their convenience, practice and enhance language learned in class.

High Tech Center and Learning Skills Lab

For information on the Disability Resource Center's (DRC) High Tech Center and Learning Skills Lab, refer to page 26.

Learning Communities

Students learn better when they learn together. In learning community courses, you work and study with others so you'll be more successful in the course. Also, by linking two or more courses together, you'll begin to see greater connections between the disciplines. Research shows that when you take a learning community course, you become a stronger student and do better in your other college courses.

Library and Information Technology

The Gavilan College Library delivers an array of print and electronic resources to the college community. Augmenting the 60,000 title printed book collection are 24,000+ e-books, and over 2,500 magazine titles, many available online in electronic databases. The Library staff prides itself on being a leader in information literacy projects and web-based instruction and has received several State grants supporting that effort. The Library faculty also teaches various courses on internet use, and works in tandem with other faculty in planning and revising courses with an information literacy component. The Library homepage at www.gavilan.edu/library/ provides an online catalog of the book collection, links to various class websites and key online resources.

Math Lab

The Math Lab provides a place for students to practice math skills and receive individualized help with math problems at every level, from Basic Mathematics to Calculus. Students can work with math instructors, the math lab assistant or other students. Computers in the lab provide tutorial software as well as math software for Geometry, Statistics and Calculus projects.

Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement Program (MESA)

The MESA Undergraduate Program is a partnership between the University of California (UC) and California Community College Chancellor's Office. The program provides academic support services to qualified students who are majoring in math-based fields and who plan to transfer to four-year universities. Open to all eligible students, MESA emphasizes participation by educationally underserved students. MESA provides a Study Center, Academic Excellence Workshops, trips to universities, Academic Advising, workshops and much more. MESA is the winner of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science, National Science Foundation (NSF) recipient, and the Innovations in American Government Award, a project of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and the Ford Foundation.

Tutoring Services and Computer Place

Tutoring services are designed to assist students to increase their success in college courses and in the development of their learning skills. This is accomplished by providing students with an opportunity to work with trained tutors who engage students in the examination of concepts and processes; discussion of ideas and theories; hands on practice; and summarization of findings. It is in this collaborative learning environment that students develop their confidence and independence as a learner. Tutoring services are free to all Gavilan Students. Tutoring services are available in The Tutoring Center in LI116 and the Computer Place in LI168., as well as at the Morgan Hill and Hollister sites.

Writing Center

The Gavilan College Writing Center fosters, celebrates and encourages writers and the varied and multiple purposes and audiences that writing serves.

Specially trained student assistants help writers start and strengthen all kinds of class assignments as well as poetry, short stories, song lyrics, business letters and resumes. Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea in the center's welcoming atmosphere and meet other writers from across the college. The center also offers space for writing discussions, meetings, workshops and study groups. Special events include activities with acclaimed writers from our Visiting Writers and Scholars in Residence programs. We also provide self-directed mini-lessons and writing prompts. Work at your own pace and learn how to get your ideas on paper. Write more powerfully, be creative, enjoy writing, and practice using correct grammar, spelling and punctuation.

The center collaborates with faculty across the curriculum to increase students' academic success, providing links to assignments and effective research and writing strategies. We offer specially tailored assistant led in-class workshops upon request.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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Student Activities Office

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The Student Activities Office provides support for student development activities and ensures a quality student life experience for all Gavilan College students. The Director of Student Activities helps maintain and schedule the student dining and lounge areas of the Student Center, supports the ASB in planning events, budget matters, and daily operations, and serves as the college's liaison to student clubs and organizations and their advisors. The Student Activities Office maintains a calendar of campus events and provides leadership development and service learning opportunities for interested students.



Associated Student Body (ASB)

The collective voice of students is an important and powerful component in the college's participatory governance process. The ASB is the official student organization on campus and provides the majority of student input and recommendations on critical campus issues to faculty, staff, administration and the Board of Trustees.

The Student Senate is a representative body of students who meet weekly to plan, implement and evaluate college activities and services that meet the needs of Gavilan College students. Any student who meets the requirements of the ASB's by-laws may become a voting member of the Student Senate. The elected and appointed officers provide a liaison between the students and academic departments and student services. The variety of leadership positions allows for different levels of involvement so that students can balance their academic and extracurricular loads effectively.

The political and practical leadership skills that students develop through the ASB are supplemented through a leadership course offered through the Political Science and Psychology Departments (POLS 27; PSYC 27). The curriculum includes practical skills that are applicable to college-related opportunities and other professional and personal environments. The curriculum is an interdisciplinary approach to contemporary leadership. This is an elective course that is transferrable to the CSU system and meets a GE requirement for the Gavilan College A.A./A.S. degree. Although the UC system does not accept the units for the class, it gives added consideration to those students who have been involved in student government and other college activities. Employers also look favorably upon a student's involvement in college leadership.

There are many reasons to become involved in the ASB: the skills learned in the academic environment are transferrable to outside involvements; it provides a good way to meet other students with similar interests and it provides a vehicle for activities which often have no other forum.

ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY - CARDS

The benefits of buying a student body card are many. The revenue supports social and cultural activities on campus in addition to providing the purchaser with discounts at athletic and cultural events and free bluebooks and scantrons (testing supplies) in the bookstore. Your ASB card can be loaded with purchase credit for printing in the Gavilan College computer labs. Many businesses in Gilroy, Morgan Hill and Hollister offer discounts to card holders.

Campus Clubs

A variety of clubs and organizations have been established to provide opportunities for students to participate in scholastic, social, political, cultural and recreational pursuits. Club activities are coordinated and supported through the Student Activities Office. Students are encouraged to start clubs if they have a particular interest not represented currently on campus.

College Colors and Mascot

The official colors of Gavilan College are dark blue, red, and white. The official mascot is the Ram.

Intercollegiate Athletics

As a member of the California Community College Athletics Association, Gavilan College is proud of its rich tradition in intercollegiate athletics. Competing in the Coast Conference, Gavilan College offers seven (7) intercollegiate athletic programs: basketball, volleyball, and softball for women and for men: baseball, football, basketball and soccer.

Students wishing to participate in any of the intercollegiate athletic programs must be enrolled in and attending a minimum of 12 units during the season of competition with nine units applying towards a degree program. To be eligible for a second season of competition, students must have passed a minimum of 24 units, have 18 apply towards a degree program, and maintained a cumulative 2.0 grade point average. In addition, all participants must have an official Student Education Plan on file within the office of the Dean of Kinesiology and Athletics prior to the start of the first season. Coordinate with the athletic counselor to complete your Student Education Plan.

In addition to meeting the requirements for student-athlete eligibility, all participants must adhere to all rules outlined by Gavilan College, the Coast Conference and the California Community College Athletics Association. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of eligibility.

Athletic scholarships are not given in California community colleges; however, Gavilan College provides qualified students with financial aid opportunities.

Publications

The Gavilan Press, an independent student newspaper, has provided students with a real world journalism experience and a public forum for their ideas and opinions since 1967. The newspaper, now entirely online, covers the events, issues and people that shape, reflect and define the college and the world.

Rho Alpha Mu - Honor Society

Rho Alpha Mu is the Gavilan College chapter of Alpha Gamma Sigma, the California Community College Honor Scholarship Society. Its purpose is to recognize student scholarship, contribute to the social and cultural life of the campus and to provide and promote active involvement with the larger community through voluntary community service activities.

Membership is open to all those with at least a 3.0 grade point average. There are a number of financial award possibilities for members in good standing.

Theatre Productions

The Gavilan College Theatre offers a range of plays, including childrens' plays, musicals and Shakespearean productions. In addition to performing on stage, students learn backstage and technical production skills. For more information visit www.gavilan.edu/theatre.

TADA Productions - The Gavilan ASB Theatre Club sponsors several social and cultural events during the school year including: *Fiesta Mexicana*, a Folklorico Concert; *Historias de mi Madre* a Community Solutions event for Domestic Violence Awareness month; *One Night Stand(s)*, fall & spring stand-up workshops and Comedy Night(s); and other student generated performances.