

Mission

Sauk Valley Community College is dedicated to teaching and scholarship while engaging the community in lifelong learning, public service, and economic development.

History

In 1965, the citizens of the Sauk Valley area voted to establish SVCC. SVCC serves the five Illinois counties of Lee, Whiteside, Ogle, Bureau, and Carroll. The College still utilizes the 450,000 ft² main building that was opened in 1970.

Academic Programs

SVCC confers associate degrees and certificates, but also provides customized business training, community education, and G.E.D. preparation. Students can earn a two-year transfer degree (A.A. or A.S.) and then matriculate to a 4-year institution or they can earn a two-year associate degree in applied science (A.A.S.) or shorter certificates and immediately enter the workforce. At \$123 per credit hour, the College provides the most affordable college education in the area.

- 40 transfer degrees offered.
- 19 career-technical degrees offered.
- 47 certificates offered.

Sauk Students

- Around 4000 students enroll each year.
- 47% are enrolled in transfer degrees, 46% in career-technical programs, and 7% pursuing other personal goals.
- 55% of students are full-time (taking 12 credits or more).
- 60% of students are female.
- 82% of students are white, 11% Hispanic.
- 68% of students are under the age of 25.
- 52% receive Pell Grants to finance their education.
- About 1800 classes are taken by dual credit students.

Athletics

- SVCC participates in five men's and five women's sports in the highest level of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) competition.
- Sauk is a member of the Arrowhead Athletic Conference.
- Sauk athletic teams have won 42 conference, regional, or sectional championships and 53 individual athletes have qualified for nationals.
- The Sauk mascot is the Skyhawk and red and black are the school colors.

Faculty

- 46 full-time faculty (a Master's Degree in the area of study is required to teach a college-level class).
- 114 adjunct faculty.
- 21-1 student teacher ratio.

Awards and Rankings

- 2014 recipient of the Noel Levitz Retention Award.
- 3rd in college rankings in Illinois by CNN Money for student success rates in FY 2014.
- 5th in college rankings in Illinois for highest performance-based funding in FY2014.
- 3rd in transfer (42%) and completion rates (39%) in the Illinois Community College system in 2012.
- Veteran Friendly campus since FY 2008.

Economic Impact of SVCC

- An associate degree earner from Sauk will make \$600,000 more in their lifetime than a non-degree earner.
- Creates approximately 320 full-time and part-time jobs.
- \$13.3 million, on average, is contributed annually to the local economy.

The College is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and governed by the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) and the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE).