COLLEGE PROFILE

Founded in 1929, SMC is a California State public institution regionally accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Recognized as one of the best Community Colleges in California and the nation, SMC provides the first two years of American university education. More students transfer from the College to the University of California system, including UCLA, than from any other school. Large numbers also transfer to the California State University (CSU) system, and to the best public and private schools in California and throughout the US. Famous graduates include Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Dustin Hoffman, and James Dean.

Over 30,000 students, 10% of whom are international from more than 100 countries, attend SMC.

LOCATION AND CAMPUS

In addition to the College’s academic reputation and the achievements of its students, the campus facilities are outstanding.

State-of-the-art science and media labs are complemented by a recently renovated library. Computer labs and terminals are widely available. Modern performing arts facilities are excellent.

A Student Union, cafeteria, and snack bars allow students to meet and socialize easily. Indoor sports facilities are excellent, with many outdoor fields and facilities, such as the Olympic swimming pool.

Santa Monica is famous for its beautiful beaches and perfect year-round weather. It is near Beverly Hills, Hollywood, Malibu and Los Angeles International Airport. There is much to do in the area, ranging from visits to Disneyland and Universal Studios, to great museums, orchestras, shopping and sporting events.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed SMC international student application form. Student must be 18 years old at semester/session start.
2. Official high school transcript with certified translation into English. Student must submit proof of high school graduation.
3. Submit a 500-word personal essay describing the student’s reasons for applying to SMC.
4. English Proficiency Requirement: There is no English Proficiency Requirement if you are applying to the Intensive English Program (IEP). There is no English Proficiency Requirement if you took a U.S. college or university college level English writing course. For additional options to demonstrate English proficiency by fulfilling one of the criteria (such as TOEFL, IELTS, or language programs), please visit www.smc.edu/international under international admission and enrollment section for a comprehensive list. Please note that even if you meet the proof of English proficiency, all international students will take a mandatory English placement test upon arrival and will then be placed in appropriate classes.
5. Complete the International Student Financial Statement (part of the SMC International Student Application). In addition, the applicant and/or sponsor(s) must submit an original bank statement to meet the SMC’s estimated tuition and living expenses.
   a. Financial affidavit in U.S. dollars and certified confirming funds available.*
6. General Requirements form
7. Non-refundable application fee* in U.S. funds
8. Additional Admission Requirements for transfer students from a school in the U.S.
   • Copies of your current I-20 passport photo page, F-1 Visa page, and I-94.
   • Santa Monica College transfer clearance form completed by the school you are currently attending.
   • Official transcripts from colleges and/or universities you have attended in the U.S. You must have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0.

*See International Student Application for specific requirements for (www.smc.edu/international)
INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM

Students without any of the required language proficiency test scores can apply for admission to SMC and attend the Intensive English Program (IEP) on campus. Students wanting to apply for the IEP must submit all of the documents required for general admission with the exception of an English test proficiency score. Students successfully completing the IEP (1–3 semesters/sessions) will be recommended to begin their academic studies at SMC without the TOEFL/IELTS or other test scores.

English language courses begin at SMC on the same dates as the regular student courses. The course consists of 20 contact hours per week of non-credit instruction in reading, writing, listening and speaking. Students are initially assessed according to their English language proficiency and placed in beginning, intermediate or advanced levels of instruction. The classes are designed to prepare students to begin their college/university level courses with minimum levels of English as a second language.

HOUSING OPTIONS

All international students can receive information about home stays with families, apartments, co-ops and other living arrangements. We encourage all students to seek housing well in advance of the start of their program. For more information on international student housing, please visit our website at: www.smc.edu/international.

SPORTS AND CLUBS

A wide range of on-campus recreational facilities are available to SMC students including a well-equipped gymnasium and Olympic sized pool. You can become involved in sports ranging from basketball, football, volleyball, weight training, track, swimming and others.

SMC students are encouraged to become active in the assortment of campus student groups including the International Student Club, Alpha Gamma Sigma (Honors Club), Asian Pacific Islanders, the Corsair Newspaper (Journalism & Reporting) and the Associated Students Government.

TRANSFER PROGRAMS

This program in these fields of study (majors), does not result in the awarding of an Associates in Arts degree but enables students who successfully complete the prescribed courses to apply for a transfer to UC, CSU or private universities for the final two years of university study. In some instances students may complete additional course work and receive an AA degree as well.

ASSOCIATES IN ARTS DEGREE PROGRAMS

SMC offers majors in more than 60 fields, and students have the option to take an Associates of Arts degree, complete a certificate program, or enter the University Transfer program.

Business
- Business Administration
- Entrepreneurship
- General Business
- International Business
- Management/Leadership
- Marketing
- Merchandising

Computer Information Systems
- Computer Business Applications
- Website Software Specialist

Computer Science
- Computer Programming
- Computer Science
- Database Applications Developer
- Web Programmer

Cosmetology
- Dance
- Early Childhood Education
- Intervention Education
- Intervention Assistant
- Intervention Teacher

Fashion Design and Merchandising
- Fashion Design
- Fashion Merchandising

Film Studies
- General Science
- Graphic Design
- Interior Architectural Design
- Interior Architectural Design I
- Interior Architectural Design II
- Journalism

Kinesiology Physical Education
- Liberal Arts
- Music
- General Music
- Applied Music
- Nursing – RN (71 units)
- Office Technology
- General Office
- Legal Administrative Assistant
- Photography/Physical Education/Kinesiology/Physiological Sciences
- Respiratory Therapy
- Speech
- Theatre Arts
- Women’s Studies

ADDITIONAL FIELDS OF STUDY

The following fields of study are for students who wish to transfer in the same or similar areas of study upon finishing their two year courses at SMC. They do not result in the awarding of the A.A., but all credits will transfer to Cal State and UC schools if academic requirements are met:

- Anatomy
- Anthropology
- Astronomy
- Biological Sciences
- Botany
- Chemistry
- Chinese
- Communication
- Counseling
- Economics
- Engineering
- English
- Environmental Studies
- ESL – English as a Second Language
- French
- Geography
- Geology

German
Health Education
Hebrew
Humanities
Italian
Japanese
Korean
Libraray Studies
Mathematics
Microbiology
Nursing
Occupational Therapy
Persian
Physiology
Political Science
Psychology
Religious Studies
Russian
Sociology
Spanish
Urban Studies
Zoology

Santa Monica College also offers Certificate of Achievement programs and short-term programs that earn Departmental Certificates. Go to www.smc.edu/articulation for more information.

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