Request For Placement And Prerequisite Waivers

The Transfer Counseling Center will only process waivers for the following classes:

- English, ESL, and Math
- Anatomy 1
- Biology 21
- Chemistry 11

Please Note:

English/ESL/Math sequences are not the same at all colleges. We use our best judgment in placing you at the appropriate level. In some cases, you may be advised to take our assessment at SMC.

You must provide a transcript copy and course descriptions (a syllabus may be required as well).

Waivers for the courses listed below must be done by the respective departments.

- Biology 22, 23, Microbiology 1, Nursing 17, Physiology 3, course prerequisite waivers can only be granted by the Life Sciences Department (a course syllabus may be required).
- Chemistry 12, 21, 22, 24 and Physics 7, 9, 22, 23, 24 course prerequisite waivers can only be granted by the Physical Sciences Department (a course syllabus may be required).
- Early Childhood Education: ECE 22 (Contact the ECE Dept. at X8109)

Please send waiver requests to ScienceWaivers@smc.edu. Be sure to include scanned transcripts, weblinks to official course descriptions or course outlines, scanned syllabi (optional but recommended), and anything else you think would assist in verifying your waiver. Make sure to clearly state your waiver request, and include your complete name and SMC student ID#. If you have questions regarding your waiver request, please use the email above, or contact the Sciences Department Office located in (SCI 258) at 310-434-4788. You may also contact the appropriate Life Sciences or Physical Sciences Chair with questions about the process.

To contact Life Sciences: Click here

To contact Physical Sciences: Click here