



WELCOME TO SANTA MONICA COLLEGE!

YOUR GUIDE TO BECOMING A CORSAIR



WHY SMC?

25,000+

Number of
Students

#1

in transfer to USC,
LMU, & the UC
system for
35 years

**\$70
million**

in financial aid
and textbook
vouchers

57%

first-generation
students

24:1

student: faculty
ratio



Top feeder west of
the Mississippi
River to the Ivy
League Columbia
University



More than

80

student-run
clubs



200 +
Degrees &
Certificates

**2 Bachelor Degree
Programs:**

B.S. Interaction
Design (IxD) &
Cloud Computing



Largest student
support network
in California



Largest
college fair
in California



WELCOME TO SMC!

1

Apply to SMC

- ▶ Create an OpenCCC account and submit your SMC application. In this step, you will need to provide a form of identity verification.
- ▶ Once applied, an SMC ID number will be sent to your email address with instructions on setting up your SMC account.



2

Complete Financial Aid

- ▶ Complete a FAFSA or CA Dream Act application by March 2nd to see if you qualify for assistance with tuition, fees, books, etc.



3

Log Into Corsair Connect

- ▶ Check your admission email and verify your email address.
- ▶ Use the login credentials from the "SMC Account Information" email to log in to Corsair Connect.



4

Complete Online Orientation

- ▶ Log in using your student credentials and complete online orientation.



5

Review Course Placement

- ▶ View your English and Math placement levels in the Classes & Enrollment tab in Corsair Connect. These levels help determine your readiness for certain courses.



6

Meet with a Counselor

- ▶ Set up Stellic through Corsair Connect.
- ▶ Meet with a counselor to assist you with your educational plan, course selections, or transfer questions.



7

Opt-in to SMC Promise

- ▶ Login to Corsair Connect & choose SMC Promise on the left side menu.
- ▶ Choose to Opt-in to SMC Promise and check eligibility requirements.



8

Enroll in classes

- ▶ Add your counselor recommended courses in Corsair Connect on or after your enrollment date.



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Apply to SMC

Choose the option that best describes you to begin the application process.



New Students

Apply to SMC if you are a new student at SMC.



Returning Students

If you are returning to SMC after 1 year or more, you will need to reapply here.



International F1/F2 Students

Prospect international students living out-of-country or with visa statuses can apply here.



Undocumented Students

Eligible students under AB540 can apply here.



High School Concurrent Program

If you are currently in high school and want to get ahead on your college career, enroll here.



Noncredit and Adult Education

Apply to our noncredit programs if you are interested in personal and/or professional development.

TIPS WHILE APPLYING:



- If under 18, a parent or guardian can provide verification on your behalf through ID.ME.
- Only certain Educational Goals are eligible for financial aid. "Undecided" is NOT an eligible goal.
- State your enrollment status as "First-time Student in College" (even if you took dual enrollment/High school concurrent enrollment classes).
- Indicate your projected graduation date as the high school completion date (ex., 06/10/2026).
- Use your high school transcript for unweighted cumulative GPA and grades for English & Math based on the spring semester of 11th grade.
- Please remember to save your application confirmation number.

2

Complete Financial Aid & Scholarships

FAFSA (U.S. Citizens & Eligible Non-Citizens)

- ☐ Fill out the FAFSA at [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov) which determines your eligibility for Federal, State and Institutional aid.
- ☐ FAFSA School Code: 001286



Deadline: March 2nd

CA DREAM Act (AB540 Students)

- ☐ Undocumented students who meet AB540 requirements must submit an AB540 affidavit
- ☐ Fill out the CA Dream Act Application at DREAM.csac.ca.gov which determines eligibility for State and Institutional Aid
- ☐ FAFSA School Code: 001286

Deadline: March 2nd

Scholarships

- ☐ Students can apply to hundreds of scholarships at once through one global application!
- ☐ Log in to Corsair Connect & visit the Financial Aid section.
- ☐ Under "Types of Aid" look for the "Scholarship Online Application" link.

**Filing Period:
Early Spring**

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Login to Corsair Connect at smc.edu/cc

EMAIL #1

FROM: ADMISSIONS@SMC.EDU
SUBJECT: CONGRATULATIONS! YOU ARE ADMITTED TO SMC

Your SMC ID: 1
 Admitted for: Summer/Fall 2026
 Enroll in classes on or after: MAY 04, 2026 10:00 PM

Dear Madison:

Congratulations on your admission to Santa Monica College! We are excited to have you here. You will be joining a diverse community dedicated to helping you meet your educational goals.

To enroll at SMC, you will first need to complete a few steps.

1. Verify your personal email account click the button below. This step is required to proceed with course enrollment. You will not get your "next steps" until you do.

[Verify My Email](#)

EMAIL #2

FROM: DONOTREPLY@SMC.EDU
SUBJECT: YOUR SMC ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Greetings and welcome to Santa Monica College. In order to access web services such as Corsair Connect (student portal), Canvas, and SMC email, you will need to set up your SMC account. Your account information is below. If you need step-by-step instructions on how to setup your account, please refer to www.smc.edu/activate.

Account Setup Information

- Your SMC Username:
- Your SMC Temporary Password:

The password will expire and must be updated as soon as possible. Click the button below and update your SMC account information.

Please use @student.smc.edu when you set up your SMC Account.

[Setup Your SMC Account](#)

TIPS WHILE LOGGING-IN:



- Your SMC Account Information will be sent to you after you verify your email.
- Save your SMC ID and username.
- If your password has expired while setting up your account, click on "Student Account Help" and choose option #2 to reset your password.
- When you're setting up your account, make sure to add @student.smc.edu at the end of your username.
- Once you've created your password go back to www.SMC.EDU/CC and login to Corsair Connect.
- Save your password.



Confirm your Educational Goal, Major, Universities

• Educational Goal

University of Interest

Transfer Major/Program

SMC Degree/Certificate Program

Area of Interest

[No Change Required](#)

[Submit Changes](#)

IMPORTANT NOTE

- To ensure you can maximize your financial aid awards, choose an educational goal because "Undecided" is not an eligible goal.
- After confirming, you can update your educational goal and major 1 time per semester with the Admissions & Records office or meeting with an academic counselor.

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Complete Online Orientation in Corsair Connect

Profile Overview



Upload Photo
[Instructions](#)



Student Name:
Student ID:
Username:
SMC Email:

Major: Undecided
Education: Undecided
Goal: Undecided Or Unknown
Area of Interest:

[View/Edit Profile](#)

Success Steps (3 of 6 completed)



Apply



Placement



Financial Aid



Stellis-New Ed Plan System



Orientation



Enroll

TIPS WHILE COMPLETING ORIENTATION:

- Please remember to confirm your orientation completion on the last page.



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Review Course Placement in Corsair Connect

Recommended Placement

Your multiple measure ESI/English placement is: ENGL C1000

Your multiple measure Statistics/Liberal Arts Math placement is: MATH 2I or STAT C1000 or MATH 4I

Your multiple measure BSTEM Math Pathway placement is: Math 2 or Math 3 or Math 4 or Math 6, or math with extra support Math 2+2C or Math 3+3C or Math 4+4C or Math 6+6C or Math 7+7C (The support courses, Math 2C, 3C, 4C, 6C, 7C are strongly recommended but not required) If you're unsure which class to take, an SMC Counselor can help

TIPS WHILE REVIEWING YOUR PLACEMENT:

- Math and English course placements are determined by various factors, including:
 - The highest level of English/Math you took in high school
 - Overall cumulative high school GPA
 - AP Test Scores
- If you do not see a recommended Math or English placement, you will need to complete the self-guided assessment on Corsair Connect to determine your placement.
- Your math course placement depends on your major (business STEM v. NON-business STEM).
- If you are undecided or deciding between majors, please discuss with a counselor.

6

Meet with a Counselor & Create an Educational Plan

 Upload Photo Instructions 	Student Name: Student ID: Username: SMC Email: Major: Education Goal: Area of Interest:	Interaction Design SMC B.S. Degree Arts, Media, And Entertainment	 Apply  Financial Aid  Orientation  Stellic-New Ed Plan System  Enroll  Placement
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TIPS FOR CREATING AN EDUCATIONAL PLAN:

- You can check your program map to see recommended classes for your major.,
- Meet with a counselor to discuss classes, transfer, and degrees.
- Attend a Welcome Center workshop or event for in-person or virtual support.
- The counseling queue may be impacted during enrollment time. Try logging in first thing in the morning.
- Log in to Stellic in your Corsair Connect to start your educational plan.

CHECK YOUR PROGRAM MAP:



SPEAK WITH A COUNSELOR:



WELCOME CENTER:

TIPS **BEFORE** MEETING WITH A COUNSELOR

- Have access to:
 - AP Test Scores
 - College transcripts (dual enrollment or high school concurrent courses)
- Come prepared with questions and notes. For example:
 - Do you want to transfer and where?
 - Are you thinking about attending SMC full-time or part-time?

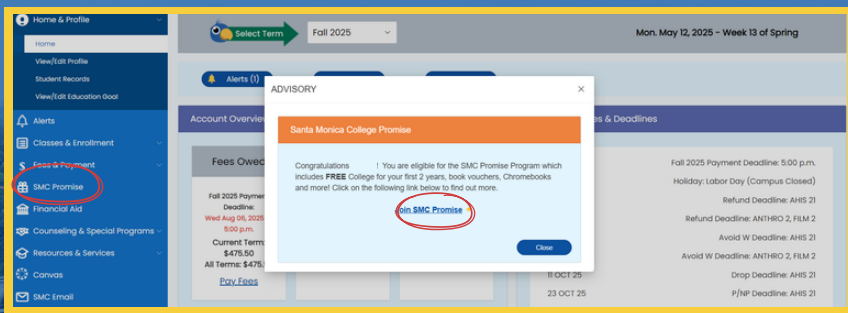
TIPS **AFTER** MEETING WITH A COUNSELOR:

- Visit Stellic to view the courses in your educational plan.
- Review the class schedule. Choose the class that works best with your availability and save the 4-digit section number.
- Save alternative section numbers, in case the class that you want is full.
- SMC has 7 campuses and different ways you can take the class (in-person or online). Use the filters to create the schedule that works best for you.

* Semester Spring 2026	Course Name ENGL C1000	Former Name ENGL 1	Course Title Academic Reading and Writing	Section 1896	Status CLOSED	Schedule MW 8 a.m.-9:20 a.m.	Section Modality On Ground
* Class Type Regular & Online	ENGL C1000	ENGL 1	Academic Reading and Writing	1899	CLOSED	MW 8 a.m.-9:20 a.m.	Scheduled
Class Modality All	ENGL C1000	ENGL 1	Academic Reading and Writing	1900	OPEN	MW 8 a.m.-9:20 a.m.	On Ground
* Class Status Open & Closed & See Instructor	ENGL C1000	ENGL 1	Academic Reading and Writing	1901	OPEN	MW 8 a.m.-9:20 a.m.	On Ground
Subject Digital Media Post-Production			Academic Reading and Writing	1908			

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Opt-In to SMC Promise



TIPS WHILE OPTING IN:

- When you opt-in to SMC Promise . You will be able to view your eligibility and requirements.
- If ineligible (**red**), please email smcpromise@smc.edu for assistance.
- If eligible (**green**) but requirements are not met (**red**), don't worry. Ensure your Financial aid application is on file and enroll in classes.
- If both eligibility and requirements are satisfied (**green**), you are covered by the SMC Promise program for the upcoming semester.
- Your tuition balance will still show in corsair connect, *but*, your payment deadline will be postponed until THE smc promise disbursement date.

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Enroll in Classes

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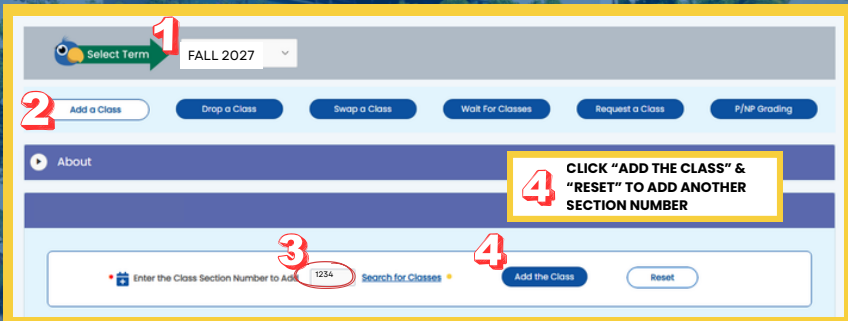
MAKE SURE YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT SEMESTER

2

CLICK ON ADD A CLASS

3

ENTER SECTION NUMBER FROM THE CLASS SCHEDULE



TIPS WHILE ENROLLING:

- Log in to Stellaris to check the classes recommended by your counselor in Step 6.
- Log in to Corsair Connect, choose "Classes & Enrollment," type in the 4-digit section number of your class, and add the class.
- If a class is "Closed" then add yourself to the waitlist by clicking on "wait for classes." If a seat opens, eligible students are auto-enrolled in waitlist order.

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE PROSPECTIVE STUDENT CHECKLIST



GETTING STARTED

- ☐ Create CCCApply Account
- ☐ Complete ID.me verification
- ☐ Submit SMC Application
- ☐ Check SMC Admission Email
- ☐ Submit verification documents (if needed)
- ☐ Verify your email address
- ☐ Create FSA ID
- ☐ Complete FAFSA or CADA application
- ☐ Log into Corsair Connect
- ☐ Check your residency status
- ☐ Complete Online Orientation
- ☐ Create an educational plan in Stellic
- ☐ Download the SMC Go App

PRIORITY REGISTRATION DEADLINE

End of March

AFTER YOU ENROLL

- ☐ Set up your digital student ID card through the SMC Go App
- ☐ Access or purchase textbooks through SlingShot
- ☐ Activate Canvas*
- ☐ Check important deadlines; add, drop, refund, withdrawal
- ☐ Set up transportation (TAP card, parking permit)

ENROLLMENT & REGISTRATION

- ☐ Meet with an Academic Counselor
- ☐ Submit AP Scores*
- ☐ Send college transcripts to Admissions*
- ☐ Apply for SMC Scholarships
- ☐ Check Financial Aid status
- ☐ Opt-in to SMC Promise
- ☐ Apply for CSD accommodations*
- ☐ Check your Enrollment Date
- ☐ Enroll in classes (12+ units)
- ☐ Review your class schedule & waitlist status
- ☐ Pay enrollment fees (if not SMCP eligible)

CAMPUS LIFE & SUPPORT

- ☐ Explore student clubs
- ☐ Attend VIP Welcome Day
- ☐ Explore Basic Needs and Tech Support
- ☐ Attend an Onboarding Seminar
- ☐ Apply for Scholars Program*
- ☐ Meet with a Career Counselor
- ☐ Explore SMC Student Support Programs
- ☐ Explore tutoring

**this step is only applicable to certain students, if you want to learn more, please ask your SMC recruiter*

YOUR GUIDE TO GETTING STARTED
WWW.SMC.EDU/PROSPECTIVESTUDENT



**BLACK COLLEGIANS
UMOJA COMMUNITY**



**LATINO CENTER
ADELANTE PROGRAM**



**EOPS/CARE
PROGRAMS**



**DREAM
PROGRAM**



**LAW PATHWAY
PROGRAM**



**MESA
PROGRAM**



**SCHOLARS
PROGRAM**



**COUNSELING &
TRANSFER SERVICES**



**CAREER SERVICES
CENTER**



**NEW & FIRST YEAR
STUDENT SUPPORT**



**CENTER FOR
STUDENTS WITH
DISABILITIES**



**CENTER FOR
WELLNESS &
WELLBEING**



**BASIC NEEDS
PROGRAM**



**OFFICE OF
STUDENT LIFE**



**FINANCIAL AID
& SCHOLARSHIPS**



**SANTA MONICA
COLLEGE PROMISE**





Career Services CENTER

Not sure what to study or already know where you want to go?

The Santa Monica College Career Services Center can help you map out your path. SMC students enrolled in **3 or more units** can access Career Services resources and support.

1

Know Yourself

Discover your interests, skills, strengths, and career goals through personalized guidance and career assessments.

2

Explore Majors & Careers

Explore majors and career options to find a path that matches your interests, strengths, and future goals.

3

Get Focused

Build valuable experience through internships, volunteer opportunities, and other career-focused experiences.

4

Get the Job

Prepare for your future with support for resumes, job searching, interviews, and today's changing job market.

Visit the Career Services Center:

Location: Student Services Center, 1st Floor

Phone: 310-434-4337

Email: careerservices@smc.edu

Office Hours:

Monday–Thursday 8:30 AM–4:30 PM | Friday 8:30 AM–12:30 PM

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE
WWW.SMC.EDU/CAREERSERVICES



CONGRATS ON BECOMING A CORSAIR!

LET'S STAY IN TOUCH!



VISIT US AND LEARN ABOUT OUR MAIN
CAMPUS AND ALL OF THE RESOURCES
AVAILABLE TO YOU



NEED HELP WITH THE ENROLLMENT PROCESS?
LOG IN TO ZOOM SUPPORT ROOM.
MONDAY-THURSDAY: 3:30 PM- 4:30 PM



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