



WELCOME TO SANTA MONICA COLLEGE!

**YOUR GUIDE TO BECOMING
A CORSAIR**



WHY SMC?

27, 218 +

Number of
Students

#1

in transfer to 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

#1

in transfers to
UCLA, USC, and
LMU

More than

80

student-run
clubs



200 +

Degrees &
Certificates

1 of 15

California Community
Colleges to offer a
Bachelor Degree

B.S. Interaction
Design (iXD)



Largest student
support network
in California



Largest
college fair
in California

Hispanic
Serving
Institution

WELCOME TO SMC!

1 Apply to SMC

- ▶ Create an OpenCCC account and submit your SMC application.
- ▶ 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 Dream Act application by March 2nd to see if you qualify for assistance with tuition, books, and required class material.



3 Log Into Corsair Connect

- ▶ Check your admission email and verify your email address.
- ▶ Use the login credentials from the "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 and 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 here if you are a first-time 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:



- ONLY CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL GOALS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL AID. "UNDECIDED ON GOAL" 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 HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT TO DETERMINE UNWEIGHTED CUMMULATIVE GPA & GRADES FOR ENGLISH & MATH BASED ON THE SECOND SEMESTER OF 11TH GRADE.
- MAKE SURE TO SAVE YOUR APPLICATION CONFIRMATION NUMBER.

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Complete Financial Aid

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 Dream Act Application at [DREAM.csac.ca.gov](https://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:
Feb. 3 - June 13**

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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

Laura Nlaro
 Your SMC ID:
 Admitted for: Summer / Fall 2025
 Enroll in classes on or after: APR 29, 2025 05:00 PM

Dear Laura:

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

Laura

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 Password:

Click the button below and provide your SMC account information.

[Setup Your SMC Account](#)

Email and SMC Account Setup Information

Your SMC account and student email address serve as the primary means of communication between you and SMC in support of your learning needs and goals. All

TIPS WHILE LOGGING-IN:



- EMAIL #2 WILL BE SENT TO YOU AFTER YOU VERIFY YOUR EMAIL IN EMAIL #1.
- SAVE YOUR SMC ID AND USERNAME.
- 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 SMC.EDU/CC AND LOG IN TO CORSAIR CONNECT.
- SAVE YOUR PASSWORD.

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Complete Online Orientation in Corsair Connect

Profile Overview



Student Name:
 Student ID:
 Username:
 SMC Email:

[Upload Photo Instructions](#)

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



[View/Edit Profile](#)

Success Steps (3 of 6 completed)



Apply



Financial Aid



Orientation



Placement



Stellic-New Ed Plan System



Enroll

TIPS WHILE COMPLETING ORIENTATION:

- DON'T FORGET TO CONFIRM YOUR ORIENTATION COMPLETION ON THE LAST PAGE



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Review Course Placement in Corsair Connect

Recommended Placement

Your multiple measure ESL/English placement is: ENGL C1000

Your multiple measure Statistics/Liberal Arts Math placement is: MATH 21 or STAT C1000 or MATH 41

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:

- YOUR MATH COURSE PLACEMENT DEPENDS ON YOUR MAJOR (BSTEM V. NON-BSTEM).
- IF YOU'RE UNDECIDED, PLEASE DISCUSS IT WITH YOUR COUNSELOR.



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Meet with a Counselor and Create an Ed Plan

TIPS WHILE CREATING AN EDUCATIONAL PLAN:



- YOU CAN CHECK YOUR PROGRAM MAP TO SEE RECOMMENDED CLASSES FOR YOUR DEGREE.
- MEET WITH THE COUNSELOR TO DISCUSS CLASSES, TRANSFER, AND DEGREES.
- THE COUNSELING QUEUE MAY BE IMPACTED DURING ENROLLMENT TIME. TRY LOGGING IN FIRST THING IN THE MORNING.
- LOG IN TO STELLIC IN CORSAIR CONNECT TO START YOUR PRELIMINARY EDUCATIONAL PLAN.

CHECK YOUR PROGRAM MAP:



SPEAK WITH A COUNSELOR:



Student Name: _____
 Student ID: _____
 Username: _____
 SMC Email: _____

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

[View/Edit Profile](#)



Apply



Financial Aid



Orientation



Placement



Stellc-New Ed Plan System



Enroll

Search Criteria

Semester: Spring 2026
 Class Type: Regular & Online
 Class Modality: All
 Class Status: Open & Closed & See Instructor
 Subject: English - Composition

Query Results - Spring 2026 Class List as of 01/06/2026 08:30 AM

Course Name	Former Name	Course Title	Section	Status	Schedule	Section Modality
ENGL C1000	ENGL 1	Academic Reading and Writing	1000	CLOSED	MF 8 a.m.-9:20 a.m.	On-Ground
ENGL C1000	ENGL 1	Academic Reading and Writing	1000	CLOSED	MF 8 a.m.-9:20 a.m.	Scheduled
ENGL C1000	ENGL 1	Academic Reading and Writing	1000	OPEN	MF 8 a.m.-9:20 a.m.	On-Ground
ENGL C1000	ENGL 1	Academic Reading and Writing	1000	OPEN	MF 8 a.m.-9:20 a.m.	On-Ground
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ENGL C1000	ENGL 1	Academic Reading and Writing	1000	OPEN	TH 8 a.m.-9:20 a.m.	On-Ground
ENGL C1000	ENGL 1	Academic Reading and Writing	1000	CLOSED	TH 8 a.m.-9:20 a.m.	Scheduled
ENGL C1000	ENGL 1	Academic Reading and Writing	1000	OPEN	MF 9:30 a.m.-10:50 a.m.	On-Ground

TIPS AFTER MEETING WITH A COUNSELING:

- START REVIEWING THE CLASS SCHEDULE.
- CHOOSE THE CLASS THAT WORKS BEST WITH YOUR AVAILABILITY AND SAVE THE SECTION NUMBER.
- ALWAYS SAVE ALTERNATIVE SECTION NUMBERS, IN CASE THE CLASS THAT YOU WANT IS FULL.



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Opt-In to SMC Promise

TIPS WHILE OPTING IN:



- **WHEN YOU OPT-IN TO SMC PROMISE, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO VIEW YOUR ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS.**
- **IF YOUR ELIGIBILITY IS NOT SATISFIED (RED), PLEASE EMAIL WELCOMECENTER@SMC.EDU FOR ASSISTANCE.**
- **IF YOUR ELIGIBILITY IS SATISFIED (GREEN) BUT YOUR REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT (RED), DON'T WORRY. CHECK BACK AFTER YOU ENROLL IN CLASSES.**
- **IF BOTH YOUR 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

1 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:

- **LOGIN TO STELLIC TO CHECK THE CLASSES RECOMMENDED BY YOUR COUNSELOR IN STEP 6.**
- **LOG IN TO CORSAIR CONNECT, CHOOSE "CLASSES AND ENROLLMENT," TYPE IN THE SECTION OF YOUR CLASS, AND ADD THE CLASS.**
- **THE CLASS SHOULD APPEAR ON YOUR SCHEDULE.**



SANTA MONICA COLLEGE PROSPECTIVE STUDENT CHECKLIST



Your college journey starts now, and SMC is here to make the process smooth and stress-free. This checklist lays out all the key steps you'll want to complete as you move from being a prospective student to officially joining the Corsair community. Use it to stay organized, track your progress, and make sure you're not missing anything important—from applying and submitting documents to enrolling, buying textbooks, and getting connected on campus. Take it one step at a time, and remember: you're building the future you want. You've got this!

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/CADAA application
- Log into Corsair Connect
- Check your residency status
- Complete Online Orientation
- Create an educational plan in Stellic

ENROLLMENT & REGISTRATION

- Meet with an Academic Counselor
- Apply for SMC Scholarships
- Apply for STEM/Más Program*
- Check Financial Aid
- Opt-in to SMC Promise
- Apply for DSPS accommodations*
- Check your Enrollment Date
- Enroll in classes (12+ units)
- Review your class schedule & waitlist status
- Pay enrollment fees (if not SMCP eligible)

PRIORITY REGISTRATION DEADLINE

March 27, 2026

AFTER YOU ENROLL

- Get your Student ID card
- Access or purchase textbooks through SlingShot
- Activate Canvas*
- Check important deadlines; add, drop, refund, withdraw
- Set up transportation (TAP card, parking permit)

CAMPUS LIFE & SUPPORT

- Explore student clubs
- Attend VIP Welcome Day
- Explore Basic Needs and Tech Support
- Attend an Onboarding Seminar
- Apply for Scholars Program*
- Submit AP Scores*
- Meet with a Career Counselor
- Attend SMC Preview Day
- 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
SMC.EDU/PROSPECTIVESTUDENT



BLACK COLLEGIANS
UMOJA COMMUNITY



LATINO CENTER
ADELANTE PROGRAM



EOPS SPECIAL
PROGRAMS



DREAM
PROGRAM



LAW PATHWAY
PROGRAM



STEM/MÁS
PROGRAM



SCHOLARS
PROGRAM



COUNSELING &
TRANSFER SERVICES



CAREER SERVICES
CENTER



NEW & FIRST YEAR
STUDENT SUPPORT



CENTER FOR
STUDENTS WITH
DISABILITIES



CENTER FOR
WELLNESS AND
WELLBEING



BASIC NEEDS
PROGRAM



STUDENT LIFE
ASSOCIATED
STUDENTS



FINANCIAL AID
SCHOLARSHIPS



SANTA MONICA
COLLEGE PROMISE



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 - 4:30 PM



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