

# SANTA MONICA COLLEGE



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## Location and Campus

The city of 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.

Santa Monica College is proud of its world-class facilities. State-of-the-art science, media, and computer labs are complemented by a recently renovated library. Modern performing arts facilities attract crowds from the student body and the community. A Student Union, cafeteria, and snack bars allow students to meet and socialize easily. Indoor and outdoor sports facilities provide excellent arenas for the college's teams.

Find out more about the city of Santa Monica at their website: [www.santamonica.com](http://www.santamonica.com)



## 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 U.S..

## Transfer

This program enables students who successfully complete the prescribed courses to apply for transfer to UC, CSU, or other public and private universities for the final two years of university study.

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## Major Fields of Study

SMC takes pride in preparing students for 21st century careers. With offerings in more than 80 fields of study we are also the leader among the state's 109 community colleges in transferring students to the University of California, University of Southern California, and other four-year campuses. Visit the Areas of Study website for a complete list of fields and opportunities:

<http://www.smc.edu/StudentServices/TransferServices/AreasofStudy/Pages/Areas-of-Study.aspx>

## Intensive English Program

Students who need to strengthen their English skills can begin their studies in SMC's Intensive English Program (IEP) on campus. The classes are designed to prepare students for college/university level coursework. For more information, visit the IEP webpage at: [http://www.smc.edu/EnrollmentDevelopment/IEC/Documents/IEP\\_Flyer.pdf](http://www.smc.edu/EnrollmentDevelopment/IEC/Documents/IEP_Flyer.pdf)

## Student Services

Santa Monica College provides the support and services to help you achieve success, with over 25 programs to assist you in making career choices, developing your academic skills, and making the most of your opportunities at SMC. To keep up-to-date on all of SMC's support programs, visit <http://www.smc.edu/StudentServices/Pages/default.aspx>

## Health Center

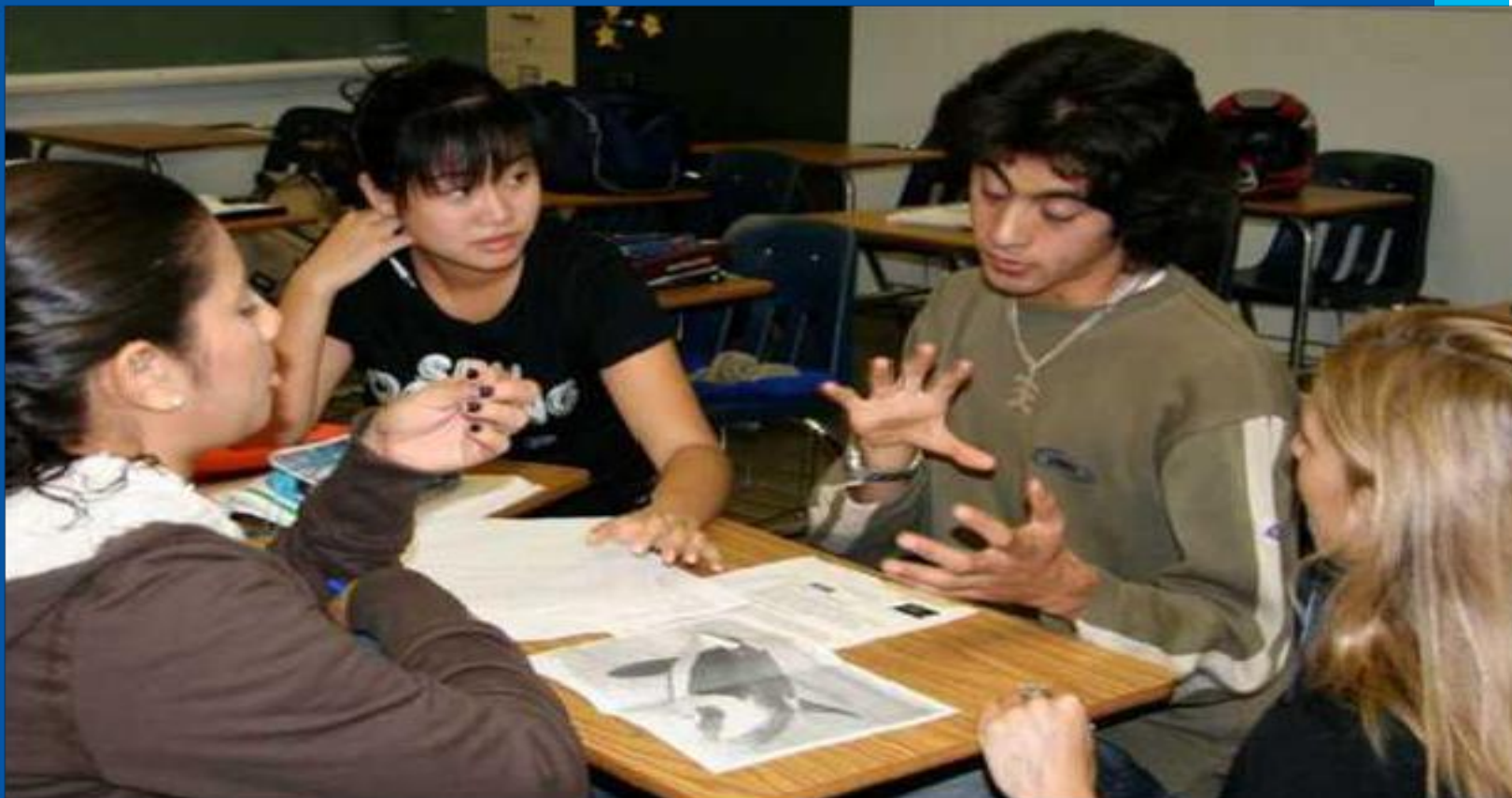
The SMC Health Services Center provides primary health care services to Santa Monica College students: Visit their website at: <http://www.smc.edu/StudentServices/SHSC/Pages/default.aspx>

## Center for Students with Disabilities

Santa Monica College is committed to the belief that students with disabilities should have equal opportunity to participate in all the academic and extracurricular activities of the college. Services are available to students who have permanent disabilities, or temporary disabilities (such as a student who has a broken arm and needs a note taker for a few weeks.) For more information, visit the Center for Students with Disabilities website at <http://www.smc.edu/StudentServices/DisabilityResources/Pages/default.aspx>

## Police

The mission of the Santa Monica College Police Department is to provide law enforcement, crime prevention, investigation, security, parking, and traffic control services to the large school community. Our officers are dedicated to providing a safe and nurturing environment by working closely with all college stakeholders, local law enforcement agencies, and the community at large in a collaborative effort to prevent crime and ensure the safety of everyone on campus. Visit their website at: <http://www.smc.edu/StudentServices/Police/Pages/default.aspx>







## Library

SMC's 1,300 seat library offers a magnificent and comfortable study environment along with the tools and technology needed to learn in an information-rich society. The library features wire and wireless technology, a magnificent 3-level study atrium, and instructional resources in all formats.

The library computers have access to thousands of journals and databases with the full texts of articles—and even books—that can be searched electronically.

## Free Tutoring

Santa Monica College offers free tutoring services to all enrolled SMC students. These services are designed to improve student success and include both individual and small group tutoring sessions. Tutoring is available for Math, Modern Languages, Science, Reading, English /Humanities, and ESL. Visit their website:

<http://www.smc.edu/AcademicPrograms/Tutoring/Pages/default.aspx>

## KCRW Public Radio Station

KCRW is a community service of Santa Monica College. This public radio station is a leading NPR affiliate. Tune in to KCRW to listen to an eclectic mix of music, news and arts programming.

Check them out on the web at: [www.kcrw.com](http://www.kcrw.com) [www.npr.org](http://www.npr.org)



**Take a Tour of our Campus !**



## Student Life

Santa Monica College offers more than 75 special programs each semester, from music recitals, to performances, to visiting lecturers, to nationally acclaimed traveling exhibits. The SMC Associated Students add to student life by offering weekly noon and evening programs open to all students. SMC students are encouraged to participate in student groups, including the International Student Forum, Alpha Gamma Sigma (Honors Club), Asian Pacific Islanders, the Corsair Newspaper, the Associated Students Government.

Check out

<http://www.smc.edu/StudentServices/AssociatedStudents/Pages/NewHomepage.aspx> to find your own interests.

Student life at SMC is a great way to make friends, stay successful, and stay involved!



## *Clubs for International Students*

### **International Student Forum**

The International Student Forum is an on-campus club that provides an opportunity for members to share cultures, heritages, and tastes of different countries. This social club plans weekend activities, social events, and on-campus meetings where students have the opportunity to meet people from different countries. Many students form great relationships through participation in the club, develop a connection with the community, and often become our SMC leaders.

### **International Education Center Activities Program**

Throughout the year, the International Education Center (IEC) organizes and sponsors an array of events to promote cultural diversity and an awareness of international issues. The IEC sponsors International Education Week, city tours of Santa Monica and the surrounding area, recreational activities, and much more.







## Sports

SMC's Physical Education program offers a great selection of team and individual sports, aquatics, and physical fitness classes. Whether it's basketball, soccer, softball, volleyball, touch football, swimming, golf, table tennis, tennis, rock climbing, cycling, boxing, weight training, fitness training, aerobics, yoga, or even surfing, you can stay active at SMC.

The college also offers varsity competition in men's and women's basketball, volleyball, water polo, swimming, track, and cross-country, men's football, and women's soccer, tennis, and softball.



## Global Citizenship Program

Santa Monica College – a diverse and dynamic community of individuals from around the world – is committed to promoting global citizenship among its students, faculty, staff, and community. To support its commitment to the development of global citizenship, SMC provides its community with a variety of courses, lectures, special events, and other educational opportunities to explore international and global issues, environmental challenges and intercultural relationships.



[See Andrew's Testimonial](#)



## When You Arrive

### Step 1: Transportation

Your transportation needs begin when you arrive at Los Angeles International Airport. Visit the airport website for information about airport transportation. Within Santa Monica, the Big Blue Bus will take you where you want to go in Santa Monica. It's free with your SMC Student ID card!  
[www.bigbluebus.com](http://www.bigbluebus.com)

For LAX Ground Transportation info:  
[http://www.lawa.org/welcome\\_LAX.aspx?id=132](http://www.lawa.org/welcome_LAX.aspx?id=132)

### Step 2: Check-In

You will receive check-in instructions in your admission packet. Meet us at the International Education Center when you arrive so that we can welcome you and answer your questions.

### Step 3: Information Seminar

Your information seminar is a day filled with opportunities to meet important campus representatives and to connect with other students new to the SMC community. You will learn about campus resources and about steps to success at SMC. Information about seminar sign up is provided during the admissions process.



See Elana's Testimonial

### Step 4: Assessment

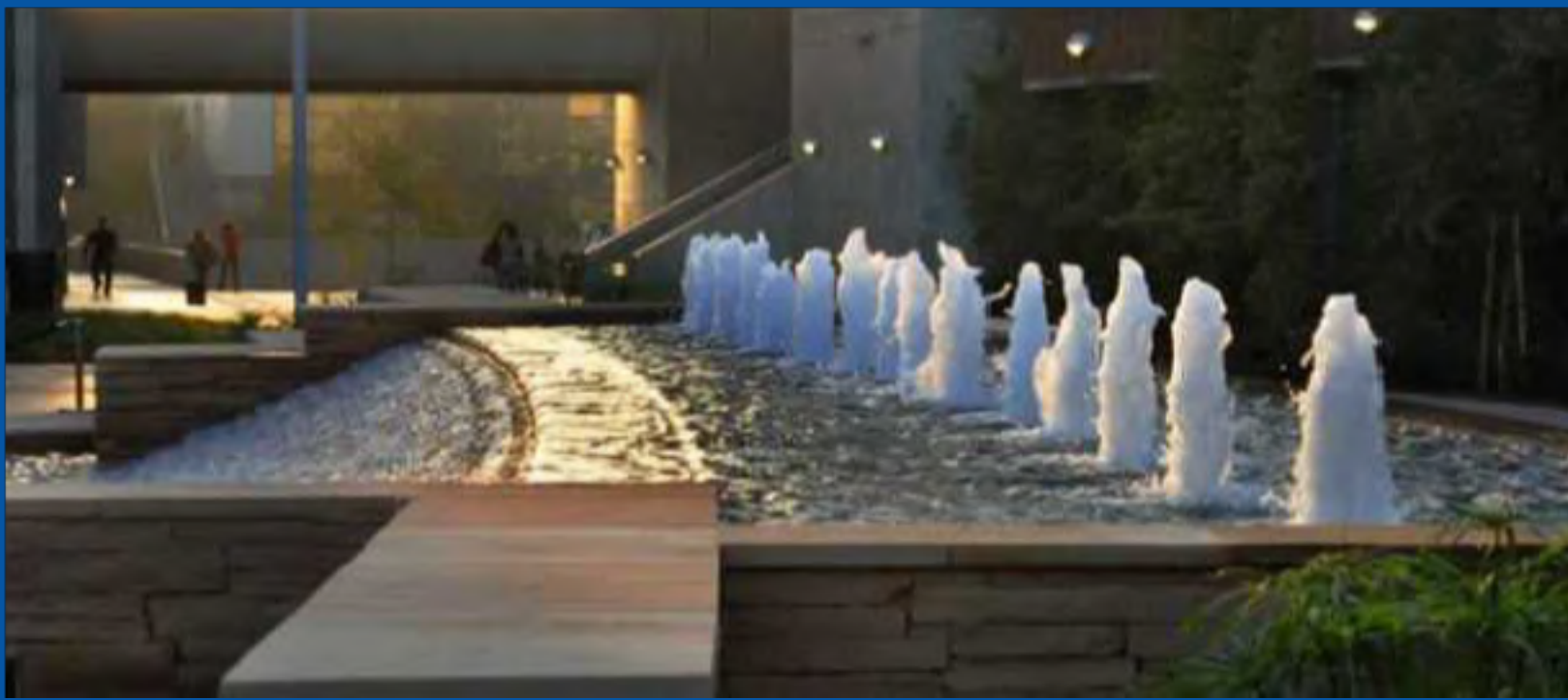
Assessment is an essential tool for evaluating the educational levels of students. All new students take an English or ESL and a mathematics test that helps the counselor recommend appropriate level classes. You can find more information, including study guides, on the Assessment Center website at: <http://www.smc.edu/EnrollmentDevelopment/AssessmentCenter/Pages/default.aspx>

### Step 5: Counseling

Next, you will meet with a counselor to review your assessment results and discuss your academic goals. Your counselor will recommend courses that will help you meet your goals as efficiently as possible. Visit their website at: <http://www.smc.edu/EnrollmentDevelopment/IEC/Pages/Academic-Counseling.aspx>

### Step 6: Registration

Once you have completed all of your orientation activities, you will be ready to register for your classes on-line through your Corsair Connect account.





## Testimonials from our Students

"Santa Monica College has really prepared me to transition to a four year institution. The classes I took allowed me to really focus on what I'm interested in and showed me what my strengths are. I'm prepared to transfer to UCLA or UC Berkeley...I'm confident that Santa Monica College has prepared me for transfer."



### Aylisha Xu – South Africa

"I like SMC a lot. People like to learn. People want to learn. People want to know about different cultures. It's more diverse. It makes me more motivated to be here because I don't feel I'm alone. SMC professors taught me every single small step to succeed in my future. It didn't make me afraid. I'm very brave right now because people encouraged me."



### Chaiki Takewaua – Japan



## Santa Monica Beach

*...wish you were here*





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**or**

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application**



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