



Santa Monica College

International Student Admission Requirements

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Out-of-Country Deadlines:

Fall Semester – July 1
Winter Session – November 1
Spring Semester – December 1
Summer Session – May 1

In-Country* Deadlines:

Fall Semester – August 10
Winter Session – December 15
Spring Semester – January 15
Summer Session – June 1

**For students currently attending language school, college or university in the U.S., and transferring to SMC.*

Santa Monica College welcomes your application as an international student. If you have any questions in completing your international student application, please contact the International Education Center **by telephone (310) 434-4217 or by email at Intled@smc.edu**. Our staff will make every effort to assist you.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. Must be 18 years or older at the time of enrollment at SMC.
- 2. 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 attended a high school or college for a minimum of 1 year where the medium instruction in all classes was English. If this is the case, please submit an official transcript, mailed directly from the institution to Santa Monica College.

Demonstrate English Proficiency by fulfilling one of the following criterias:

- **TOEFL 450/133/45** or higher on the international TOEFL. Send official TOEFL scores directly from Educational Testing Service (ETS). The Institutional test is accepted. (Visit www.toefl.org for test sites and schedules) Institution Code: 004691.
- **iTEP** of 4. Send an official score report. (Visit www.bostoneducational.com for test sites and schedules)
- **IELTS** of 5.5 with no band lower than 4.5. Send an official score report. (Visit www.ielts.org for test sites and schedules)
- **STEP-Eiken** minimum score for 2nd grade of at least 75% and Results Pass. Send an official report. (Visit www.stepeiken.org for more information)
- **Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)** score of “C” or better. Submit an official score report. (For more information, visit www.cambridgeesol.org/exams/general-english/cpe.html)
- **Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE)** score of “C” or better. Submit an official score report. (For more information, visit www.cambridgeesol.org/exams/general-english/cae.html)
- **Cambridge General Certificate of Education** reflecting A Level Placement.
- **Completion of the appropriate ESL level** at these schools:
 - EF International Language Schools: Advanced/Level 7
 - ELS Language Schools: Level 109
 - FLS: Level 6
 - Kaplan/Aspect: Higher Intermediate Level
 - Language Systems: Level 106
 - UCLA Extension: Level 105
- **Secondary Education.** Official high school completion diploma from accredited institutions in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, United Kingdom or the United States indicating a passing score in English. Nordic institutions: Gymnasium English A, B, or C scores of “VG” or “MVG”/ Singapore: Completion of “N” Level or higher. The Netherlands: VOM English with minimum score of 7.
- **U.S. College Education.** Official transcript mailed to Santa Monica College directly from the college or university showing completion of college level English in the United States with a grade of “C” or higher.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION CONTINUE:

- 3. Complete the attached “International Student Application.”
- 4. Submit official transcripts, certificates, and diplomas from secondary schooling and from any colleges/universities attended. If the original language is not English, a certified English translation must accompany all transcripts, certificates, and diplomas. To be considered “official,” high school, college and university transcripts must be mailed directly from the awarding institution to Santa Monica College.
- 5. Complete and submit the enclosed “International Student Financial Statement.” In addition, the applicant and/or sponsor(s) must submit a current bank statement (dated within 2 months) showing a minimum of \$21,000 USD to meet SMC’s estimated tuition and living expenses. Additional financial documentation may be required.
- 6. Submit a copy of your passport expiration page. In addition, if you are in the U.S., please submit a copy of your visa page and your I-94 (both sides).
- 7. Write a personal essay (approximately one to two pages) that describes your reason for applying to Santa Monica College. Please include details about your educational background and your educational goals after completing your studies at Santa Monica College.
- 8. Carefully read, sign, and return the enclosed “General Requirements for Students Accepted to Santa Monica College.”
- 9. It is highly recommended that you submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, professor or employer.
- 10. Submit the nonrefundable application fee of \$50.00. Please make check or money order **payable to Santa Monica College**.

ADDITIONAL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS:

If you are currently attending another college, university and/or other U.S. institutions in the United States, you must also submit the following:

1. Submit a Santa Monica College transfer clearance form completed by the school you are currently attending.
2. Submit official transcripts from all colleges and/or universities you have attended in the United States.
You must have a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

Please send all transcripts, certificates, test scores, and other information required for admission with your application to:

**Santa Monica College
International Education Center
1900 Pico Boulevard
Santa Monica, CA 90405-1628, U.S.A.**

NOTE: All submitted admission requirements become the property of the SMC International Education Center and cannot be returned.

We will notify you of admission decisions within two weeks after we have received your complete application. If you have any questions, call the International Education Center at (310) 434-4217 or email Intled@smc.edu

TUITION AND FEES FOR F-1 VISA STUDENTS 2009 – 2010

Tuition and fees per individual semester/session beginning Fall 2009 are as follows:

Non-resident Tuition	\$ 221 per unit
Enrollment Fee	\$ 26 per unit
SMC Health Fee	\$ 14 per semester (\$11 per Winter or Summer session)
Student Association Fee	\$ 19 per semester/session
Student Identification Card	\$ 13 per semester/session
Health Insurance Policy	\$ 390 coverage for one semester and one session
Intensive English Program	\$2,500 Fall 2009
Intensive English Program	\$1,100 Winter 2010
Intensive English Program	\$2,750 for Spring 2010 and Fall 2010
Intensive English Program	\$1,500 Summer 2010

Note: International students are required to enroll in a minimum of 12 units per semester to maintain F-1 visa status. Attendance during winter and summer sessions is optional. Students may register up to 8 units during sessions. Tuition and fees are subject to change.

Tuition and fees for one year of study based on 24 units are as follows:

Non-resident Tuition	\$5,304
Enrollment Fee	\$ 624
SMC Health Fee	\$ 28
Student Association Fee	\$ 38
Student Identification Card	\$ 26
Health Insurance Policy	<u>\$ 780</u>
Total	\$6,800

Book and Supplies \$1,570

Estimated Monthly Living Expenses

Room and Board	\$ 923
Personal Expenses	\$ 240
Public Transportation	<u>\$ 100</u>
Total	\$1,263

Note: Estimated total living expenses for Fall and Spring semesters is \$12,630.

Projected Beginning and Ending Semester/Session Dates for 2009 – 2010

Summer Session	June 22, 2009 – August 14, 2009
Fall Semester	August 31, 2009 – December 22, 2009
Winter Session	January 4, 2010 – February 11, 2010
Spring Semester	February 16, 2010 – June 15, 2010

**All fees subject to change.*

For more information, please contact the International Education Center
Telephone: (310) 434-4217 • Fax: (310) 434-3651 • Internet: www.smc.edu/international

Why Santa Monica College?

Santa Monica College (SMC) offers several distinct advantages to international students beginning their university education in the U.S. First, as the leading community college in California, SMC is #1 in transfers to the University of California system. The first two years at SMC prepare you to transfer to UCLA, USC, and other prestigious California and American public and private institutions. Another distinct advantage is the lower tuition cost at SMC than four-year colleges and universities. Unlike the higher education systems of many countries where students take only courses in their major field of study, all undergraduate students in the U.S. must take introductory courses in several areas including humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and mathematics. SMC offers students the opportunity to take the same general education courses they would take at a four-year college or university at a lower cost. Finally, SMC offers an accessible and supportive learning environment. Classes are smaller and professors are devoted entirely to teaching. We look forward to your application and welcome your interest in Santa Monica College.

College Profile

Santa Monica College is a two-year community college, founded in 1929. The college is supported by the state of California and is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Santa Monica College offers courses in over sixty academic major fields of study (see below). Students who complete their first two years of undergraduate requirements may receive an Associate in Arts degree before transferring to a four-year college or university to complete their Bachelor's degree. Certificates are also granted in certain occupational and vocational programs. International students from more than 100 different countries represent nearly ten percent of the 30,000 member undergraduate student body.

Academic Reputation

As a starting point for higher education, Santa Monica College has been recognized as the leading community college in California. The quality of education provided by SMC is comparable to that of the first two years in a small, scholastically rigorous liberal arts college. As a result, SMC's reputation as a transfer institution attracts many American and international students.

Location

Santa Monica College is located in the city of Santa Monica in Southern California (15 miles west of downtown Los Angeles). Located just two miles from the wide sandy beaches of the Pacific Ocean and the Santa Monica Mountains, SMC is blessed with a temperate climate and is situated in an area which features galleries, theaters, restaurants, and many other diverse cultural attractions.

SMC Associate in Arts Degree and Certificate of Achievement Programs

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREES

60 Units Unless Otherwise Noted

Academy Of Entertainment & Technology
–Animation
–Digital Media, Level 2
Accounting
Animation (Offered through AET)
Art
Art History
Broadcasting
–Broadcast Programming and Production
–Broadcast Sales and Management
Business
–Business Administration
–Entrepreneurship
–Management/Leadership
–Merchandising
Computer Information Systems
–Computer Business Applications
–Website Software Specialist
Computer Science
–Computer Programming
–Computer Science
–Database Applications Developer
–Web Programmer
Cosmetology
Dance
Digital Media (offered through AET)
Early Childhood Education (formerly Child Development)
–Early Childhood Intervention Assistant
–Early Childhood Intervention Teacher
Environmental Science
Environmental Studies
Ethnic Studies
Fashion Design and Merchandising
–Fashion Design
Film Studies (formerly Cinema)
General Science

Graphic Design
International Business
Interior Architectural Design
Journalism
Kinesiology Physical Education (formerly Physical Education/ Kinesiology/Physiological Sciences)
Liberal Arts
Music
–Applied Music
Nursing – RN (71 units)
Office Technology (formerly Office Information Systems)
–General Office
–Legal Administrative Assistant
Photography
Respiratory Therapy
Speech
Theatre Arts
Transfer Studies Associate in Arts—available **only** to students who enrolled at Santa Monica College Spring 2008 or earlier and who have maintained continuous enrollment in each Fall and Spring semester until graduation.
Women's Studies

CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT

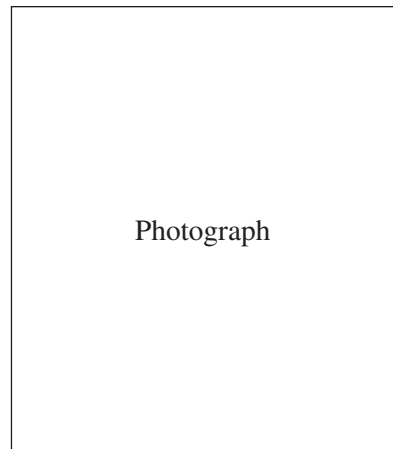
Academy of Entertainment & Technology
–Animation
–Digital Media, Level 1
–Digital Media, Level 2
Accounting
–Accounting
Broadcasting
–Broadcast Programming and Production
–Broadcast Sales and Management

Business
–Entrepreneurship
–International
–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
Early Childhood Education (formerly Child Development)
–Early Childhood Intervention Assistant
–Early Childhood Intervention Teacher
Environmental Science
Environmental Studies
Ethnic Studies
Fashion Design and Merchandising
–Fashion Merchandising
Graphic Design
Interior Architectural Design
–Interior Architectural Design Level I
–Interior Architectural Design Level II
Office Technology (formerly Office Information Systems)
–General Office
–Legal Administrative Assistant
Photography
DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATES
Academy of Entertainment & Technology
–Digital Effects
–Game Design
Accounting
–Computer Accounting

Automotive Technician – Introductory
Business
–Insurance Specialist
Computer Information Systems
–Desktop Publishing
–Website Creator
–Website Development
Management
–Word Processing
Computer Science
–Computer Programming
–Information Systems
Management
–Networking
–Robotics and Artificial Intelligence
Cosmetology
–Nail Care
–Salon Business
–Skin Care
Graphic Design
–Web Design
Interior Architectural Design
–CAD Production & Design
–Set Design & Art Direction for Film & TV
Office Technology (formerly Office Information Systems)
–Clerical/Data Entry
–Medical Billing/Coding
–Medical Records Clerk/ Receptionist
–Medical Transcription
–Word Processing
ADDITIONAL FIELDS OF STUDY
Anatomy
Anthropology
Astronomy
Biological Sciences
Botany
Chemistry
Chinese
Communication
Counseling (formerly Human Development)
Economics
Engineering
English
Environmental Studies
ESL – English as a Second Language
French
Geography
Geology
German
Health Education
Hebrew
Humanities
Italian
Japanese
Korean
Library Studies
Mathematics
Microbiology
Nutrition
Occupational Therapy
Persian
Physiology
Political Science
Psychology
Religious Studies
Russian
Sociology
Spanish
Urban Studies
Zoology
PRE-PROFESSIONAL ADVISING SHEETS
Chiropractic
Dental
Dental Hygiene
Law
Medical
Pharmacy
Teacher Preparation
Veterinary

Santa Monica College

International Student Application (For Form I-20)



Date: _____ * Information required to process your application.

Indicate Semester Start Date: Summer (June 20____) Fall (August 20____)
 Winter (January 20____) Spring (February 20____)

Applying to (check one): Academic/Undergraduate Intensive English Program

Name* _____
 (Family Name / First / Middle – As it appears in your passport)

Date of Birth* _____ Male* _____ Female* _____
 (Month / Day / Year)

Country of Birth* _____

Country of Citizenship* _____

Country Passport Issued* _____

Home Country Address*

Address in the U.S.

Telephone Number _____

Telephone Number _____

E-mail _____

E-mail _____

Please keep us informed of any change in your address(es).

Applying as a _____ Freshman (first year student – directly from secondary level, high school education).

_____ Transfer (student who has completed some U.S. college or university education).

Major Course of Study*: _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND*

Please list all schools attended. Begin with secondary/high school and end with your current or most recent school.

Name of School	City, Country	Dates of Attendance		Language of Instruction	Examinations, Certificates, Diplomas	Date Received
		From (mo/yr)	To (mo/yr)			
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Native (First) Language _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION*

Please indicate the funds available to you in each of the two years you expect to attend this college. It is estimated that you will need a minimum of \$21,000 USD per year. Please see the enclosed sheet for detailed cost regarding tuition and fees. Complete and submit the enclosed "International Student Financial Statement." In addition, the applicant and/or sponsor(s) must submit a current bank statement (dated within 2 months) showing a minimum of \$21,000 USD to meet SMC's estimated tuition and living expenses. Further financial documentation may be required.

SOURCE:	First Year	Second Year
a. Family Funds	\$ _____	\$ _____
b. Personal Funds	\$ _____	\$ _____
c. Government or sponsor	\$ _____	\$ _____
d. Other funds	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total:	\$ _____	\$ _____

VISA INFORMATION

* Information required to process your application.

Are you currently in the United States?..... Yes No

If yes, what is your current status? (i.e. F-1, B-1/B-2, H-1, J-1) _____

If F-1, what institution issued your I-20? _____

What institution are you now attending? _____

If on a tourist visa (B-1/B-2) what is your date of entry and expiration date of I-94? _____

(Please submit copies of both sides of your I-94.)

Have you ever applied for extension?..... Yes No

Passport Number* _____ Passport Expiration Date* _____

Have you applied for permanent residence (green card)?..... Yes No

Do you plan to travel outside the U.S. prior to the beginning of the semester?..... Yes No

If yes, please indicate date of travel: _____

Address where the form I-20 should be mailed:

(Name)

(Address)

(Address)

(Address)

Telephone Number _____ FAX _____

Father's Name _____ Occupation _____
(Last Name) (First)

Address _____

Mother's Name _____ Occupation _____
(Last Name) (First)

Address _____

Do you have any relatives or friends who have attended SMC? ____ Yes ____ No Name _____

How did you find out about Santa Monica College? Friend Relative U.S. Advising Center

Student Fair (name _____) Educational Agency (name _____)

Advertisement (name _____) Tel _____ Fax _____

IMPORTANT RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I do not wish to have information released.

I hereby give permission to Santa Monica College to release information concerning my student status to the following person(s):

Father: _____ Mother: _____

Guardian: _____ Sponsor: _____

(Student Signature)

(Date)

I hereby certify that the information set forth in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. If accepted to Santa Monica College, I hereby agree to abide by all the rules and regulations set forth by the College.

(Student Signature)

(Date)

Mail to:

Santa Monica College, International Education Center • 1900 Pico Boulevard • Santa Monica, CA 90405-1628 USA

Telephone: (310) 434-4217 • Fax: (310) 434-3651 • Internet: www.smc.edu/international

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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ACCEPTED TO SANTA MONICA COLLEGE

ARRIVAL IN THE UNITED STATES: Once a student has been accepted and obtained an F-1 visa, the student may enter the United States 30 days prior to the beginning of the semester. The student should arrive four weeks prior to the start of the semester. **Late arrival will result in limited class selection.**

INFORMATION SEMINAR: All students are required to attend an information seminar prior to enrolling in classes. Students are required to take Math and English placement tests. There is a \$50 fee for the seminar. More information will be mailed upon acceptance to Santa Monica College.

ENGLISH COURSES: All students who are attending college in the United States for the first time are required to enroll in an English course according to their English placement level. Some students may be required to enroll in a full-time English course for one or more semesters.

COUNSELING 11 COURSE: All students who are attending college in the United States for the first time are required to enroll in a one unit course entitled Counseling 11 – “Orientation to Higher Education.”

VISA STATUS REQUIREMENT: To maintain F-1 visa status, students are required to enroll in and complete a minimum of 12 units each semester. Winter and Summer sessions are optional attendance.

TUITION AND FEES: The Enrollment Fee and the Student Services Fees (Health Insurance, Association and SMC Identification) are due the same day you enroll in classes. The non-resident tuition is payable within 10 days after your enrollment date or the first day of classes, whichever comes first. Fees and tuition are payable by cash, money order, cashier’s check, or a California bank check only. There is no payment plan available. Tuition and Fees deadline are as stated above. No exceptions will be granted. Please see the attached “Tuition and Fees” for details. An F-1 visa is a non-immigrant visa and does not establish residency.

HEALTH INSURANCE: All students who have been issued an I-20 by Santa Monica College will be required to purchase the health insurance policy endorsed by the college. The cost of the insurance policy will be added to your campus fee bill and will be paid at the Bursar’s Office at the time you enroll in classes. There are no exceptions to this policy.

IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION: We encourage immunizations for Tetanus, Measles, Rubella, and obtaining a Tuberculosis Clearance. We strongly recommend that all students complete these immunizations before entering the United States.

INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM: Students accepted to Santa Monica College through the Intensive English Program must begin their studies in the Intensive English Program.

I have read and understand the above information.

Print Name (first, last)

Date

Signature of Student

Date

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Applicant's name: _____
Family name *First name* *Middle*

Birth date: _____ / _____ / _____
Month *Day* *Year*

I am applying for: ___ Summer ___ Fall ___ Winter ___ Spring Year _____

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

PERSONAL* OR FAMILY SPONSOR INFORMATION

Name of Applicant's sponsor: _____
Family name *First name* *Middle*

Santa Monica College requires F-1 visa students to show a minimum support of U.S. \$21,000 per year.

By signing this affidavit of support, I will be financially responsible for the applicant indicated above for tuition, fees, living expenses and other relevant expenses in the amount of \$_____ per year.

SIGNATURE OF SPONSOR: _____ DATE: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

IMPORTANT:

Sponsors who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents also must complete an affidavit of support, Form I-134. The form is available in the International Education Center or at www.uscis.gov under "Immigration Forms".

Applicants with several sponsors must have each sponsor complete the International Student Financial Statement and affidavit of support if applicable.

*PERSONAL FUNDS: If you are funding your education using your own resources, please have your bank provide verification of your personal account.

BANK VERIFICATION

THIS FORM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS THIS SECTION IS COMPLETELY FILLED OUT AND BEARS THE STAMP OF THE BANK OR AGENCY.

I certify that the above-named sponsor has the minimum equivalent of \$21,000 on deposit with our institution. This certification is offered with no responsibility on the part of this bank or financial agency.

Name of Bank (or agency) _____ **BANK SEAL OR STAMP**

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Name and Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Type of account: ___ Checking ___ Savings ___ Certificate of Deposit ___ Other

Date account opened: _____