Reference: ACCJC Accreditation Standard I.A

Our Mission
Santa Barbara City College welcomes all students. The College provides a diverse learning environment and opportunities for students to enrich their lives, advance their careers, complete certificates, earn associate degrees, and transfer to four-year institutions.

The College is committed to fostering an equitable, inclusive, respectful, participatory, and supportive community dedicated to the success of every student.

Our Core Principles
Santa Barbara City College encourages and supports instructional improvement and innovation that increases the quality and effectiveness of its programs based upon these core principles:

- Policies, practices, and programs that are student-centered;
- Shared governance involving all segments of the college community;
- An environment that is psychologically and physically supportive of teaching and student learning;
- A free exchange of ideas in a community of learners that embraces the full spectrum of human diversity; and
- A commitment to excellence in all college endeavors.

Our Charter
Serving as the foundation for Santa Barbara City College's mission and core principles is a commitment to honoring the spirit and intent of the foundational framework of the California Community Colleges as described in California Education Code §66010.4:

- Primary Mission: Academic and vocational instruction at the lower division level; advancement of California's economic growth and global competitiveness through education, training, and services.
● Essential and Important Functions: Remedial instruction, ESL, adult noncredit instruction (in areas defined as being in the state's interest), and student support services.
● Authorized Function: Community services courses.

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