Unit of Credit

College-Level Transfer Courses: One unit of credit is given for one hour of lecture, two hours of supervised activity, three hours of laboratory participation, or more than three hours of major or minor sports per week for the duration of one semester. For every unit of credit, it is expected that the student will spend at least two hours a week in outside preparation or three hours a week in supervised study or laboratory work.

Special Instructional Programs

Professional Development Center

The Professional Development Center provides coordination and administration for credit-based, short-term workplace training. Most courses are housed in the Professional Development Studies and Computer Applications & Office Management departments, and are delivered in half-day and one-day training formats. Workshops focus on such topics as Customer Service, Handling Difficult Situations, Leadership, Teamwork and Microsoft Computer Applications. See Professional Development Studies courses in this Catalog. For more information about the center, contact Dr. Diane Hollems, Dean of Educational Programs, at ext. 2915, or e-mail hollems@sbcc.edu.

Honors Program

SBCC has established an Honors Program emphasizing a rigorous and interdisciplinary approach to general education. The courses developed meet the needs of students whose academic goals and interests are not satisfied by regular courses. Students who enroll in the Honors curriculum will gain the opportunity to become independent learners, participate actively in the shaping of their education, and exercise their talents at the highest level of excellence of which they are capable. For further information, see the Honors section of this Catalog.

Study Abroad Programs

Santa Barbara City College is committed to promoting international understanding and global responsibility. Part of that commitment is reflected through offering opportunities to study in foreign countries. SBCC offers full semester-length programs in a number of countries. In the past, SBCC semester program participants have studied in France, Italy, England, Spain, Costa Rica, China, Vietnam, Chile, Argentina, and New Zealand. Courses typically include history, art, literature, political science, language and science appropriate to the country. Instruction is normally provided by SBCC and foreign teachers.

Summer Programs

Language programs are available during the summer for four weeks of intensive language study in Mexico, Spain, France or Italy. Non-language summer programs have included theater and philosophy in London, film studies in Rome, photography in Paris and London, as well as other disciplines and destinations. New programs are continuously being developed.

Students normally study at private facilities in their host country and live with local families or in student apartments. Field trips and excursions to nearby points of interest are included in all Study Abroad programs.

The cost ranges between $5,000 and $7,000 for semester programs and is considerably less for the summer programs. Excursions, lodging, and meals (for some programs) are included in the program cost. Limited scholarships, grants, loans and other financial aid are available for those students who qualify.

Additional information about these programs is available from the Study Abroad Office, which is located in the International Education Center, Rm.1, 965-0581, ext. 2494, or at www.sbcc.edu/studyabroad.

Classes on High School Campuses

Some courses are currently offered on local high school campuses. Contact counselors at individual sites for courses available, or contact the SBCC Dual Enrollment Coordinator, Carol Flores, at 965-0581, ext. 3020.
Online College

SBCC online courses offer an excellent opportunity for busy students to pursue their educational goals at times and locations convenient to them. These courses are offered over the Internet, and in most cases do not require on-campus attendance. Online courses have the same content and satisfy the same academic requirements as their on-campus counterparts.

Online Student Success

Online courses are rigorous and require a clear commitment. To succeed in such an environment you need to be an independent learner, well-organized, disciplined and constantly on task. Students should check the online course descriptions at online.sbcc.edu for information about making initial contact with the instructor of the course.

On-Campus Attendance

Online courses have varying on-campus attendance requirements, as dictated by the instructor:

- Fully online courses require no on-campus meetings or exams but may require students to take exams in a proctored setting.
- Partially online courses may require attendance at on-campus orientations and exams, or have regular meeting times.

Students are advised to check the online course descriptions at online.sbcc.edu for information on each section’s attendance requirements.

Fully Online Programs

The following online degrees and certificates are offered completely online:

- Liberal Studies (A.A.)
- Natural History (A.A.)
- Cancer Information Management (A.S., Cert.)
- Health Information Technology (A.S.)
- Medical Coding Specialist (Cert.)
- Medical Reimbursement Specialist (Cert.)

Technical Requirements

All online courses require that students have access to a computer with an Internet connection and a recommended web browser in order to log-in to their course websites. Information on specific requirements is located at online.sbcc.edu. Please note that Modern Languages courses may require that a student use a computer with sound capabilities.

Support for Classes

While taking an online class, students will be able to get help and support from several sources: Instructional assistance is provided for students by the course instructor and online instructional aides who may be assisting the class. Technical assistance is available through the Online College for students who need help with logging in to their online classes, correctly configuring their web browser, or registering for their online classes. Accessibility assistance for disabled students is available through Disabled Student Programs/Services (DSPS). Contact the DSPS office for details.

Additional Information

Course schedules, technical requirements and registration information can be found online at online.sbcc.edu. For support, call 965-0581, ext. 2949 or e-mail online@sbcc.edu.