Admissions

College Admission
Admission to Santa Barbara City College is governed by the laws of the State of California and such supplementary regulations as have been prescribed by the Santa Barbara Community College District Board of Trustees. Citizens of other countries and out-of-state residents are required to pay tuition.

It is the policy of the Santa Barbara Community College District that every course, course section, or class, wherever offered and conducted throughout the district, shall be fully open to enrollment and participation by any person who is eligible for admission to Santa Barbara City College and who meets such prerequisites as may be established, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Division 6, Chapter 9, Subchapter 2, Article 1.

Graduates of High Schools
Graduates of high schools, or equivalent, are eligible for admission and may undertake any program of study for which they are prepared.

Persons 18 years of Age or Older
Persons 18 years of age or older who have not received a high school diploma may be admitted to the college if they can reasonably profit from instruction.

High School Students (9th Grade or Higher):
Dual Enrollment Program
Students enrolled in a public or private school who are eligible for ninth (9th) grade or higher may concurrently register in up to nine (9) units of college-level courses at Santa Barbara City College through the Dual Enrollment Program.

Under the Dual Enrollment Program, second-semester seniors, who need to enroll part-time in high school to complete requirements, may concurrently register in up to twelve (12) units of college-level courses. Course prerequisites apply. Some courses are not available to concurrently enrolled high school students. The student must have a recommendation from his/her principal or counselor, a parent and an SBCC counselor.

In accordance with Education Code Section 76001, special part-time K–12 students enrolled in the secondary schools and attending SBCC (enrolled up to and including 11.9 units) are exempt from paying the enrollment fee. Special full-time K–12 students (12.0 units and above per semester) may not be exempted from the enrollment fee; they may, however, be individually considered for the BOGW fee waivers Part A, B or C. Those students who do not qualify for a BOGW fee waiver will be required to pay the enrollment fee for all units. All other out-of-state, non-resident and international students must pay tuition. High school students who are concurrently registered in courses given on the SBCC campus must pay the transportation and health fees.

The Dual Enrollment Application and Dual Enrollment Approval Form are available through the students’ school counselors, the SBCC Academic Counseling Center, Admissions & Records and online at www.sbcc.edu/apply. The Dual Enrollment Approval Form must have a signed recommendation from the student’s principal or counselor, a parent and an SBCC counselor. Contact Michael Medel, 730-4001, for more information.

Middle College
Through Middle College, a limited number of local high school students who want to earn a high school diploma in the SBCC environment may complete their high school requirements through an Independent Study Program while also taking classes at SBCC. The curriculum is designed to guide students through a smooth transition into college life. Acceptance into the program is determined by the on-campus instructors through an application process. It is helpful to have a recommendation from the student’s high school counselor. Contact Regina Freking by e-mail, freking@sbcc.edu, or phone 897-3561.

Special Students
Persons less than 18 years of age who do not plan to be enrolled in a secondary school program, and who are eligible to enter ninth (9th) grade or higher, may petition the Admissions Outreach Services Coordinator (SS-132) to register as a Special Student. Special application procedures and documentation requirements apply. Petitions must be filed at least fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the semester. Interested persons should contact the SBCC Admissions Outreach Services Coordinator for petition information.
Persons not eligible to enter ninth (9th) grade or higher may petition the Admissions Outreach Services Coordinator (SS-132) to register as a Special Student. Special application procedures and documentation requirements apply. Petitions must be filed at least fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the semester. Interested persons should contact the SBCC Admissions Outreach Services Coordinator for petition information.

Out-of-State Students
Out-of-state students may be admitted to the college on the same basis as California residents except that they will be required to pay tuition prescribed by the Board of Trustees to cover the costs of instruction. After a student has been physically present in California for one year and has manifested clear intent to become a California resident, he/she may apply for reclassification as a California resident. State law requires consideration of financial independence for students seeking reclassification. It is the student’s responsibility to substantiate his or her claim for residency.

International Students:
Other than F-1 or M-1 Visa
Students on visas other than F-1 or M-1 will be evaluated for eligibility to be admitted to register and for residency status based on the type of visa, length of stay in California and intent to maintain California as their permanent home.

International Students: F-1 or M-1 Visa
Admission Requirements
1. Apply by the following application deadlines:
   
   Fall Semester: July 1*, August 1**
   Spring Semester: November 10*, December 10**
   Summer Session: May 1*, May 1**
   *Out-of-USA applicants
   **Current F-1 students in USA
2. Students must be 18 years or older by the time of arrival at SBCC.
3. Confidential Financial Statement: Verification of funds sufficient to cover all expenses while in this country, approximately $16,632.00 (9 months), or $19,272.00 (12 months), including Summer (optional) in 2008-2009. An official bank certification letter issued within the past 6 months must accompany the Confidential Financial Statement Form.
4. Transcript of School Records: A complete transcript of all previous high school, English language programs, secondary school and collegiate or university work. Eligibility for admission requires proof of graduation and the equivalent of a GPA of "C" or better. Original transcripts written in a language other than English must be accompanied by an official English translation.
5. All students must take SBCC’s English assessment test to determine their level of proficiency in English.
6. All international students are required to purchase the Student Insurance Agency Accident and Sickness Health Insurance Plan approved by the college prior to registering for courses. No other insurance will be accepted. Students must purchase student insurance at the time of registration. The policy is approximately $685.00 annually (subject to change).
7. Submit a transfer form only if you are transferring from a school within the United States where you attended as an F-1 student. Please see www.sbcc.edu/internationalstudents.
8. A non-refundable $50.00 application fee is required for processing the application.

Rules & Regulations Governing Enrollment of F-1 or M-1 Students
1. All F-1 and M-1 visa students are required to enroll in and maintain 12 or more units unless they have prior written authorization by the International Student Advisers or the Director of the International Student Support Program. Failure to do so will constitute a violation of visa status. Authorization for reduced course load will be given only in limited circumstances, as specified by federal regulations. When a student has violated the visa status, the student must
apply to the Department of Homeland Security for reinstatement. Until the student is reinstated, the student’s ability to travel, to work, or to transfer is impeded.

2. International students cannot depend on employment for financial support while in the U.S. Employment in the U.S. is unlawful unless it is authorized by the Department of Homeland Security. Students who successfully complete one semester of studies at SBCC and maintain 12 units are permitted to work on campus up to 19.5 hours per week, but there are very few jobs available.

3. International students are required to maintain the same academic standards as other students and shall be subject to the same rules of probation and disqualification. A student who is academically disqualified is in violation of student visa status.

4. International students are required to pay a $188.00 tuition fee per unit, plus the enrollment fee of $20.00 (subject to change).

5. International students must attend a mandatory meeting upon arrival to learn about the immigration rules applying to them.

Program Admission—Supplemental Applications

The following instructional programs require supplemental applications, in addition to the general college application.

Honors Program

Students may apply for entrance into the Honors Program based on high school transcripts. For consideration, a student’s high school grade point average must be at least 3.0, with no grade below a “C” in an academic subject.

Continuing, returning and transfer students who have completed 12 units of academic course work may apply for entrance into the Honors Program based on college units completed. A minimum overall college grade point average of 3.0 is required, with no grade below a “C” in an academic subject.

To be accepted into the Honors Program, students must demonstrate eligibility for ENG 110 and at least MATH 107 (Intermediate Algebra). Mathematics eligibility is met with three years of high school math, including two years of algebra, with grades of “C” or better. English and Mathematics placement examinations are part of the SBCC enrollment procedure.

It is expected that some potential Honors students entering from high school will have satisfied the SBCC ENG 110 requirement by completing advanced placement English or SBCC ENG 110 in high school. These students should contact the Honors Program Director, Program Counselor, or SBCC Assessment Office.

Applications for the Honors Program must be filed with the Honors Program Counselor in the Academic Counseling Center. All new and returning students requesting entrance into the Honors Program are required to file two applications: an application for admission to SBCC and a separate application for admission into the Honors Program. Official high school transcripts must be submitted with the applications of students using high school records to qualify. Continuing students are required to file only the application for admission to the Honors Program.

Application forms and further information may be obtained from the Academic Counseling Center or the office (IDC-311) of the Honors Program Director, Dr. Melanie Eckford-Prossor.

The application deadline for admission to SBCC and the Honors Program each fall semester is in August. In order for a student’s application to be considered by the Honors Program Committee, English and Mathematics placement examination scores and all supporting materials must be on file at Admissions and Records. Placement examination dates and locations may be obtained from the Academic Counseling Center.

For more information, refer to the Honors Program in the Department and Course Description section of this Catalog.

Cosmetology/Esthetician

Acceptance to the Cosmetology Academy is based on the number of spaces available, the postmark date of the completed application and attendance at an SBCC Cosmetology Academy Orientation meeting. Applications are available from the Academic Counseling Center (SS-120) or from the Cosmetology Academy, 5160 Hollister Ave., Santa Barbara, CA 93111. For more information, refer to the Cosmetology Academy in the Department and Course Description section of this Catalog.
School of Culinary Arts & Hotel Management

Applications for the Culinary Program should be submitted to the School of Culinary Arts and Hotel Management (SCAHM) Department. Please call the department at 730-4258, for program information or to schedule an appointment with Randy Bublitz, SCAHM Director.

Marine Diving Technologies

Applicants must submit the Application for Diving/Hyperbaric Exposure along with a $50.00 application fee and Scuba certification card to:

SBCC Marine Technologies Department
721 Cliff Drive, Santa Barbara, CA 93109-2394

Applications are available upon request from the Academic Counseling Center (SS-120). For additional information, contact the Marine Diving Technologies Department, 965-0581, ext. 2426.

School of Nursing: Associate Degree Nursing, Vocational Nursing, Certified Nursing Assistant, Home Health Aide

Special supplemental application procedures and admission criteria apply to these programs. Refer to the School of Nursing in the Catalog Index for additional information, or contact the Health Technologies Office, 730-4166.

Radiographic & Imaging Sciences/Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Special supplemental application procedures and admission criteria apply to this program. Refer to the Radiographic and Imaging Sciences section of this Catalog for additional information, or contact the Health Technologies Office, 730-4166.