State Authorization of Distance Education Outside of California

If you are a Santa Barbara City College student (or prospective student) who is residing outside the United States and internationally, and its online offerings continue to expand. All programs have been approved by the California Community College Chancellor’s Office.

Due in part to the increased popularity of distance education, many states have prescribed an “authorization” process for out-of-state institutions delivering online programs to its state residents. States are attempting through these processes to ensure quality postsecondary education, to preserve the integrity of an academic degree and to instill greater consumer protection for their student citizens.

Authorization (sometimes referred to as “registration,” “licensure,” “approval,” etc.) indicates that certain minimum standards have been met by the institution under the laws and regulations of that state. Authorization does not constitute an endorsement of any institution, course or degree program. Credits earned at an institution do not necessarily transfer to all other institutions.

Santa Barbara City College has taken steps to protect its students and operations nationwide. If you have questions regarding the authorization status of Santa Barbara City College, you may contact the principal of the state in which Santa Barbara City College is approved to offer distance education.

Questions about Santa Barbara City College’s authorization status?
If you are or will be enrolled in a program delivered completely online, please contact the program’s academic advisor.

Complaints about a Santa Barbara City College Online Course?
If you are a student who wishes to complain about a Santa Barbara City College course delivered via distance education, please contact your instructor. If you are unable to resolve your complaint through your instructor, please contact the department chair. If you are unable to resolve your complaint through the department chair, please contact the Dean for Distance Education at herah@sbcc.edu. If you are unable to resolve your complaint through the dean, please contact the Executive Vice-President of Educational Programs at friedlan@sbcc.edu. Thank you.

2013-2014 SBCC Programs of Study

(In Alphabetical Order)

Programs of study in which an Associate in Arts (A.A.), Associate in Science for Transfer (A.S.-T) Degree, Associate in Arts (A.S.) Degree, Associate in Science in Transfer (A.S-T), a Certificate of Achievement (C), Skills Competency Award (SCA), or a Departmental Award (D) are offered:

Access SQL Professional (SCA)
Accounting (AS)
Accounting Assistant/Bookkeeper, Level I (D)
Accounting Assistant/Bookkeeper, Level II (D)

Accounting Assistant/Bookkeeper, Level III (D)
Accounting Assistant/Bookkeeper, Level IV (C)
Acting Level I (SCA)
Acting Level II (SCA)
Acute Care CNA (SCA)
Administration of Justice: Criminology Emphasis (AS/C)
Administration of Justice: Law Enforcement Emphasis (AAAS/C)
Administration of Justice: Legal Studies Emphasis (AS/C)
Administration of Justice for Transfer (A.S.-T)
Advanced Photo Design (SCA)
Advanced Studies in Alcohol and Drug Counseling (SCA)
Alcohol and Drug Counseling (AA/C)
Animation and Gaming (AA/C)
Anthropology (AA)
Applied Photography (AA/C)
Art. Emphasis in Art History (AA)
Art. Emphasis in Art Studio (AA)
Associate Child Care Teacher (C)
Automotive Services and Technology (AS/C)
Baking and Pastry (SCA)
Biological Sciences (AA)
Bio-Medical Sciences (D)
Black Studies (AA)
Bookkeeping (SCA)
Business Administration, Level I (SCA)
Business Administration, Level II (SCA)
Business Administration (AA)
Business Administration for Transfer (A.S.-T)
Business Administration: Emphasis in Management (AA/C)
Business Administration: Emphasis in Entrepreneurship (AA/C)
Business Communications (SCA)
California State University General Education Breadth Pattern (C)
Cancer Information Management (AS/C)
Certified Nursing Assistant (SCA)
Chemistry (AA)
Chicago Studies (AA)
Cisco Networking Associate (SCA)
Commercial Divining (SCA)
Commercial Music (C)
Communication: Applied Communication Emphasis (AA)
Communication Science Emphasis (AA)
Computer Applications and Office Management: Emphasis in Business Software Specialist (AS/C)
Computer Applications and Office Management: Emphasis in Office Management (AS/C)
Computer Information Systems (AS)
Computer Information Systems: Emphasis in System Administration (AS)
Computer Networking (AS/C)
Computer Proficiency Online (SCA)
Computer Science (AS/C)
Construction Technology (AS/C)
Cosmetology (AS/C)
Creative Writing: General Emphasis (C)
Creative Writing: Professional Writing Emphasis (C)
Culinary Arts (AS/C)
Database Programming and Applications Design (C)
Diagnostic Medical Sonography (C)
Digital Darkroom and Color Management for RGB (SCA)
Diversity Issues in Early Childhood Education (C)
DRAFT/CAD (AS/C)
Early Childhood Education (AS/C)
Economics (AS/C)
Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (SCA)
Engineering (AA/AS)
English (AA)
Entrepreneurship (SCA)
Entrepreneurship: Web Design, Level I (SCA)
Entrepreneurship: Web Design, Level II (SCA)
Environmental Horticulture (C)
Environmental Horticulture: Ecological Restoration and Management Emphasis (AS)
Environmental Horticulture: Landscape Contracting C-27 License Emphasis (AS)
Environmental Horticulture: Landscape Design Emphasis (AS)
Environmental Horticulture: Nursery and Greenhouse Technology Emphasis (AS)
Environmental Studies (AA)
Esthetician, Level I (SCA)
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Ethnic Studies (AA)
Film Production (AA)
Film Studies (AA)
Finance (AA/AC)
French (AA)
Game Design (D)
Geography (AA)
Geological Sciences (AS)
Global Studies (AA)
Graphic Design and Photography: Graphic Design Concentration (AA/C)
Graphic Design Entrepreneur I (SCA)
Graphic Design Entrepreneur II (SCA)
Great Books Curriculum (D)
Health Information Technology (AS)
Help Desk and Desktop Support, Level I (SCA)
Degrees, Certificates and Awards

Upon satisfactory completion of requirements and upon approval of the Board of Trustees students may earn the Associate in Arts Degree, Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree, Associate in Science Degree, Associate in Science for Transfer Degree, Certificate of Achievement, Skills Competency Award and Department Award.

Santa Barbara City College Associate in Arts/Science Degrees

The awarding of an Associate Degree represents more than an accumulation of units. It symbolizes a successful attempt on the part of the college to lead students through patterns of learning experiences designed to develop certain capabilities and insights. Among these are the ability to think and communicate clearly and effectively, both orally and in writing; to use mathematics; to understand the modes of inquiry of the major disciplines; to be aware of other cultures and times; to achieve insights gained through experience in thinking about ethical problems; and to develop the capacity for, and sense of, self-understanding. In addition to these accomplishments, the student should possess sufficient depth in some field of knowledge to contribute to lifetime interest.

The governing board of the Santa Barbara Community College District shall confer the degree of Associate in Arts or Associate in Science upon a student who has demonstrated competence in reading, written expression and mathematics, and who has demonstrated critical thinking skills, attitudes and experiences.

Students who major in Liberal Studies, or are undecided about a major, should refer to “Liberal Studies” in this Catalog.

1. Complete all department requirements with a “C” or better in each course. Candidates for an Associate Degree are required to complete at least 20% of the department requirements as approved by the Board of Trustees students may earn the Associate in Arts Degree, Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree, Associate in Science Degree, Associate in Science for Transfer Degree, Certificate of Achievement, Skills Competency Award and Department Award.

2. Complete at least 18 semester units of SBCC General Education requirements (Areas A-D of the SBCC General Education pattern);

3. Complete the SBCC Institutional Requirements;

4. Complete the Information Competency Requirement (Area F);

5. Complete a total of 90 degree-applicable units (SBCC courses numbered 100 or higher);

6. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better in all courses attempted at SBCC;

7. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better in all college units attempted; and

8. Candidates for an Associate Degree are required to complete 15 units through SBCC.

Philosophy of General Education

The General Education program at Santa Barbara City College outlines a core curriculum which provides an opportunity for students to explore elements of the intellectual and ethical traditions to which they belong. The faculty believes that this common core is of general and lasting intellectual significance and that it will establish a foundation for the lifelong process of intellectual inquiry and the integration of knowledge, skills, attitudes and experiences.

College-educated persons should be able to use this knowledge world in evaluating and appreciating the physical environment, the culture and the society in which they live. Most important, General Education should lead to better self-understanding. The General Education program has several major objectives:

• To cultivate the intellectual processes of learning and to examine methods for acquiring, integrating and applying knowledge.

• To help students understand the conditions and forces which shape their lives and thus help them to cope with a complex and changing world.

• To explore elements of our common human nature and to assist students in applying critical and informed judgments to the cultural achievements of their own and other cultures.