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 as well as enrollment fees.

Open Enrollment
It is the policy of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Community College District that, unless specifically exempted by statute or regulation, every course, course section, or class, reported for state aid, wherever offered and maintained by the district, shall be fully open to enrollment and participation by any person who has been admitted to Santa Barbara City College and who meets such prerequisites as may be established, pursuant to section 55003 of Division 6 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations.

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, or equivalent, 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 apply and 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, seniors 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 high school counselor and a signature from a parent.

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 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 unless exempted. 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 students’ school counselors, 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 high school counselor, and signature of a parent. Students attending a 9–12 grade home school must attach a copy of the Home School Affidavit to the Dual Enrollment Approval Form. Contact Dual Enrollment at (805) 730-3020 or for more information visit www.sbcc.edu/dualenrollment.

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 rigorous and relevant and along with individualized support is designed to help students smoothly transition to college. Acceptance into the program is determined by the on-campus instructors through an application process. Contact Regina Freking by freking@sbcc.edu, or (805) 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 Director, Admissions & Records (SS-110), 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 Director, Admissions & Records, for petition information.

Persons not eligible to enter ninth (9th) grade or higher may petition Director, Admissions & Records (SS-110), 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 Director, Admissions & Records (SS-110), 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, as well as enrollment fees, 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. Visit www.sbcc.edu/residency for more information.

**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, visa issue and expiration date, 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:** June 1*, June 15**
   - **Spring Semester:** October 1*, November 1**
   - **Summer Session:** April 1*, April 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 $23,955 (9 months), or $28,056 (12 months), including Summer (optional) in 2014-2015. 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 the equivalent of a GPA of 2.5 or better. Transcripts written in a language other than English must be accompanied by an official English translation.
5. All students must take the SBCC English assessment test to determine their level of proficiency in English.
6. All international students are required to purchase the insurance plan approved by the college. *No other insurance will be accepted.* Students must purchase student insurance at the time of registration. The policy is approximately $1,175 per academic year (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. See www.sbcc.edu/international. Students who attend a language school prior to transferring to SBCC must maintain an attendance record of at least 85%.
8. A non-refundable $50.00 application fee, which is payable online, is required for processing the application.

**Rules and 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 Senior Director of the International Student Support Program. Regular attendance in all classes is required for the duration of the semester. Failure to adhere to the requirements 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 non-ESL classes 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 adhere to 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.
Official high school or college transcripts must be submitted with the applications. (Continuing students do NOT need to provide an SBCC transcript.) Applications will not be accepted unless they are complete: application, transcripts, AP/IB scores if necessary, and writing sample must be submitted to the Director. Once admitted, students must maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA and complete Honors 100—Colloquium to continue in the program.

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

Learning Communities
For program information and applications, visit www.sbcc.edu/esp, or call (805) 965-0581, ext. 4274.

Marine Diving Technologies
Applicants must submit the Application for Diving/Hyperbaric Exposure along with a $50 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, (805) 965-0581, ext. 2426.

Radiographic and 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, (805) 730-4166.

School of Culinary Arts and Hotel Management
Applications for the Culinary Program should be submitted to the School of Culinary Arts and Hotel Management (SCAHM) Department. Call the department at (805) 730-4258 for program information or to schedule an appointment with Randy Bublitz, SCAHM Director.

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.
Residence Requirements

Each person applying for admission to, or enrolled in, a California Community College is classified for tuition purposes as either a “resident” or “non-resident” of the State of California. The right of a student to attend any public community college in California as a resident requires that he/she:

1. Be a citizen of the United States, or possess or be an applicant for a permanent-resident, amnesty or other visa status, for a minimum of one year and one day, that does not preclude establishing domicile in the United States and meeting certain requirements.
2. Be at least 19 years of age, and have lived in California one year and one day prior to the residency determination date: Fall 2014—August 24, 2014; and Spring 2015—January 19, 2015. (Note: A student, who has not been a resident of California for more than one year and who is the dependent child for income tax purposes of a California resident who has been a resident since the above-noted residence determination date, is entitled to resident classification. Submit documentation with application.)
3. Have parents or a guardian who have resided in California for one year and one day, if he/she is younger than 18 years of age.
4. Present evidence showing the student’s or the student’s parents’ (if under 19) intent to make California their permanent home.
5. Manifest residency intent if the student is 19 years of age or over by maintaining a home in California continuously for the last two years, unless there is contrary evidence of intent.
6. Manifest residency intent, if the student is under 19 years of age, by both the student and his/her parents maintaining a home in California continuously for the last two years, unless there is contrary evidence of intent.

If manifest intent cannot be shown within #5 and #6 above, then the student is required to provide evidence of intent to make California his or her permanent home. Objective manifestations of this intent include, but are not limited to:

1. Payment of California state income tax as a resident.
2. Registering to vote and voting in California.
3. Licensing from California for professional practice.
4. Showing California as the home address on a federal income tax form.
5. Ownership of residential property or continuous occupancy of rented or leased property in California.
6. Possessing California motor vehicle license plates.
7. Possessing a California driver’s license.
8. Maintaining a permanent military address or home of record in California while in the armed services.
9. Establishing and maintaining active California bank accounts.
10. Being the petitioner for a divorce in California.

Military personnel on active duty in California, their spouses and dependent children qualify as immediate residents. (Submit documentation with application.) Students on visas will be evaluated for residency based on the type of visa, visa issue date and expiration date, length of stay in California and intent to maintain California as their permanent home.

A student who cannot qualify as a resident of California must pay non-resident tuition, as stipulated by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Community College District.

Exemption from non-resident tuition is available to certain non-resident students who attended high school in California for at least three years and received a California high school diploma or its equivalent (per AB 540 statute). Contact Admissions & Records for information and an exemption request form or go to www.sbcc.edu/forms.

Non-resident students do not automatically become residents by being in California for one year. A student seeking reclassification from non-resident to resident status must complete and file a residency questionnaire and a statement of financial independence and must provide evidence of intent to establish permanent California residency prior to the start of the semester in which the student is seeking reclassification. Deadline enforced.

The burden of proof is on the student to clearly demonstrate physical presence in California, intent to establish California residency and, in the case of students changing from non-resident to resident, financial independence from non-resident parents. The Director, Admissions & Records shall determine residency of all applicants. Appeals of residency decisions shall be determined by the Associate Dean, Educational Programs—Student Support Services or her designee.