

# ADMISSION AND ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

## ORIENTATION

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To acquaint students with Santa Monica College's variety of programs, services, and activities, and to assist students in planning their educational endeavors, new students who intend to pursue a degree, Certificate of Achievement, transfer, or basic skills instruction are required to complete an Online Orientation program. Students can view the online program 24 hours a day, using any computer with a browser and Internet access (go to [smc.edu/orientation](http://smc.edu/orientation) for details).

The orientation program consists of several modules, and provides information on a wide range of topics, including:

- SMC's programs and services;
- How to obtain a Certificate of Achievement and/or an Associate or Bachelor degree;
- How to transfer to a four-year college or university;
- How to select first-semester courses;
- How to complete the enrollment process at SMC; and
- Strategies for becoming a successful student.

All first-time college students — as well as former SMC students who have been away from the College for four or more semesters — are required to complete the online orientation before they will be permitted to enroll in classes. Since the College's programs, policies, and procedures are subject to change without notice, continuing students are strongly encouraged to review the orientation at the start of each semester.

For additional information about the orientation process, students should contact a counselor in General Counseling & Transfer Services.