

The Vision, Mission, & Goals

Santa Monica College: Changing Lives in the Global Community Through Excellence In Education

VISION

Santa Monica College will be a leader and innovator in learning and achievement. As a community committed to open dialog and the free exchange of ideas, Santa Monica College will foster its core values: knowledge, intellectual inquiry, research-based planning and evaluation, academic integrity, ethical behavior, democratic processes, communication and collegiality, global awareness, and sustainability.

MISSION

Santa Monica College provides a safe and inclusive learning environment that encourages personal and intellectual exploration, and challenges and supports students in achieving their education goals. Students learn to contribute to the global community as they develop an understanding of their relationship to diverse social, cultural, political, economic, technological, and natural environments. The College recognizes the critical importance of each individual's contribution to the achievement of this mission.

Santa Monica College provides open and affordable access to high-quality undergraduate degrees and certificates, and participates in partnerships with other colleges and universities to facilitate access to baccalaureate and higher degrees. The College's programs and services assist students in the development of skills needed to succeed in college, prepare students for careers and transfer, and nurture a lifetime commitment to learning.

GOALS

To fulfill this mission, Santa Monica College has identified the following Institutional Learning Outcomes and supporting goals.

INSTITUTIONAL LEARNING OUTCOMES

Santa Monica College students will:

- Acquire the self-confidence and self-discipline to pursue their intellectual curiosities with integrity in both their personal and professional lives;
- Obtain the knowledge and skills necessary to access, evaluate, and interpret ideas, images, and information critically in order to communicate effectively, reach conclusions, and solve problems;
- Respect the inter-relatedness of the global human environment, engage with diverse peoples, acknowledge the significance of their daily actions relative to broader issues and events;
- Assume responsibility for their own impact on the earth by living a sustainable and ethical life style; and

- Demonstrate a level of engagement in the subject matter that enables and motivates the integration of acquired knowledge and skills beyond the classroom.

SUPPORTING GOALS

Innovative and Responsive Academic Environment

- Continuously develop curricular programs, learning strategies, and services to meet the evolving needs of students and the community.

Supportive Learning Environment

- Provide access to comprehensive student learning resources such as library, tutoring, and technology;
- Provide access to comprehensive and innovative student support services such as admissions and records, counseling, assessment, outreach, and financial aid.

Stable Fiscal Environment

- Respond to dynamic fiscal conditions through ongoing evaluation and reallocation of existing resources and the development of new resources.

Sustainable Physical Environment

- Apply sustainable practices to maintain and enhance the College's facilities and infrastructure including grounds, buildings, and technology.

Supportive Collegial Environment

- Employ decision-making and communication processes that respect the diverse needs of the entire college community.

About SMC

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

Santa Monica College—a diverse and dynamic community of individuals from around the world—is committed to promoting global citizenship among its students, faculty, staff, and community.

To be a global citizen requires:

- Knowing about peoples, customs, and cultures in regions of the world beyond one's own;
- Understanding the interdependence that holds both promise and peril for the future of the global community; and
- Combining one's learning with a dedication to foster a livable, sustainable world.

To support its commitment to the development of global citizenship, SMC provides its community with a variety of courses, lectures, special events, and other educational opportunities to explore international and global issues, environmental challenges, and intercultural relationships.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Curricula

Santa Monica College offers four types of curricula for students to choose from, depending on their goals.