

# SMC

## Self-Guided Tour

Welcome to Santa Monica College and thank you for coming to visit our campus. Today you will be embarking on a 30-45 minute walking tour of our Main Campus. Included is a guide for your reference, complete with a list of significant buildings and a map that will help you stay on route. Once you visit our campus, you'll see why Santa Monica College is one of the very best two-year colleges in the United States. Enjoy!

### Touring our Main Campus

Santa Monica College's 38-acre main campus is located at 1900 Pico Blvd. in the heart of Santa Monica. The Campus was built in 1929. SMC satellite campuses are located on Stewart Street (Academy of Entertainment & Technology); The Santa Monica Airport and Bundy Campus; along with the SMC Performing Arts Center which includes a state-of-the-art theater and music department.

We are not your ordinary two-year college. We offer small classes, personalized attention and high academic quality in an atmosphere that feels like a four-year liberal arts college. One of the most affordable colleges in California, SMC offers a superior education at a very low cost.

Located in the heart of Southern California in Santa Monica, our main campus is located less than two miles from the beach. Our facilities are excellent, including our new library, planetarium, Academy of Entertainment and Technology, huge football stadium, and performing arts facility.

Other SMC Campuses can be found throughout the City of Santa Monica. Visit <http://www.smc.edu/tours> to learn more.

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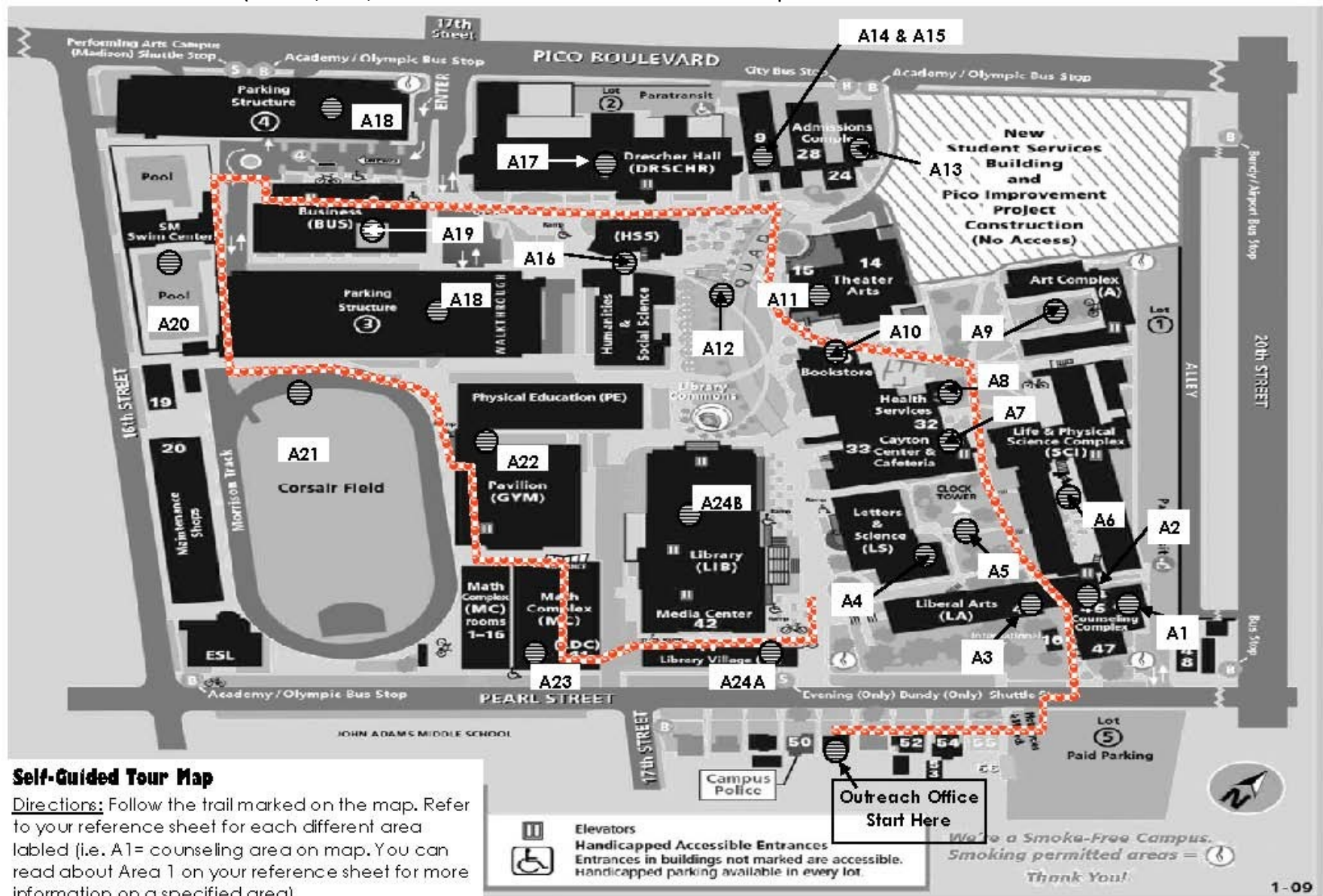
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## SMC SELF-TOUR GUIDE MAP

Each Area (i.e. A1, etc., coincides with each numbered bullet provided in this Self-Tour Guide Packet.







**Outreach Office**



**Counseling Complex**



**Bursars Office**



**Letters and Science (LS)**



**Life & Physical Science (SCI)**



**Cayton Center/Cafeteria**



**Health Services**



**Art Complex (A)**



**Organic Learning Garden**



**SMC Bookstore**



**Main Stage (TH ART)**



**Fountain/Quad Area**



**Admissions Complex**



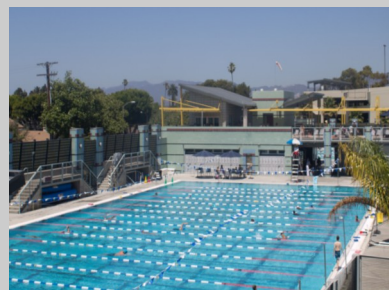
**Humanities & Social Sciences (HSS)**



**Drescher Hall (DRSCHR)**



**Business Building (BUS)**



**SMC Swim Center (Pool)**



**Corsair Track & Field**



**Math Complex (MC)**



**SMC Library**

## 1 AREA 1: Counseling Complex

- Academic and personal counseling, academic plans, workshops. Some services also available online.
- Help you create an education plan, answer questions about educational goals, and assist you with personal and school related difficulties
- For quick questions that take 5 minutes or less, Express Counseling is available throughout the day in the Transfer/Counseling Center.

## 2 AREA 2: Bursar's Office

- You pay for your fees and parking decal. \$85 for Fall and Spring. \$45 for Winter and Summer.
- Photo IDs can be taken at the Station D, which is located behind the Bursar's Office.
- Monday-Thursday 8:30am-8pm Friday 8:30am-2:00pm

## 3 AREA 3: Liberal Arts (LA)

- It houses the Assessment Center in room 109.
- Must take assessment if enrolling in more than 6 units.
- Must have an SMC ID number and Photo ID.
- No testing on Fridays.
- You can go to smc.edu website to get access to sample test so that you can study.

## 4 AREA 4: Letters & Science (LS)

- Home of the **SMC Corsair** Student Newspaper.
- Home of the Broadcasting Department (Student Radio Station).
- Home of SMC'S First Smart Classrooms

## 5 AREA 5: Clock Tower Area

- Student events are held in this area, such as The International Fest, fairs, club meetings, etc.
- Wireless access.
- Really fun dancing, such as salsa, and Indian folk dancing, as well as other Club activities and meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## 6 AREA 6: Life & Physical Science Department (SCI)

- This department is where biology, chemistry, and physics classes take place.
- The only community college that work with cadavers (= dead people, of course).
- Science Professor's offices are located in the building and so is the Science Tutoring Center and computer lab.
- Opened in 1999; \$35 million dollar building; Includes state-of-the-art labs, marine and zoology collections.
- FYI, since this building houses laboratories, it can get very cold. Bring a sweater!

## 7 AREA 7: Cayton Center / Cafeteria

- Home to **KCRW** radio station (basement)
- Associated Student Center** (2<sup>nd</sup> floor). **Cayton Computer Lab**: Houses 250 student accessible computers. (Up to 15 free pages). **Note**: ASB sticker needed.
- Welcome Center for new students, Out of state students can go to the Outreach office, and make an appointment with an Out-of-State Counselor.
- We just opened a new campus kitchen with the goal of bringing healthier foods to campus.

## 8 AREA 8: Health Services Center

- All services available to students upon payment of Health Fee (\$18 Spring/Fall; \$15 Summer/Winter).
- Emergency and first aid treatment; Over-the-counter medication; Immunization/Vaccination at cost; Psychological counseling by appointment Health related pamphlets and literature. HIV testing and counseling.

## 9 AREA 9: Art Complex (A)

- We offer classes in sculpture, jewelry design, drawing, watercolor painting, Digital drawing, and Design, Art History; Periodically, this department houses lectures and film screenings; All garden art pieces have been created and built by students.
- We have an exceptional transfer rate of students accepted into Juilliard; Every year they enter many shows into competitions with colleges nationwide.
- New Organic Sustainable Learning Garden opened during the Fall 2011 semester. Here Students, Faculty, and Staff grow various plants, and vegetables while learning how to grow organic and sustainably.

## 10 AREA 10: Bookstore

- Buy books and school supplies (books may be purchased online).
- SMC clothing (sweatshirts, t-shirts, shorts, etc).
- You can purchase new and used textbooks, gear and supplies on our online bookstore. You can also sell your used textbooks <http://bookstore.smc.edu/>



## 11 AREA 11: Main Stage (TH ART)

- The Theater Arts department is located here.
- Students can purchase tickets for different events on campus
- Discounts available for students and seniors attending selected events.
- Our dynamic award-winning performing arts program offers classes, in theater, dance, and music, includes a symphony orchestra, jazz band, opera theater and concert band.

## 12 AREA 12: Fountain Quad

- Student events, concerts, and college and career fairs are held here.

## 13 AREA 13: Admissions

- Apply for admissions, enroll in classes, and request transcripts.
- Turn in transcripts from High School or other Colleges
- Complete and submit AB540, Petitions for Special Consideration, Grade Appeals, and other Admission functions.
- Find out Residency info by meeting with a Residency Specialist.

## 14 AREA 14: Financial Aid

- Obtain Financial Aid information.
- Apply for FAFSA and/or BOG.
- Got fafsa.ed.gov to apply.
- Request Stafford and Book Loans
- Turn in applications for Federal Work Study employment

## 15 AREA 15: EOPS

- Provides educational and financial support to eligible students.
- Assistance with tutoring and counseling.
- Provides book loans and vouchers
- Must submit an application, and be eligible to get accepted into the program

## 16 AREA 16: Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS)

- Social Science Classes are held here.
- It is the most Green and Environmentally-friendly building on campus.
- Social Science Professors' Offices are located on the third floor.
- Houses a lot of lecture halls and tutoring.
- It has classes in English, biology, psychology, anthropology.

## 17 AREA 17: Drescher Hall (DRSCHR)

- SMC's Planetarium is located on the 2nd floor. 1st planetarium on the West Coast to feature the sophisticated Digital II computer-driven optical projections system.
- The Photography Gallery on the second floor is nationally recognized as a Major venue for photographic art.
- The English and Language departments are located on the 3rd floor.
- Free English tutoring available to students.
- The Modern Language laboratory is located on the 2nd floor. The laboratory offers free tutoring, computer lab work and foreign film access to students enrolled in a Modern Language class.

## 18 AREA 18: Parking Structures

- A parking permit is required for on-campus parking (\$85 Fall/Spring and \$45 Summer/Winter)
- Free parking and inter-campus shuttle are available at the satellite campuses (Airports Arts Campus, Bundy Campus, AET campus, etc.)

## 19 AREA 19: Business Building (BUS)

- Houses business, cosmetology, fashion design and merchandising, and computer science and information systems classes.
- The CSIS (Computer Science and Information Systems) computer lab is located on the 2nd floor.
- Free tutoring available to CSIS students in the CSIS lab, as well as tutoring for Accounting classes.

## 20 AREA 20: Santa Monica Swim Center (Pool)

- Home to the SMC Corsairs swimming and water polo teams.
- The Splash Pool, a 25yd, 10 lane all-shallow pool with depths from 2-4 ft.
- The Fitness Pool, a 25yr by 50-meter pool with depths from 6 & 1/2-13 ft.
- Houses swimming and diving classes.
- All staff and students can use the pool; the fee is \$1.25/person.

## 21 AREA 21: The Corsair Field (FIELD) and Track

- Renewed in 2009
- Home to the SMC Corsairs Football, women's soccer, and track & field teams.
- Hosts a variety of classes such as football, soccer, etc.
- Track is open to students when teams are not using it.

## 22 AREA 22: Kinesiology & Athletics Department (GYM)

- Houses at the Fitness Center (open to students enrolled in fitness classes); the Yoga Studio (located in the basement); the Skybox (located on the 2nd floor)
- Weight room (open to students enrolled in weight training class and athletes)
- Houses the newly renovated SMC Pavilion; home to the SMC Corsairs Basketball and Women's Volleyball teams.
- Fitness Center only open to students enrolled in Fitness Classes.
- We have an excellent dance department offering classes in Ballroom, Ballet, Flamenco, Mexican Dance, African Dance, Brazilian Dance, Modern Dance, World Dance, etc.
- Recreational Table Tennis, Badminton, and Basketball available at pay-per-play on Sundays.

## 23 AREA 23: Math Complex (MC)

- Houses math classes and Math Lab; which provides free tutoring and Math Workshops.

## 24A AREA 24 A: Library Village

- Houses the Career Services Center which provides counseling, job listings, workshops and internship information.
- Houses the Scholars program office which provides counseling and an academically rigorous transfer preparation to the program participants.
- Ask an Outreach Counselors for more information about the Scholars Program

## 24B AREA 24 B: Library

- Offers a dynamic collection of current best-sellers in fiction and non-fiction.
- The library website has an extensive list of research topics to guide you for research papers.
- Offers workshops to develop better research skills.
- The library computer lab currently has 215 workstations available for students.
- Books can be checked out with your SMC student ID.
- Study Rooms are available for students (SMC ID and a minimum of three students required).
- Wireless Access.

**Thank you for taking our Self-Guided Tour.**

## AFTER YOUR TOUR:

**If you are interested in becoming a student, you should...**

### Step 1: APPLY Online

Visit [www.smc.edu/apply](http://www.smc.edu/apply) to fill out your application and get Started now.

### Step 2: PLACEMENT tests

Complete your Math and English Placement Tests. For more information please visit [www.smc.edu/assessment](http://www.smc.edu/assessment).

### Step 3: Complete Online ORIENTATION

You should be able to complete this brief online orientation within 45 minutes to an hour. Please visit [www.smc.edu/orient](http://www.smc.edu/orient).

### Step 4: Meet with a COUNSELOR

Make an appointment ahead of time with a counselor to ensure that you know what classes you need before it is time to enroll.

### Step 5: ENROLL & PAY

Enroll in your classes on your designated enrollment date, and pay before the drop deadline! Visit [www.smc.edu/enrollinfo](http://www.smc.edu/enrollinfo).



## Any Questions? Concerns?

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## Things to do in Santa Monica

### The Pier, Beach, and 3rd Street Promenade

Santa Monica has 3.5 miles (5.6 km) of well-maintained California beach locations and enjoys on average 340 days of sunshine a year plus a nearly constant gentle ocean breeze. The original [Santa Monica Muscle Beach](#) – an outdoor, beachside facility with a range of workout equipment – was made famous by Jack LaLanne, the godfather of physical fitness. With a carousel, an arcade, an amusement park, a trapeze school, restaurants and a summer outdoor concert series, the [Santa Monica Pier](#) offers a wide range of activities for the whole family. The Santa Monica Pier celebrated its Centennial on September 9, 2009, making it one of California's oldest pleasure piers.

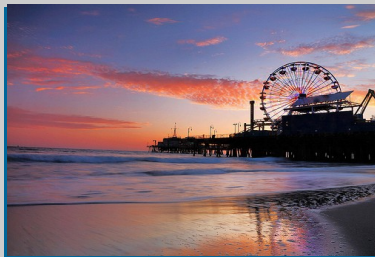
Santa Monica shopping covers the spectrum, from [Main Street](#) fashion boutiques to 3rd Street Promenade name brand stores, from toys and games to art galleries, from fine jewelry to fine furnishings. Each of the city's eight districts has a distinct character, whether it's the pedestrian-only [3rd Street Promenade](#), the musical instrument strip of [Pico Boulevard](#) or the stylish, upscale merchants on [Montana Avenue](#). [Santa Monica Place](#) offers visitors an exciting range of shopping opportunities, as well as an indoor/outdoor rooftop Dining Deck and The Market - now open!

### Hollywood (11.3 mi. away)/Downtown LA (15 mi. away)

Hollywood is home to the stars and to the most recognizable attractions in the world. Walk among the "stars" on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and bring your camera to capture the world famous Hollywood sign. For the best restaurants, the hottest nightclubs, the swankiest hotels and the most luxurious spas, Hollywood is your one stop shop. Whether you want to work, live or play, Hollywood can make all of your dreams come true.

In Downtown LA, there's always something to do: museums and galleries to take in the arts; the Jewelry District for treasure hunters; LA's fashion hub; [Little Tokyo](#), [Chinatown](#) and [Olvera Street](#) representing LA's renowned cultural diversity. Sports fans can catch the court-pounding action of the Lakers or Clippers or the puck-smashing Kings at [STAPLES Center](#). Meanwhile, [Dodger Stadium](#) is just a short drive north for nine innings and Dodger dogs. Also check out L.A. Live, which is home to a plethora of restaurants and entertainment.

If you hang out long enough, you'll probably see someone filming something in Southern California...



Santa Monica



Hollywood



Downtown L.A.

## A.S. Membership Benefits

**Look at all these BENEFITS you get for Only \$19.50 per Semester / Session!!!**

- **Access to A.S. Computer Lab & Free limited Printing (\$15 value)**
  - (located above the cafeteria)
- Campus Concerts, Speaker Series (*Tuesday and Thursday at 11:15am Activity Hr.*)
- **Join one of our 50 plus clubs or Start a Club!**
  - Funding for Club Activities and Projects
- Discounts tickets for some SMC theater productions & DISCOUNTED MOVIE TIX!
  - Sold at the SMC Theater Box Office
- **Leadership Opportunities (Elected or Appointed)**
  - Student Advocacy & Leadership appointments at Regional and Statewide levels.
- **Free Admission to SMC athletic events & A.S. Evening Events**
- **Kinecta Credit Union** – Membership Now Available to Students! [www.kinecta.org](http://www.kinecta.org)
- Funding assistance for SMC Departments & SMC Programs
- Leadership & **Study Abroad** Scholarship opportunities (see Scholarship Office)
- **Monetary Rewards** for eligible students representing students on campus committees.
- **Access to the Student Relief Fund** (by Academic Senate & the A.S.)
- **Free Bicycle Repair Class with use of shop hours/tools at [www.Bikerowave.org](http://www.Bikerowave.org)**
- **ZIMRIDE Carpooling System: [www.zimride.smc.edu](http://www.zimride.smc.edu)**
- **Supports the "Any Time, Any Line" Ride the Big Blue Bus FREE!! (\$40 to \$60 value)**

## Parking on Campus.

- A limited number of spaces are available in our Visitor Parking Lot (Please View Lot 6 on our campus map provided in this guide), on Pico Blvd, east of 14th Street, for a daily fee of **\$10**.
- Metered Parking is also available around the perimeter of the campus. There is a 4-hour limit on these parking spots, and accept either coins, debit, or credit cards as payment. These spots are very limited, and hard to come by. We suggest using Lot 6 instead if you plan to be here on campus for more than an hour.