

People and Society

Career Information Session





Spotlight on:

Administration
of Justice

Economics

Political
Science

Public Policy

Administration of Justice



Degrees and Certificates

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Potential Career Options

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Probation Officer	Some college or more or more	\$91,400
Labor Relations Specialist	Bachelor's Degree	\$77,090
Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriff	High School Diploma or more	\$108,840
Police, Fire and Ambulance Dispatcher	High School Diploma or more	\$66,000
Court Clerk	High School Diploma or more	\$49,140
Police Patrol Officer	High School Diploma or more	\$108,840

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Starter Class

▶ **AD JUS 1 | Introduction to Administration of Justice**

This course provides students with an overview of the characteristics of the criminal justice system in the United States. An emphasis is placed on examining the structure and functions of the police, courts and corrections. The following additional topics are explored; the origins of a criminal case, measure of crime, the evolution of the principles and approaches utilized by the justice system, the social impact of crime, sentencing policies and related subject areas.



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➤ **Business Department Program**

Opportunities to participate in Business Department programs such as Business Law and Global Trade Logistics (GTL) which includes administration of justice related enforcement

<http://smc.edu/business>

➤ **SMC Police Student Cadet Program**

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Community Involvement/Volunteer Opportunities

► Community Involvement and Volunteer Opportunities

- Los Angeles Police Department Volunteer Program (LAPD)
- Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) Cadet Program
- Los Angeles County Superior Courts
- Neighborhood Legal Services

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- **Website:** <http://smc.edu/aj>
- **Contact Information:**
Email: Professor Dana Nasser at nasser_dana@smc.edu

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Market Research Analyst	Bachelor's Degree or more	\$70,620
Survey Researcher	Bachelor's Degree or more	\$60,570
Statistician	Bachelor's Degree or more	\$107,360
Economist	Master's or Doctoral Degree	\$109,020
Operations Research Analyst	Bachelor's or Master's	\$99,250

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Starter Classes

➤ **ECON 1 | Principles of Microeconomics**

This course introduces students of the supply and demand model, the concept of elasticity, productivity and cost structures. Within the supply and demand framework, the class studies the impact of government interventions on markets. The class evaluates alternative market structures in terms of prices, efficiency, and the role of the government.

➤ **ECON 2 | Principles of Macroeconomics**

This course introduces students to measurement of economic aggregates, economic models, and economic policy. Measures of economic aggregates include: GDP, the unemployment rate, the GDP Deflator, and the Consumer Price Index. The Great Depression is used as an introduction to macroeconomic policy. The course covers the tools of fiscal and monetary policy and their impact on aggregate demand, prices, income and interest rates. Additionally, the course introduces students to following models: Classical, Keynesian, Monetarist, and Supply Side with their corresponding policy implications and recommendations.



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- **Rotaract Business**

Promotes responsible citizenship and educate on relevant business topics altogether for real life; Gives back to the community while developing professional skills and employing effective leadership; For more information, contact rotaractclubsmc@gmail.com

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This course surveys the scope and methods of comparative political analysis. It examines democratic, authoritarian, and transitional political systems to illustrate the central theories and ideas in comparative politics. It compares the political structures, processes, and cultures of countries at different levels of economic and social development in several world regions (e.g. Central and Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, Central, South and East Asia, and Western and Central Europe).



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➤ **POL SC 7 | International Politics**

This course examines the structure and operation of the international system. Emphasis is placed on the nature and sources of conflict and cooperation and issues of war and peace among states in the international system.



Starter Classes (continued)

➤ **POL SC 24 | Introduction to Law**

This course is an introduction to the legal concepts and contemporary legal conflicts in the United States, including the philosophical and historical basis for resolution of conflict. Historical and contemporary conflicts in the areas of civil liberties and civil rights, as well as other current legal conflicts and controversies are addressed. This course satisfies a requirement for the Law Pathway program.

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Program Highlights (continued 2)

► Experiential Learning

- **POL SC 94 | Experiential Learning in Law**
Complete a practicum course in the legal profession. Experiential learning takes place in private firms, government agencies and nonprofits. Must be admitted into the Law Pathway Program
- **POL SC 95 | Public Policy Experiential Learning**
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- **POL SC 88A and 88B | Independent Studies in Political Science**
Conduct independent research on a special study topic related to Political Science with the approval of the department chair and supervising instructor



Program Highlights (continued 3)

➤ **Experiential Learning (continued)**

- **POL SC 10 | Government Internships**
Earn academic credit for your public service intern experience



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Public Policy



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Upcoming SMC to ASU Partnership

- ▶ **SMC Associate of Arts in Public Policy to Arizona State University (ASU) Bachelor of Science in Public Service and Public Policy Upcoming Partnership**
Fulfill the requirements of the Associate Degree in Public Policy at SMC and be on your way to transferring to ASU; Continue your upper division coursework online; Study public service, policy, and administration with a professional focus; Prepares you to work for the government at all levels and in nonprofit organizations through comprehensive coverage of topics in public policy, public leadership and management, and urban studies; For more information, ppi@smc.edu.



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● **Fall Arts and Cultural Affairs Forum**

Features screenings of film and television content as well as live performances and discussions that highlight the importance of the visual and performing arts in — and to — society, how expression through the arts can influence ideas and change perceptions, and how community advocacy can make change happen; Events are open to the public, and most events are free. Seating is on a first-arrival basis if reservations are not required.



Program Highlights (continued 1)

➤ Speaking Engagements (continued)

- **Spring Symposium**

Week-long program full of events that feature compelling panel discussions with community and statewide leaders, immersive experiences, and screenings of informative documentaries, related to a current and pressing public policy issue.

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- Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies
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- Anthropology
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- Psychology