



# People and Society

## Career Information Session





Spotlight on:

Anthropology

Environmenta  
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Geography



# Anthropology



# Degrees and Certificates

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**Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree (AA-T) - Anthropology**

**Certificate of Achievement - Cultural Resource Management**

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## Potential Career Options

Job Title	Typical Education	Median Wage
Anthropologist	Master's Degree	\$66,750
Archaeologist	Master's Degree	\$66,750
Forensic Science Technician	Bachelor's Degree	\$82,070
Museum Curator	Master's Degree	\$63,560
Anthropology & Archaeology Teachers, Postsecondary	Doctoral Degree	\$118,180

For additional career ideas and current salary information, we encourage you reach out to an SMC Career Counselor at the Career Services Center. They can be reached at (310) 434-4337.



# Program Highlights

## ➤ Experiential Learning

- **ANTHRO 35S | Archaeological Field Techniques**  
This course introduces students to the basic techniques involved in archaeological fieldwork. Students will learn various methods of excavation and how they are tied to a research design.
- **ANTHRO 88A, 88B, and 88C | Independent Studies**  
Conduct independent research on a special study topic related to Anthropology with the approval of the department chair and supervising instructor
- **Earth Science 90A, 90B, and 90C | Earth Science Internship**  
Earn academic credit while gaining "real-life" experience in a work environment that might incorporate aspects Earth Science studies.



## Student Clubs

➤ **Office of Student Life - Student Clubs ([www.smc.edu/icc](http://www.smc.edu/icc))**

- **Anthropology Club**

Foster an appreciation of the four fields of Anthropology within the students at SMC;  
For more information, contact [smcanthroclub@gmail.com](mailto:smcanthroclub@gmail.com)

- **Eco Action Club**

Raise awareness about sustainability issues on campus; host events and perform environmental research projects; For more information, contact [ecoaction.club.smc@gmail.com](mailto:ecoaction.club.smc@gmail.com)





# Community Involvement and Volunteer Opportunities

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## Campus Resources

### ➤ Anthropology

- **Website:** <http://smc.edu/academics/areas-of-interest/people-and-society/earth-sciences/anthropology.php>
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# Environmental Studies



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**Certificate of Achievement - Environmental Studies**

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Sustainability Specialist	Bachelor's Degree or more	\$75,790
Park Naturalist	Bachelor's Degree	\$62,660
Forest and Conservation Technician	High School Diploma or more	\$47,320
Chief Sustainability Officer	Bachelor's Degree or more	\$208,000+
Environmental Compliance Inspector	Bachelor's Degree or more	\$80,610

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## Starter Class

### ➤ **ENVRN 7 | Introduction to Environmental Studies**

This introductory course will use an interdisciplinary approach to provide students with a broad perspective on environmental problems and solutions. Students will be introduced to the strategies used by scientists, economists, political analysts, and other writers and researchers to investigate and analyze environmental and urban issues, human/nature relationships, natural and built environments, and environmental citizenship.

*Environmental Studies 7 is the same course as Geography 7. Students may earn credit for one, but not both.*



# Program Highlights

## ➤ Experiential Learning

- **GEOG 20 | Introduction to Geographic Information Systems**

Learn how to collect, store and analyze geographic information through GIS computer based systems. Topics include identifying acquiring GIS data to georeferencing and Global Positioning Systems (GPS)

- **SOCIOL 1S | Introduction to Sociology - Service Learning & SOCIOL 2S | Social Problems - Service Learning**

Students engage in experiential learning outside of the classroom in conjunction with various community based organizations in both of these course. Check with the Sociology program (<http://smc.edu/sociology>) to see when these courses are offered.





## Program Highlights (continued)

### ➤ **Experiential Learning (continued)**

- **BOTANY 3 | Field Botany**

Take field trips to botanical gardens, parks, nurseries and other natural settings including nature reserves and state parks, to practice identifying species and plants

- **GEOG 35F | Field Study California**

Participate in a combo classroom and lab experience that incorporates field experiences where you learn about geographic concepts and techniques through lectures but also attend two weekend field trips to California coastal, mountain and desert locations.

- **GEOG 35S | Geography Field Studies**

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# Student Clubs

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- **Club Grow**

Manages the Organic Learning Garden on campus and teaches students how to grow their own food; For more information, contact [smc.clubgrow@gmail.com](mailto:smc.clubgrow@gmail.com)

- **SMC Bike Club**

Build campus bike culture; teach repair and safety skills, lead group rides, repair student bikes and support bike initiatives; For more information, contact [smcollegebike@gmail.com](mailto:smcollegebike@gmail.com)

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## Student Clubs (continued)

### ➤ Office of Student Life - Student Clubs (continued)

- **Plastic Free SMC**

Work on initiatives to reduce disposable plastics on campus; For more information, contact [plasticfreesmc@gmail.com](mailto:plasticfreesmc@gmail.com)





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Cartographer	Bachelor's Degree	\$90,320
Geographer	Master's or Doctoral Degree	\$92,330
Geospatial Information Scientists	Bachelor's Degree	\$97,600
Geographic Information Systems Technicians	Bachelor's Degree	\$97,600
City and Regional Planning Aides	Bachelor's Degree	\$49,770

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## Starter Class

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This course surveys the distribution and relationships of environmental elements in our atmosphere, lithosphere, hydrosphere and biosphere, including weather, climate, water resources, landforms, soils, natural vegetation, and wildlife.

➤ **GEOG 2 | Introduction to Human Geography**

This course surveys the distribution and relationships of environmental elements in our atmosphere, lithosphere, hydrosphere and biosphere, including weather, climate, water resources, landforms, soils, natural vegetation, and wildlife.

➤ **GEOG 5 | Historical Geography with Lab**

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# Additional Opportunities in Earth Science



## Make a Difference Student Sustainability Initiatives

➤ **Center for Environmental and Urban Studies (CEUS)**

Living laboratory for sustainability. Home for student environmental clubs and campus committees working on sustainability initiatives and research

<http://smc.edu/ceus>

➤ **Sustainable Works**

Nonprofit housed at the CEUS that offers programs and free student sustainability workshops addressing issues and solutions related to water, energy, waste, chemicals, transportation, shopping and food

<http://smc.edu/sustainableworks>

➤ **Organic Learning Garden**

Participate in practical learning, to grow your own food, to exercise sustainability, and to better understand food systems and the impact they have on our planet, bodies, and culture.

<http://smc.edu/garden>





## Make a Difference Student Sustainability Initiatives (continued)

- **Associated Students (A.S.) of Santa Monica College Director of Sustainability**
  - Represent student interests to SMC administration and help to approve the spending of A.S. funds.
  - Visit <http://smc.edu/as> for more information



# Scholarships

- **David Sliff Memorial Foundation and Tom Ivener Sustainability Scholarships**  
Students apply to all scholarships in October through one application due December 31  
<http://smc.edu/admission-aid/financial-aid-scholarships/scholarships/how-to-apply.php>
- **Global Citizenship Symposium**  
Every year students are invited to present their work investigating and celebrating ideas and practices of global citizenship and its annual theme. Students with the best examples receive scholarships as well as campus-wide recognition for their achievements.  
<http://smc.edu/community/global-citizenship/events/symposium.php>



# Noncredit Programs

## ➤ **Sustainability Systems and Technology Programs**

Kick-start a job in the field of sustainable materials management by completing any of these noncredit certificates

<http://smc.edu/stp>

- Sustainability Assistant
- Sustainability in Organics Aide
- Sustainability Services Technician

## ➤ **Bicycle Maintenance**

Learn the basics of bicycle maintenance and provide a pathway to jobs as entry-level mechanics, bicycle sales positions, or bicycle shop management.

For more information on these noncredit programs and eligibility requirements, visit <http://smc.edu/academics/community-learning/esl/noncredit/index.php>



## University Research Opportunities

### ➤ **Community College to PhD (CC2PhD) Association at UCLA**

Intro-level social science research and PhD preparation program; 25 community college students in social science related majors are accepted each year; Preference is given to students who are underrepresented within academia (e.g. underrepresented racial/ethnic minorities, former foster youth, formerly incarcerated, veteran, students with a disability, nontraditional age students, etc.); **Program runs from November to May, with the opportunity to participate in a summer undergraduate research program.**

Scholars receive support through a small research grant, meet and interact with their CC2PhD Graduate Student Mentor and CC2PhD Community College Faculty Advisor, and attend Saturday Academies at UCLA as well as monthly discussion sessions with a CC2PhD Transfer Student Peer Advisor.

To get on their mailing list for the next application period, visit <https://www.cc2phd.com/mailling-list>. For more information, contact [cc2phd@ucla.edu](mailto:cc2phd@ucla.edu) or visit their page <https://www.cc2phd.com/>



# Don't forget to explore the additional videos on Programs and Careers in People and Society:

- Administration of Justice
- Economics
- Political Science
- Public Policy
- Global Studies
- Sociology
- Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies
- Communication Studies
- Liberal Arts
- Psychology