



People and Society

Career Information Session





Spotlight on:

Communication
Studies

Liberal Arts -
Social and
Behavioral
Sciences



Communication Studies



Degrees and Certificates

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Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree (AA-T) - Communication Studies

Many colleges/universities offer bachelor's degrees in this field. Students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university should complete the lower-division major requirements and the general education pattern for the specific transfer institution. SMC has agreements with UC and CSU campuses, as well as several private and out-of-state institutions.



Academic Planning

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- <http://smc.edu/student-support/academic-support/counseling/contact.php>

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Potential Career Options

Job Title	Typical Education	Median Wage in CA
Elementary School Teacher	Bachelor's Degree	\$83,360
Digital Strategist	Bachelor's Degree	\$97,600
Human Resources Specialist	Bachelor's Degree	\$69,730
Reporter	Bachelor's Degree	\$51,920
Social Media Strategist	Bachelor's Degree	\$58,886

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.



Starter Classes

- **COM ST 9 | Introduction to Communication Studies**
This course is a survey of the discipline of communication studies that emphasizes the history, interest areas, major theories, and contemporary and emerging issues in the field. This course will specifically cover interpersonal, group, intercultural, mass and health communication in addition to an overview of public speaking.
- **COM ST 11 | Elements of Public Speaking**
This is a course in public speaking for students learning to prepare and deliver platform speeches. Assignments include speeches of description, exposition, and persuasion. Techniques for controlling tension, building self-confidence, and effective listening are emphasized.



Program Highlights

➤ Experiential Learning



- **COM ST 22 | Speech and Debate Team**

This is the class for students who want to learn about a competitive speech and debate team, or who want to be on the SMC competitive speech and debate team. **National Champion Winners!**

<http://smc.edu/debateteam>

- **Producing & Editing the Campus Newspaper**

Enroll in JOURN 16 and or JOURN 17 to create and edit content for the Campus Newspaper that is distributed regularly to the campus community.

<http://smc.edu/academics/areas-of-interest/people-and-society/corsair-student-newspaper.php>



Program Highlights (continued)

➤ **Experiential Learning (continued)**

- **JOURN 90 | Journalism Internship**

Students will relate their journalistic experience to real life by working for a newspaper or magazine for a summer or semester. Academic credit is based on a written report or research paper relating to the student's internship experience. Enrollment must be concurrent with an approved internship assignment.

- **COM ST 88A and 88B | Independent Studies**

Conduct independent research on a special study topic related to Communication Studies with the approval of the department chair and supervising instructor.

- **SOCIOL 1S | Introduction to Sociology - Service Learning**

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

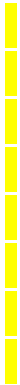


Program Highlights

➤ **Communication & Media Lecture Series**

Informative series of free talks and panel discussions exploring current developments in communication and media

<http://smc.edu/lectures>





Community Involvement and Volunteer Opportunities

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- KCRW
- 826LA
- Reading Partners
- Boys and Girls Club of Santa Monica
- Virginia Avenue Park
- Los Angeles Metropolitan Debate League

For more information, contact the Volunteer Coordinator at the Career Services Center at (310) 434-4337.



Student Clubs

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

- **Student Clubs**
 - Get involved on campus and connect your academic and personal interests with other SMC Students
 - Student clubs change every semester
 - Visit www.smc.edu/icc for an updated list
- **Associated Students (A.S.) of Santa Monica College**
 - Represent student interests to SMC administration and help to approve the spending of A.S. funds.
 - Positions to consider include President, Vice President, Secretary, Director of Outreach, and Director of Publicity
 - Visit <http://smc.edu/as> for more information



Campus Resources

➤ Communication Studies

- **Website:** <http://smc.edu/academics/areas-of-interest/people-and-society/communication/communication-studies.php>
- **Contact Information:**
Email: CommMedia@smc.edu

➤ Career Services Center

- **Website:** <http://smc.edu/careercenter>
- **Contact Information:**
Email: careerservices@smc.edu
Phone: (310) 434-4337



Liberal Arts- Social & Behavioral Sciences



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Associate of Arts Degree - Liberal Arts | Social & Behavioral Science

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Training and Development Specialist	Bachelor's Degree	\$70,720
Public Relations and Fundraising Manager	Bachelor's Degree	\$126,400
Elementary School Teacher	Bachelor's Degree	\$83,360
Editor	Bachelor's Degree	\$69,310

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Program Highlights

➤ Experiential Learning Courses

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- **PSYCH 8 | Community Psychology**

Community psychology focuses on the application of psychological principles to understand and address community issues. This course requires students to engage in learning outside the classroom in conjunction with various community-based organizations.



Program Highlights

➤ Experiential Learning Internships

- **COUNS 90A, 90B, 90C and 90D | General Internship**

Gain valuable experience in your chosen career field; connect the classroom with your on-the-job work experience.

<http://smc.edu/student-support/career-services/internships/about.php>



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- Virginia Avenue Park
- The Mar Vista Family Center
- Alexandria House
- Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)
- Los Angeles LGBT Center
- Midnight Mission
- Santa Monica Public Library

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Student Clubs

➤ **Office of Student Life - Student Clubs (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

- **Cultural Affairs Club**

Learn about different cultures by discussing political, socio-cultural and economic affairs on a national and global level. For more information, contact culturalaffairsclub@gmail.com



Student Clubs (Continued)

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

- **History Club**

Learn about various historical perspectives and promote an inclusive approach to history. For more information contact smchistclub@gmail.com

- **Psychology Club**


Expand your knowledge in psychology, gain new perspectives, and build relationships within the SMC Community. For more information, contact psychsmc@gmail.com



Campus Resources

- **Liberal Arts | Social & Behavioral Science**
 - **Website:** <http://smc.edu/academics/areas-of-interest/people-and-society/interdepartmental-studies/liberal-arts.php>

- **Career Services Center**
 - **Website:** <http://smc.edu/careercenter>
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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
- Anthropology
- Environmental Studies
- Geography
- Psychology