

Santa Barbara City College



“It is said that the SBCC campus is the most beautiful one in the country and I’m sure it is! This has been the best year of my life!”

Student from Denmark



Location

Santa Barbara is located between the mountains and the ocean in one of the most beautiful cities in the world. This quaint city has all of the amenities a student could want - shops, restaurants, theatres, museums - while still maintaining a small community feeling and relaxed atmosphere. The town attracts a wide variety of residents: everyone from students to surfers and retirees to movie stars. The campus is located near town on a hill overlooking the ocean and is made up of Spanish style buildings reflecting this town's cultural heritage.

Climate

Mild temperature year round. Average temperature is around 15C in the winter and 30C in the summer.

Majors

SBCC offers numerous majors to choose from. Some of the majors are: Art, Marine Science, Business, International Business, Marketing, Finance, Communications, Computer Network Electronics and Engineering, Economics, Environmental Landscape design, Film Studies, History, Hotel Restaurant & Culinary studies, Law, Marine Diving Technology, Music, Psychology, Theatre, Acting/Directing and more. See catalog for full list.

Housing

Housing is extremely limited in Santa Barbara and property values are very high. This means that students have a difficult time finding housing and it is quite expensive. Expect to pay at least \$700 to \$1000 per month for rent. There are no on campus dorms but Aspect can provide you with housing service information and arrange short term accommodations upon your arrival.

Sports

Baseball, softball, basketball, soccer, track and field, tennis, golf, cross country, volleyball. Students are welcome to try out for the competitive teams or may participate in intramural sports for fun. Students who enjoy surfing, windsurfing, sailing, kayaking, golf, and mountain biking will find these sports available through private organizations in town or be able to do them on their own.

Activities

There are a wide variety of student clubs and organizations open to all students. International students are members of the International Cultural Exchange club which meets regularly and hosts events for international and American students to share their cultures. Students may wish to join an academic club such as Engineering Club and Future Teachers club or a special interest club such as Badminton, Polo or Chess. Previous Aspect students have developed their writing skills by being a journalist for the student newspaper.

Transportation

The town is very “walkable” and many students ride their bike. There is also a bus available to all students. A car may be convenient to travel outside of town but is not necessary. Students fly into Los Angeles, but Santa Barbara has a small airport for domestic flights to cities such as San Francisco. There is also a train that stops in downtown.

Campus Facilities

The campus has many facilities to make your stay as successful and enjoyable as possible. These include a library, day and evening food services, computer labs, bookstore/gift shop, student health office, a career center, basketball gymnasium, track, football field, tennis courts, theatre and much more.

Special Feature

Santa Barbara is one of the most beautiful cities in the US. The University of California is also located outside of town so there is a large student population in the area which makes for a fun environment. SBCC has a very good reputation among colleges and provides excellent transfer preparation to a university.

Location: Santa Barbara, California
2 hours north of Los Angeles

Size of City: 123,000

Type of School: Public, 2 year Community College

Degrees Offered: AA, AS, Certificates

Enrollment: 12,000

International Enrollment: 500

TOEFL Requirement: 500/173