

First-Year Checklist

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to All Things
"First Year"



YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO SUCCEED IN COLLEGE! THIS CHECKLIST WILL HELP YOU STAY ON TRACK WITH KEY STEPS.

PLEDGE: I am capable and committed to my education journey. I will take steps to reach my goals, recognize that seeking help is a sign of strength, and make the most of my first year.

JULY

- Participate in a summer program
- Apply/complete Financial Aid (FAFSA or CA Dream Act)
- Make an Academic Counseling appointment
- Pay fall fees (due early August)
- Complete or enroll in COUNS 20 and/or COUNS 12

AUGUST

- Attend at least one "New Student" event
- Explore (and join) a Student Support Program
- Check to see if you are eligible for SMC Promise
- Explore support available through the Center for Student with Disabilities (if applicable)

SEPTEMBER

- Introduce yourself to your fall class instructors
- Check your SMC email and Canvas for important information
- Visit the Bodega and explore Basic Needs resources
- Review your syllabi and create a study schedule (Be aware of deadlines)

OCTOBER

- Make an Academic Counseling appointment
- Make a Career Counseling appointment
- Check out the Center for Wellness & Wellbeing services
- Access FREE tutoring on campus and/or online
- Check out Student Clubs to join (Club Awareness & Club Row)

NOVEMBER

- Enroll in winter and spring classes
- Explore mentorship opportunities
- Review your course progress and prep for finals
- Create your final exam study schedule

DECEMBER

- Apply for SMC Scholarships
- Reapply for Financial Aid (FAFSA or CA Dream Act)

JANUARY

- Introduce yourself to your winter class instructors
- Create a study schedule for winter classes
- Pay spring fees (due mid-January)
- Follow up with Career Counseling
- Update your Area of Interest in Corsair Connect
- Explore (and join) a Student Support Program

FEBRUARY

- Introduce yourself to your spring class instructors
- Access FREE tutoring on campus and/or online
- Join a student club

MARCH

- Check out the Center for Wellness & Wellbeing services
- Utilize Basic Needs resources
- Reminder: Submit Financial Aid application (if not done in December)

APRIL

- Make an Academic Counseling appointment
- Apply for internships, work, and/or volunteer experiences

MAY

- Enroll in summer and fall classes
- Review your course progress and prep for finals
- Create your final exam study schedule

JUNE

- Congratulations! You just finished your first year of college! You've learned a TON! Take a moment to reflect on this major accomplishment. You deserve it!

IMPORTANT ONGOING TASKS

- Check your SMC email daily
- Know your class location and the transportation options available
- Meet with your instructors to get support
- Attend exciting campus events and workshops to help support you (smc.edu/calendar)
- Check your unofficial transcript for final grades after each term

TECHNOLOGY ESSENTIALS

Visit smc.edu/studentithelp for technology services for SMC students (SMC email, Corsair Connect, Microsoft 365, Canvas, Chromebook, and computer labs).

Student Name/Signature

Area of Interest

New & First-Year Student Support and Programs

STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Black Collegians Umoja Community
smc.edu/blackcollegians

CalWORKs
smc.edu/calworks

DREAM Program
smc.edu/dream

EOPS/CARE
smc.edu/eops

Foster Student Support Programs (FSSP)
smc.edu/fosterservices

International Education Center
smc.edu/international

Latino Center/Adelante Program
smc.edu/latinocenter

Law Pathway Program
smc.edu/lawpathway

Pico Partnership
smc.edu/picopartnership

RISING Program
smc.edu/rising

Scholars Program
smc.edu/scholars

STEM/MÁS Program
smc.edu/stem

Veterans Success Center (VSC)
smc.edu/vet

MENTORSHIP RESOURCES

Men of Color (MOC) Mentoring Program
smc.edu/moc-mentoring

Peer Navigator Program
smc.edu/peernavigators

Sister to Sister Mentoring Program
smc.edu/woc-mentoring

STEM Mentoring
smc.edu/STEM-mentoring

STUDENT LEADERSHIP & WORK EXPERIENCE

Ambassador Program
smc.edu/ambassadors

Career Services Center
smc.edu/careercenter

Internship Program
smc.edu/internship

Office of Student Life and the Associated Students (A.S.)
smc.edu/OSL

Student Employment Program
smc.edu/studentemployment

Sustainability Center
smc.edu/sustainabilitycenter

HOLISTIC WELLNESS & SUPPORT RESOURCES

Basic Needs Resources
smc.edu/basicneeds

Center for Students with Disabilities
smc.edu/disabledstudent

Center for Wellness and Wellbeing

smc.edu/wellness

Child Care Services
smc.edu/childcareservices

Health Services Center
healthcenter@smc.edu
smc.edu/healthcenter

FINANCIAL AID SUPPORT

Financial Aid/Scholarship
smc.edu/financialaid

SMC Promise
smc.edu/freetuition

ACADEMIC RESOURCES

Computer Labs and Services
smc.edu/computerlabs

Counseling & Transfer Services
smc.edu/generalcounseling

Gateway to Persistence and Success (GPS)
smc.edu/gps

Library
smc.edu/library

Supplemental Instruction Program
smc.edu/si

Tutoring Services
smc.edu/tutoring

Welcome Center
smc.edu/newstudents



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