

# SCC CLASS CATALOG

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# SCC CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF COLLEGIATE EXCELLENCE



As the second campus in the Rancho Santiago Community College District, Santiago Canyon College was originally called "Orange Campus". It wasn't until 2000 that SCC officially became an independently accredited college. While once a small campus with only two buildings on 30 acres, Santiago Canyon College has grown to hold 440,517 square feet of building space and is home to over 16,000 eager students ready to learn!

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## Mission Statement

Santiago Canyon College is an innovative learning community dedicated to intellectual and personal growth. Our purpose is to foster student success and to help students achieve these core outcomes: to learn, to act, to communicate and to think critically.

We are committed to maintaining standards of excellence and providing the following to our diverse community: courses, certificates, and degrees that are accessible, applicable, and engaging.



**WHAT HAPPENS HERE MATTERS.**



## COLLEGE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

### Academic Freedom

The teacher should be free to think and to express ideas, free to select and employ materials and methods of instruction, free from undue pressures of authority, and free to act within his/her professional group. Such freedom should be used judiciously and prudently to the end that it promotes the free exercise of intelligence and student learning. Academic freedom is not an absolute. It must be exercised within the law and the basic ethical responsibilities of the teaching profession. Those responsibilities include

1. An understanding of our democratic tradition and its methods.
2. A concern for the welfare, growth, maturity, and development of students.
3. The method of scholarship.
4. Application of good taste and judgment in selecting and employing materials and methods of instruction.

### Academic Honesty

#### Introduction

Students at Santiago Canyon College are expected to be honest and forthright in their academic endeavors. To falsify the results of one's research, to steal the words or ideas of another, or to cheat on an examination corrupts the essential process by which knowledge is advanced. Academic dishonesty is seen as an intentional act of fraud, in which a student seeks to claim credit for the work or efforts of another without authorization or uses unauthorized materials or fabricated information in any academic exercise. We, as an institution, also consider academic dishonesty to include forgery of academic documents, intentionally impeding or damaging the academic work of others, assisting other students in acts of dishonesty or coercing students into acts of dishonesty.

#### Procedures

In cases where a violation of academic honesty is discovered, the faculty member is encouraged to file an "Academic Honesty Incident Report" form and distribute the form as specified.

There are two categories of sanctions: Limited and College-wide. Limited sanctions include an academic action such as assigning a lower grade or a grade of "F or zero" for the test or project. College-wide sanctions include any sanction that will affect a student's standing with the college-at-large, up to and including suspension or expulsion from the college.

In matters relating to academic honesty violations, the primary responsibility for employing the Limited Sanctions rests with the instructor and the academic division where the violation allegedly occurred. The Associate Dean of Student Development will assist in all College-wide disciplinary sanctions at Santiago Canyon College.

### Academic Honors

#### Academic Honors at Graduation

Academic honors are awarded to students who do outstanding coursework leading to graduation from Santiago Canyon College. The graduate must have completed at least 30 units of coursework within the Rancho Santiago Community College District of which 18 units or more must be letter grades of "C" or better. Effective Fall 2020, students with Academic Renewal Without Course Repetition are eligible for Academic Honors.

Rancho Santiago Community College District coursework and all transfer work will be computed in the Honors designated GPA. Graduation honors are awarded as follows:

**President's Scholar.** See Honors Program and Honors Courses on pages "President's Scholar" on page 33.

**With Highest Honors.** The highest honors designation is placed on the transcript and diploma of the graduate who has achieved an overall grade point average (GPA) of 4.0.

**With High Honors.** The high honors designation is placed on the transcript and diploma of the graduate who has achieved an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.8.

**With Honors.** The honors designation is placed on the transcript and diploma of the graduate who has achieved an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.5.

**Departmental Honors.** Honors are awarded to students who do outstanding work in their majors. Eligibility is determined by inclusion in the academic honors categories listed above.

**Honors Program Completion.** See Honors Program and Honors Courses on pages 32-33.

### Academic Renewal

Inasmuch as past performance does not always reflect accurately a student's actual ability, Santiago Canyon College has established a policy of academic renewal.

### Academic Renewal Without Course Repetition

1. To be eligible, the student must have completed at least 15 units with a 3.0 G.P.A or 24 units with a 2.0 GPA or higher in sessions subsequent to the substandard work being petitioned. All units from all colleges attended will be counted from the semester immediately following the substandard work.
2. The substandard academic renewal work will not count toward graduation or certification, and the permanent academic record shall be annotated in such a manner that all work remains legible. Up to 30 units combined of below "C" work at Santiago Canyon College/Santa Ana College may be disregarded in the computation of the grade point average. The student may choose the 30 units of substandard grades to disregard.
3. After a RSCCD associate degree or CSU-GE Breadth or IGETC certification is posted, academic renewal without course repetition is not accepted.
4. Academic Renewal Without Course Repetition is solely the policy of the Rancho Santiago Community College District and may not necessarily be followed by other institutions.
5. Academic Renewal Without Course Repetition may be granted multiple times by Santa Ana College and/or Santiago Canyon College but is limited to a total of 30 units.
6. As a result of AB705, a student may seek grade alleviation without course repetition when the substandard work occurred in an English or Mathematics course that is part of a remedial (pre-transfer level) sequence OR in an ACE or EMLS course that is part of the sequence leading to transfer-level English (CSU GE area A2 or IGETC GE area 1A) once the student has successfully passed the transfer-level course, regardless of the student's overall academic record since the semester in which the "D", "F", or "NP" was earned.
  - A student seeking alleviation under this scenario will be eligible for alleviation subject to these limitations: If a student received a grade of "C" or better or "P" in a transfer-level English course (CSU GE area A2 or IGETC GE area 1A APPROVED course), the highest grade earned shall be used when computing the student's cumulative grade point average. Grades earned in courses in a remedial English sequence pre-requisite to a transfer-level