

# SCC CLASS CATALOG

The official source and guide to Santiago Canyon College classes and student life

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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.**



## EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

### Associate Degrees

The Associate Degree is a certification of the student's satisfactory completion of a program of study with a specific major or area of specialization. The Associate Degree is normally completed in two years, compared with the Baccalaureate Degree, which is normally completed in four years. Associate Degrees are commonly conferred by community colleges and are referenced as "local degrees." They are usually of two types, the Associate of Arts and the Associate of Science. The distinction between the Associate of Arts and the Associate of Science degrees lies in the majors. If the major is in the fields of engineering, physical or biology science, or occupational curricula, the degree conferred is usually the Associate of Science. Otherwise the Associate of Arts degree is conferred.

Ordinarily Associate Degrees have one of two major purposes. Either the program of study prepares the individual for transfer to a four-year college or university or the program of study is intended to prepare the student for immediate employment.

Information on academic honors at graduation is listed on page 14.

Information on associate degree requirements is listed on pages 42-44.

### Associate Degrees for Transfer

The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (Senate Bill 1440, now codified in California Education Code sections 66746-66749) guarantees admission to a California State University (CSU) campus for any community college student who completes an "associate degree for transfer," an established variation of the associate degrees traditionally offered at a California community college. The Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) or the Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing these degrees (AA-T or AS-T) are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. In order to earn one of these degrees, students must complete a minimum of 60 required semester units of CSU-transferable coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.0. Students transferring to a CSU campus that does accept the AA-T or AS-T will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree (unless the major is a designated "high-unit" major). This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or to a university or college that is not part of the CSU system. Students should consult with a counselor when planning to complete the degree for

more information on university admission and transfer requirements. Information on associate degree for transfer requirements is listed on page 49.

### Certificate of Achievement Programs

A Certificate of Achievement (18 or more units or state approved under 18 units) is a verification of achievement in a particular academic or occupational area, and it will be included on the official transcript. Certificate of Achievement programs normally include only those courses which have a direct bearing upon specialized occupational competency since the certificate has the sole objective of immediate employment in a specialized area. For this reason there is no general education requirement in a certificate program. Santiago Canyon College's certificate programs are described in the catalog section on SCC Academic Programs (pages 59-163). To qualify for a Certificate of Achievement, a candidate must meet the following requirements:

1. **Courses:** Courses are designated for the specific certificate.
2. **Grades:** At least a C grade in each course required for the certificate, unless otherwise specified. Credit by Examination may also be used to gain credit for required courses.
3. **Pass/No Pass:** A Pass/No Pass course is acceptable toward the certificate if it is required for the certificate and (a) courses for which Pass/No Pass is the only grading option or (b) units earned through Credit by Examination (CBE) or assessment. See Pass/No Pass section on page 20.
4. **Residency:** Twelve units completed at Santiago Canyon College. (Six of the twelve units required for the certificate must be earned at Santiago Canyon College.)
5. **Petition:** A petition for Certificate of Achievement must be filed by the student by deadline (see Instructional Calendar page 2) with the Admissions and Records Office at Santiago Canyon College.

### Certificate of Proficiency Programs

A Certificate of Proficiency is under 18 units and/or is not a State-approved program. This type of certificate is verification of completion in a particular subject matter. A Certificate of Proficiency will NOT be included on the official or unofficial transcript. Certificate programs include only those courses which focus on vocational skills. The sole objective is employment in a specialized area and for this reason there are no general education requirements for a Certificate of Proficiency.

Santiago Canyon College Certificate of Proficiency programs are described in the catalog section on SCC Academic Programs (pages 59-163). To qualify for a Certificate of Proficiency, a candidate must meet the following requirements:

1. **Courses:** Courses are designated for the specific certificate.
2. **Grades:** At least a C grade in each course required for the certificate, unless otherwise specified. Credit by Examination may also be used to gain credit for required courses.
3. **Pass/No Pass:** A Pass/No Pass course is acceptable toward the certificate if it is required for the certificate and (a) courses for which Pass/No Pass is the only grading option or (b) units earned through Credit by Examination (CBE) or assessment. See Pass/No Pass section on page 20.
4. **Residency:** At least 20% of the total units required for the certificate must be earned at Santiago Canyon College.
5. **Petition:** A petition for Certificate of Proficiency must be filed by the student by the deadline (see Instructional Calendar page 2) with the Admissions and Records Office at Santiago Canyon College.

### Multiple Associate Degrees and Certificates

A student may earn multiple Associate Degrees and Certificates from Santiago Canyon College.

- For additional degrees and certificates, any course used to meet the prescribed graduation requirements may count toward more than one degree and certificate.
- Courses used to meet the proficiency requirements and general education requirements for the first degree may be used to fulfill these requirements for additional degrees,
- Courses used for one major may be used to meet requirements for additional majors.
- If a break in enrollment occurs, a student must comply with the proficiency, general education, and major requirements in effect at the time the student resumes attendance or those in effect in subsequent years of the student's enrollment.
- Each additional degree and Certificate of Achievement will be posted to the student's academic record and the student will receive diplomas for each degree and Certificate of Achievement earned.





## ASSOCIATE IN ARTS FOR TRANSFER (A.A.-T) OR ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE FOR TRANSFER (A.S.-T) DEGREE REQUIREMENTS • 2020–2021

### ASSOCIATE DEGREES FOR TRANSFER

California Community Colleges are now offering associate degrees for transfer to the CSU. These may include Associate in Arts (AA-T) or Associate in Science (AS-T) degrees. These degrees are designed to provide a clear pathway to a CSU major and baccalaureate degree. California Community College students who are awarded an AA-T or AS-T degree are guaranteed admission with junior standing somewhere in the CSU system and given priority admission consideration to their local CSU campus or to a program that is deemed similar to their community college major. This priority does not guarantee admission to specific majors or campuses.

Students who have been awarded an AA-T or AS-T are able to complete their remaining requirements for the 120-unit baccalaureate degree within 60 semester or 90 quarter units.

To view the most current list of Santiago Canyon College's Associate Degrees for Transfer and to find out which CSU campuses accept each degree, please go to [www.sccollege.edu/transferdegrees](http://www.sccollege.edu/transferdegrees).

Current and prospective community college students are encouraged to meet with a counselor to review their options for transfer and to develop an educational plan that best meets their goals and needs.

#### Associate Degrees for Transfer

To earn an associate degree for transfer, a student must fulfill the requirements listed under I, II and III below.

##### I. Unit and Residency Requirements

60 UNITS of CSU-transferable semester units are required, with at least a 2.0 grade point average. While a minimum of 2.0 is required for admission to the CSU, some majors may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for more information. At least 12 of the units must be degree applicable and earned at Santiago Canyon College.

##### II. General Education Requirements

The general education requirements can be met through the completion of one of the following general education plans.

Plan B: California State University General Education Breadth page 50

Plan C: Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) page 51

**NOTE:** Students who are following Plan C: IGETC and are planning to transfer to a CSU must complete Area 1C: Oral Communication CSU admissions requirement with a grade of "C" or better. Completion of Area 1C is not necessarily a graduation requirement for Santiago Canyon College. Please consult a college counselor to ensure all graduation requirements are being met.

##### III. Major Requirements

Each degree specifies courses required for the major (a minimum of 18 units). Students must complete an "AA-T" or "AS-T" major as detailed in the program section of the catalog. Completion of these courses must be done with a grade of C or better or a "P" if the course is taken on a "Pass/No Pass" basis. (Title 5 § 55063)

Courses in the student's major field may not be taken under the Pass/No Pass policy except for (a) major courses for an Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT), (b) courses for which Pass/No Pass is the only grading option, and (c) units earned through Credit by Examination (CBE) or assessment. See Pass/No Pass section on page 20.

#### Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) and Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) Reciprocity, Course Substitution, External Exams, and Credit by Exam Policy and Procedures

Students who have taken courses from a California Community College, a regionally accredited institution, completed an external exam such as AP, CLEP (may be used on CSU GE-Plan B only), or IB or Credit by Exam may be granted credit towards an AA-T/AS-T general education and/or major requirement. Courses will be reviewed by one of the following methods.

##### General Education Courses

- General education courses taken at other California Community Colleges are granted course-to-course reciprocity providing the course in question appears on the CSU-Plan B or IGETC-Plan C at the time the student completed the course.
- Non-California Community College general education courses are reviewed by the Articulation Officer via the pass along process in accordance with the CSU-Plan B or IGETC-Plan C standards.
- Students who completed an external examination such as AP, CLEP or IB are granted credit towards general education

consistent with CSU GE and IGETC policies.

- Santiago Canyon College Credit by Exam may be granted for general education only if a course is eligible and listed in the Credit by Exam section of the SCC Catalog.

##### Major Requirement Courses

- A major requirement with a C-ID number taken at another California Community College (CCC) is granted course-to-course reciprocity and meets the same designated C-ID major requirement found in the SCC's AA-T/AS-T.
- A major requirement completed at another California Community College that is approved as part of its AA-T or AS-T, will be applied to the corresponding Santiago Canyon College AA-T/AS-T area. Courses completed at other CCCs must be part of their AA-T/AS-T at the time the student completed the course, if a course is not part of the AA-T/AS-T then the course must be reviewed by the SCC discipline faculty in accordance with the C-ID descriptor. Courses completed at other CCCs prior to the AA-T/AS-T approval, will be "grandfathered".
- A major requirement without a C-ID number taken at another California Community College, where an AA-T/AS-T does not exist, is reviewed by the SCC discipline faculty in accordance with the C-ID descriptor.
- A non-California Community College major requirement taken at a regionally accredited institution is reviewed by the SCC discipline faculty in accordance with the C-ID descriptor and if comparable, course-to-course substitution is granted.
- Students who completed an external examination such as AP, CLEP or IB are granted credit towards major requirements where exam-to-course comparability exists; if exam-to-course comparability does not exist, the discipline faculty reviews the external exam and determines course comparability if a course is offered (Students should be aware that external exam credit may be awarded/counted differently by the transfer institution).
- Santiago Canyon College Credit by Exam may be granted for major requirement only if a course is eligible and listed in the Credit by Exam section of the SCC Catalog.

It is strongly recommended students make an appointment with a Santiago Canyon College counselor to discuss appropriate credit placement.