FRESHMAN SUCCESS

LEARNING COMMUNITIES AT SANTA ANA COLLEGE

Freshman Success Learning Communities are an innovative approach to traditional course offerings, created by linking courses through thematic content, skill development, or a combination of these methods.

Teachers in the linked courses of a Learning Community work as a team, coordinating assignments, exams and other class activities in their specified courses. Students, too, become a team, joining together in a “cohort” or group, to take the linked classes. Recent research suggests that students in learning community classes get to know their teachers and each other better, and they are better able to connect and apply information and learning from one course to another. Participation in learning communities contributes to improved transfer rates, student success and reduced attrition.

Freshman Success learning communities offer a fresh and exciting way of fulfilling requirements for an AA degree and transfer to Cal State or UC systems.

Other Benefits Include:

- A coordinated work load for classes (assignments and exams).
- Classes that are generally transferable in different categories.
- Opportunities to learn across disciplines.
- Developing lasting friendships and learning from peers in an intimate academic atmosphere.
- Gaining refreshing insights into current schools of thought within traditional disciplines.

FRESHMAN SUCCESS COURSES SPRING 2020

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Important: Students are required to enroll in all classes within the Freshman Success cohort. To enroll in this program, students may register online. For further information, call the Counseling Center at 714-564-6103.

DIGITAL DONSLaptop initiative

Digital Dons is a pilot program designed to meet students’ technology needs and create more equitable course completion. As part of this program, laptops are now available to all students through the campus bookstore with an exclusively discounted price. Additionally, eligible students may borrow a laptop and keep it for an entire term.

Borrowing

To borrow a laptop, a student must be enrolled in a minimum of 9 units in the Fall or Spring and be referred by one of the following student services programs or offices:

- SAC Promise
- Athletes
- Freshman Success
- Veterans
- Former foster youth
- MESA
- Student Government
- Disabled students are also eligible through DSPS.

Laptops are distributed during a required orientation class. During the orientation, students are required to agree to the Terms and Conditions of the program and present their student ID card. For more information: sac.edu/StudentServices/digital-dons

RECORDS, TRANSACTIONS, AND INFORMATION

Available ONLINE at sac.edu

- Open classes (course availability) “Real Time”
- Grades
- Address and email address update—keep address current
- Detailed Catalog information—updated monthly (sac.edu)
- Class Schedule information
- Unofficial transcripts
- Request official transcripts online—must pay with a credit card. (Free transcripts not available)
- Change your PIN number—protect your privacy!
- Register online: add and drop classes
- Pay fees online with a credit card

AB 705 The Law and Your Rights

The Governor of California signed the bill, AB 705, on October 13, 2017 to take effect on January 1, 2018. This bill changes the way in which California Community Colleges place students into English and Math courses. This is based on statistical evidence that U.S. high school coursework, high school grades and high school grade point average are better indicators of appropriate placement than the previously used assessment test. If you do not have access to your U.S. High School transcripts and you plan to take English and Math courses you can take the Guided Self Placement by going to the Assessment Center website at sac.edu/assessmentcenter.