

CSM Prerequisite Information for High School Students

Students are required to fulfill course prerequisites. A prerequisite is a condition of enrollment that a student is required to meet in order to demonstrate current readiness for enrollment in a course or program. At CSM, many courses with stated prerequisites are subject to computerized prerequisite checking (see listing below), where registration is blocked for students who do not meet the course prerequisite. In these cases, but for a few exceptions (e.g., music & foreign language), students are not permitted to use their high school course work to meet college prerequisites, but in most instances they can qualify through placement testing.

Example 1

A high school student who would like to enroll in Chemistry 192 (Elementary Chemistry) or Math 115 (Geometry) would need to take a math placement test and qualify at least at the Math 120 or Math 115 level to meet the prerequisite for either course.

Example 2

A student trying to enroll in English 100 (Composition & Reading) or English 161 (Creative Writing) would need to take an English/Reading placement test and qualify at the English 100 level to meet the prerequisite for either course. The Assessment Center is located in College Center Building 10, Room 370.

Example 3

A student that wanting to enroll in a second year of Calculus classes like Math 252 (Calculus 252 with analytic Geometry II) or Math 253 (Calculus 252 with analytic Geometry III) will find that the placement test will not meet the prerequisite for either course, and that they will need to submit AP scores on an *Alternate Placement Test Form* to the Assessment Center. For more detailed information, go to collegeofsanmateo.edu/forms and click on the word prerequisites.

Alternatives to the Placement Test

Lastly, some students will want the opportunity to use other tests like ACT, EAP, SAT to qualify for courses like English 100, for example, and in those instances they will need to enter their qualifying scores on an *Alternate Placement Test Form* and submit to the Assessment Center. For more detailed information, go to collegeofsanmateo.edu/forms and click on the word prerequisites.

Additional Information

See collegeofsanmateo.edu/catalog for more information on course prerequisites. Go to collegeofsanmateo.edu/testing for information on scheduling a placement test, and all concurrent students are recommended to go to collegeofsanmateo.edu/ce, click on "Steps to Enrollment," and at the bottom of the page open the link titled Concurrent Enrollment Reference Guide.

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR COURSES WITH COMPUTERIZED PREREQUISITE CHECKING

Courses with Computerized Prerequisite Checking

Administration of Justice: 710

To clear this prerequisite contact csm-admj@smccd.edu or (650) 574-6343 or the Business/Technology division at (650) 574-6228.

American Sign Language: 112, 121, 122 - to clear prerequisites, use the Prerequisite Equivalency Form for Foreign Language

Architecture: 140, 210, 220

Art: 202, 226, 232, 246, 352, 353, 355, 360, 365, 366, 374, 406, 412

Astronomy: 103

Biology: 127, 128, 195, 210, 220

Building Inspection Technology: 710, 725, 740, 750, 760

Business Microcomputer Applications: 115, 215, 384, 416, 450, 451, 464, 534, 535

Career and Life Planning: 142

Chemistry: 192, 210, 220, 231, 232, 250, 420

Chinese: 112, 121, 122, 131, 132, 134, 140, 212 - to clear prerequisites, use the Prerequisite Equivalency Form for Foreign Language

Communication Studies: 171

Computer and Information Science: 113, 114, 121, 125, 151, 255, 256, 278, 279, 363, 364, 379, 380, 390, 479, 489, 490, 491, 492

Dance: 132

Dental Assisting: 647, 721, 722, 740, 742, 743, 744, 749, 751, 763

Digital Media: 100, 120, 155, 165, 213, 235, 240, 260, 261, 265

Drafting Technology: 111, 122, 123, 124, 130

Economics: 123

Electronics Technology: 111, 112, 144, 201, 202, 231, 232, 262, 275, 290, 310, 320, 332, 360, 370, 401, 403, 405, 421, 422, 424, 441, 442, 444

Engineering: 210, 215, 270

English: 838, 848, 100, 110, 161, 162, 163, 165

English as a Second Language: 400, 891

Fire Technology:

To clear this prerequisite contact csm-firetech@smccd.edu or (650) 574-6347 or the Business/Technology division at (650) 574-6228.

Fitness: 207

Kinesiology: 124

Literature: 105, 113, 115, 151, 201, 202, 220, 231, 430

Geology: 101

Horticulture: 403, 407

Italian: 112, 120, 121, 122, 802 - to clear prerequisites, use the Prerequisite Equivalency Form for Foreign Language.

Japanese: 112, 120, 121, 122 - to clear prerequisites, use the Prerequisite Equivalency Form for Foreign Language.

Math: 802, 110, 111, 112, 115, 120, 122, 123, 125, 130, 145, 147, 200, 222, 241, 242, 251, 252, 253, 268, 270

Meteorology: 101

Music: 101, 102, 103, 104, 131, 132, 133, 134, 291, 292, 293, 302, 303, 304, 372, 373, 374, 402, 403, 404

To clear prerequisites for these courses, use the Prerequisite Equivalency Form for Music Classes.

Oceanography: 101

Paleontology: 111

Physics: 100, 101, 127, 128, 150, 211, 220

Psychology: 105, 121, 220

Reading: 400, 405

Social Science: 313, 315, 316, 325

Sociology: 121

Spanish: 112, 120, 121, 122, 130, 131, 132, 140, 161, 251, 802, 803, 804

To clear prerequisites, use the Prerequisite Equivalency Form for Foreign Language.

Team Sports: 173, 175