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Summer 2019 Session begins June 10, 2019

Parking permit requirement begins for Summer 2019 June 17, 2019

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## Mana

### Overview

Mana is word/belief that is rooted in the Melanesian and Polynesian cultures. Mana is a Polynesian belief of supernatural power that could manifest itself in a miracle. It is a force that may be ascribed to persons, spirits, or inanimate objects. Today, in the Pacific Islander community, our Mana is our Faith, Culture, and Community.

The Mana Program at the College of San Mateo is a transfer support program that focuses on specialized retention support strategies needed for success in college. It focuses on the Pacific Islander American-student experience and is open to all students. The three primary components of the program are ethnic studies, communication and academic support.

This program is designed to increase the number of Pacific Islander students who complete requirements for an AA degree and/or transfer into a four-year university. In addition, this program also offers a Certificate of Achievement in Critical Pacific Studies headed by Dr. Palaita.

CSM's Mana Program provides students with a bridge to higher education while offering academic support through the college's many learning support centers and a variety of student services including admissions, financial aid, counseling, among others. The motto of the program is, "We Are Ocean", as in we are all connected through the ocean which is imperative to Pacific Studies.

Students who are interested in what courses are offered per semester are strongly encouraged to contact the Mana program coordinator at [tovof@smccd.edu](mailto:tovof@smccd.edu).

### Contact Us

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### Location

North Hall Building 18, Room 110A

### Office Hours

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|-------------------|-------------|
| Monday - Thursday | 8 am - 4 pm |
| Friday            | 8 am - 2 pm |



### Upcoming Events

There are no upcoming Mana events.

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### CSM Mana Presents: Poly Grad 2016

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