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Important Information for the Fall Semester



Welcome to the Fall semester and thank you for choosing CSM to achieve your goals! We understand that this upcoming year may be filled with challenges and new experiences as we continue to navigate during uncertain times with a return to face-to-face classes and in-person services. Please know that our surroundings may look and feel different but our mission to serve you, our students, remains the same.

As we approach the start of the Fall semester on Wednesday, August 18, we'd like to provide you with some quick tips to prepare for a successful semester.

RETURNING TO CAMPUS

COVID-19 Vaccines Required for All Students, Faculty and Staff

The SMCCCD Board of Trustees formally adopted [Policy No. 2.90](#) at their meeting on July 28, 2021, requiring students and employees to be vaccinated against COVID-19 to access campuses and District facilities. More information on reporting procedures for students will be shared soon.

As the recent County Health Order reminds us, *"Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 is the best way to protect the vaccinated person from infection, hospitalization, or death from COVID-19, as well as to prevent harm to others by reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19. Therefore, all eligible persons are strongly urged to get vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as possible."*

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IMPORTANT DATES

Fall Registration
Currently Underway

Fall Semester Begins
Wednesday, August 18

STAY UP TO DATE WITH CSM STUDENT GOVERNMENT

**View ASCSM
Agendas & Minutes**

Pop-Up COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic at CSM Tomorrow

If you're eligible and haven't received a COVID-19 vaccination yet, a pop-up vaccination clinic will be held at CSM tomorrow, Friday, August 13. Learn more and sign up at this [vaccination resource website](#).

Face Coverings Required on All District Sites Regardless of Vaccination Status

In an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 and its variants, the District is conforming with CDC guidance the San Mateo County Health order regarding face coverings. All employees, students and visitors to any District facility are required to wear a face covering in all indoor settings, regardless of vaccination status. Face coverings are not required indoors when working alone in a closed office or room, or when actively eating or drinking. Signage to this effect has been posted in all buildings throughout the District.

Parking

Parking fees for semester and daily permits, as well as hourly visitor parking will not be charged for Fall 2021 while the college district is still recovering from the COVID 19 outbreak. Parking laws regarding no-parking, red, yellow, green, blue, and white curb zone will continue to be enforced. Please respect all other posted signage regarding parking.

Campus Building Access

Many of you have asked whether buildings will be accessible for studying and accessing wi-fi—the answer is yes! Beginning August 16, most campus buildings will be open from 7 am – 10:30 pm.

STUDENT SERVICES

On-Campus & Remote-Only Services

On Monday, August 16, many in-person campus services will return to campus. Additional services will gradually return through the fall semester resulting in our full reopening planned for January 2022.

To view these College services, the format they will be operating in, and their hours, a new webpage is available at collegeofsanmateo.edu/fallhours. This webpage will be updated regularly as operation hours are adjusted to best serve you.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Use Telemedicine Resources to Maintain Physical & Mental Wellness

Schedule online health and personal counseling appointments at the [Wellness Center website](#).

CLASS RESOURCES

Visit the Virtual Campus Website

Our [Virtual Campus website](#) provides you with online education resources and information on how to access student services online. It's a one-stop resource for many student needs.

Sign In and Use Your @my.smccd Email

All college electronic communications will come to your my.smccd.edu email address. Log into your [WebSMART](#) student account to find your email address and password. If you wish, you may forward your my.smccd.edu emails to a personal email account. For more information about email forwarding, see the [Email Forwarding tutorial](#).

Use Waitlists

You will only have 24 hours from the time you have been notified via email (your my.smccd.edu account) to register. Please review your email daily if you are on a waitlist. If you do not register for the class within 24 hours, you will be dropped off the waitlist. You may also receive waitlist notifications via text message if you sign up to receive other non-emergency information via text message.

Sign Up for Text Message Notification

To receive important college communications via text message on your device, log in to [WebSMART](#). Click on “Student Services”, then on “Update Your Goal/Major and other Student Information”.

Closed Classes

If a class you want is filled to capacity, you should contact the instructor. If the instructor has space in the class, they may provide you with an authorization code to add the class.

Submit Authorization Codes Immediately

If you receive an authorization code from an instructor to add a class, be sure to register immediately via [WebSMART](#). You will need both the authorization code and the CRN# for the class in order to enroll. Some instructors may honor your authorization code for a short period of time only. If you have not officially registered for the class, you may be denied entry.

If You Miss the First Class, Contact Your Instructor

If you were unable to get to your first class meeting please [contact your instructor](#) immediately to avoid the possibility of being dropped for non-attendance.

TECHNOLOGY & TEXTBOOKS

Borrow Technology

Current students who need access to internet and technology equipment or software required to complete coursework, are eligible to borrow available equipment such as Chromebooks, hotspots, and graphing calculators. [Submit a request for technology](#).

Order Textbooks Online

[Search and purchase textbooks](#) by Course Reference Number (CRN) to get them shipped to you from the [Bulldog Bookstore](#).

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Do you need general assistance? Need help adding or dropping classes, or would you just like to speak with a student ambassador for some advice? Visit our [virtual front desk](#) to get assistance.

We look forward to serving you this fall, whether you are taking classes on campus or virtually.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?



Virtual Front Desk with a Student Ambassador

Need help adding or dropping classes? Want advice from a peer? Drop in through Zoom to speak with a student ambassador when it's convenient for you.

No appointment necessary
Monday–Thursday from 10 am – 6 pm

Connect with a
Student Ambassador

Welcome Center

The Welcome Center is available for assistance with navigating the College. For help or more information on how to access services, we can be reached during in-person operating hours, via Zoom (daily drop-in hour), phone or text at (650) 542-0515 or (650) 793-0215,

Visit the Welcome
Center Website

Are You a New Incoming CSM Student? Join Our Virtual Welcome Session

Are you attending College of San Mateo as
a new student in fall 2021?



Join us for a **VIRTUAL WELCOME SESSION**

on Monday,
August 16, 2021
from 5 - 6 pm

Attend this one-hour session to connect with us and learn about CSM resources. Topics include:

- Welcome from CSM President Dr. Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza
- Campus safety update
- CSM Library resources
- Academic counseling
- Transfer services
- Learning center resources
- Mental health resources and much more!

Please sign up using the link below or scan the QR code at right:
<https://bit.ly/3Ci7K7U>



Be ready. Be excited.
Be a CSM bulldog!

CSM Holds Pop-Up COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

Still need to get your COVID-19 vaccination? Here's a great opportunity to get it started before the fall semester begins on August 18.

Learn more and make reservations at bit.ly/freevac21.

FREE *Drive-Thru* COVID-19 VACCINATION POP-UP CLINIC

FRIDAY

AUGUST 13

10 AM - 6 PM

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REGISTER AT
myturn.ca.gov

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT!

- 1 Visit **myturn.ca.gov**
- 2 Click on "*Make an Appointment*"
- 3 When asked for address, enter
Cañada College, Skyline College
or *College of San Mateo*

- Open to students, employees, and community members
- Reservation preferred but no one turned down
- Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines will be available
- 12-17 Years Old: parental permission required through registration process
- Face covering required

For more information, visit:
bit.ly/freevac21



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Looking for a Job or Internship? Check out Jobspeaker!

CSM students are invited to sign up for and browse [Jobspeaker](#), an online job portal that allows you to search for jobs and internships, post resumes, and apply for open positions. If you need assistance with your job search or preparing your resume and cover letter, please contact the Workforce Hub Team - csmworkforcehub@smccd.edu

Jobspeaker Highlights:

- Accessible 24/7 from your desktop or mobile device.
- Easily view career events and manage your resumes, cover letters, applications, interviews and more – all in one place.
- Save all job listing in one place and quickly rank each job, tracking your progress along the way.
- Create your online profile to promote your skills set, experience and enthusiasm to potential employers.

[Sign Up and Browse Jobs Now](#)



Current Job Listings:

- Environmental Education Internship – [View on Jobspeaker](#)
- Intern Research, Pharmacology/Biology – [View on Jobspeaker](#)
- Student Assistant/ASCSM Secretary – [View on Jobspeaker](#)
- Laboratory Technician – [View on Jobspeaker](#)
- Election Workers - County of San Mateo – [View on Jobspeaker](#)
- Test Technician – [View on Jobspeaker](#)

Applications Open to Join CSM Umoja Community



The CSM Umoja Community is accepting applications for its 8th academic cohort, which runs during the 2021-22 academic year. The Umoja Community is an Afro-centric learning community and student support program that offers students a dedicated Umoja academic counselor, a retention specialist who supports students inside and outside the classroom, community building events and field trips, and a social and study space called the Village. The Umoja Community supports the whole student and as a result, Umoja students are twice as likely

to graduate as their non-Umoja counterparts. Umoja graduates have also transferred to a wide range of UCs, CSUs, HBCUs, and private universities.

If you are interested in being a part of a nurturing academic program that highlights African American history and culture and values Black minds and leadership, the Umoja Community is for you!

The Umoja academic cohort pairs Ethnic Studies with English, Counseling, and Mathematics courses, and interested students should apply at www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/umoja or email Umoja faculty Jeramy Wallace (wallacej@smccd.edu) or Dr. Frederick Gaines (gainesf@smccd.edu).

Need to Get a COVID-19 Vaccine? Find a Nearby Clinic



Visit the San Mateo County Health [Vaccine Schedule](#) to locate a convenient site.

Apply for COVID-19 Emergency Rent Relief

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors allocated \$1 million to the San Mateo County Emergency Financial Assistance Program to help renters earning 60 percent or below of the area's median income who do not qualify for the state's Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). ERAP is open to renters who have experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19, have past due rent and a household income not more than 80 percent of the area median income. Landlords with income-eligible renters experiencing a financial hardship due to COVID-19 with past due rent can also apply. Applicants may qualify regardless of immigration status and will not be required to show proof of citizenship.

Learn more about the program and apply at this [assistance website](#).