

Santa Monica College



“I love the weather, beach and surfing”

Student from Switzerland

Location

Santa Monica College is located on the West side of the Los Angeles Metropolitan area. This is an ideal school for an independent student who enjoys a big city environment. The Los Angeles area is a diverse community with people of all different cultural, ethnic, and economic backgrounds. Santa Monica has an abundance of shops, restaurants, nightlife and of course, miles of white beaches!

Climate

Mild to warm temperature year round. Summer can be very hot, 26-35 and winter range is 6-12 with some rain.

Majors

Because of the large student population, international students may not get their first choice of classes. Be prepared to be flexible in your class selection. This is a partial list, ask an Aspect representative if you do not see your preferred major: Accounting, Architecture, Art, Biology, Broadcasting, Business, Cinema, Computer Science, Dance, Economics, Engineering, Fashion Design, Graphic Design, Interior Design, Journalism, Music, Photography, Physical Education, Psychology, Recreation and Leisure Studies, Theater Arts.

Housing

There are no dorms available, but Aspect can arrange for a housing service to help you find an apartment or homestay upon arrival. Be prepared to stay in a hotel for a few days while you are selecting your housing. Housing in the Los Angeles area is very expensive due to high demand.

Sports

For intercollegiate competition, men may try out for basketball, cross-country, football, swimming, track, and volleyball and women may try out for basketball, cross-country, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track, volleyball and waterpolo. For less competitive sports, there are a variety of intramural teams to join. There is a stadium, gymnasium, track and a large swimming pool.

Activities

There are over 50 clubs for students with special interests such as science, business, art and community service. Club activities may include meetings, trips, concerts or social events. You may try out for theater or musical performances or attend one on campus.

Off campus, there are hundreds of activities to choose from. Relax on the beach or ride the ferris wheel at the Santa Monica Pier amusement park. Walk along the Third Street Promenade bustling with people, shops, restaurants, street art and performers. In nearby Hollywood, you may tour a movie studio and see how movies are produced. Los Angeles is host to major league baseball and basketball teams, the world famous Getty Art Museum, comedy clubs and many international pop concerts.

Transportation

Public transportation is available but some students prefer to purchase a car. Los Angeles is a very large area and most people go places by car because it is more convenient but traffic on the freeways is usually very congested.

Special Feature

The warm climate, beach, and unlimited number of activities available in Santa Monica make it an attractive destination for international students. Independent students enjoy living on their own in an apartment. Many movies and TV shows are filmed in Santa Monica almost daily. See the behind the scenes action first hand!



Location: Santa Monica, California
Near Los Angeles

Size of City: Santa Monica (100,000)
LA area (10,000,000)

Type of School: Public, 2 year Community College

Degrees Offered: AA, AS, Certificates

Enrollment: 25,000

International Enrollment: 2500

TOEFL Requirement: 450/133