

Re:Degree x



YOUR SMC JOURNEY CHECKLIST

SMC + Re: Degree = Finishing What You Started!





STEP 1

Getting Started

- Not sure how to get started? Fill out an inquiry form and we'll get in touch to walk you through the steps.



- Ready to GO? Move on to Step 2!



STEP 2

The Application



- Create an SMC account to start your SMC Application here
- Fill out each section of the SMC Application and at the end hit “submit” to complete your Application. It is free to apply!
 - **ON-CAMPUS STUDENTS** may start classes in August or in January, each year.
 - **ONLINE STUDENTS** may choose to start classes in any Enrollment Period (EP) from five options each year: August, October, January, March or May.
- When you submit your application, an Admissions Counselor will contact you via email or text to assist you.
- Check the email you provided on your SMC Application for information about your ADMISSIONS PORTAL. This is where you will see all the items needed to complete the Admissions process.
- Gather your materials:
 - **TRANSFER STUDENTS:** Get in touch with the Registrar's Office at your previous colleges and request that they send your transcripts to SMC. Your Admissions Counselor will assist you.
 - **RE-ADMIT STUDENTS:** Your SMC Admissions Counselor will request your SMC transcripts.
 - **GET CREDIT FOR YOUR WORK AND LIFE EXPERIENCES!** Your Advisor will review your transcripts and résumé to see if you're eligible for additional course credits based on your work and life experiences (*such as military, law enforcement, or professional positions*). These course credits can shorten the time it takes to complete your degree (*and save you money*).
 - **FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN STUDENTS:** You'll need to request your final transcript from your high school or official General Equivalency Degree (GED) score report and provide it to the Admissions Office or have it sent to the Admissions Office. Your Admissions Counselor will assist you.
- GET EXCITED!** Once the SMC Admissions Office has all of your transcripts, we will determine your eligibility to attend SMC. Admissions decisions are emailed to applicants every Tuesday and Thursday.

STEP 3

Accepting the Admissions Offer

- Your Admissions Offer will be in your Admissions Portal. To reserve your place at SMC, just respond **"YES!"**
- On-campus students only: you will pay a \$75 deposit.
- Online students only: you will complete an Online Advising Form (*in your Admissions portal*)

STEP 4

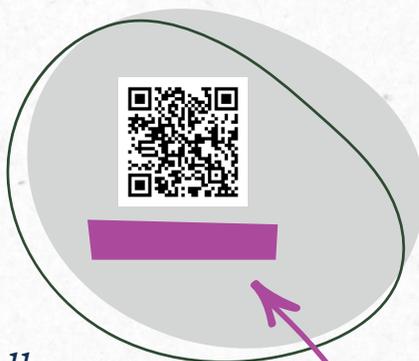
Paying for College

- View SMC's tuition and fees on our website. Go to **SMCSC.EDU/COST-TO-ATTEND**. Financial Aid, military benefits, employer reimbursement and grants/scholarships may lower your degree cost!
- Fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) here

FUN FACT

SMC has SC's lowest per-credit-hour cost* for our online degree programs!
*Among four-year colleges

- Be sure to add SMC's school code **003447** to your FAFSA so your information will be sent to SMC's Financial Aid Office.
- **NEED FAFSA HELP?** Visit **SMCSC.EDU/FAFSA-HELP** to sign up for a free FAFSA help session.
- Once SMC's Financial Aid Office receives your FAFSA information, a Financial Aid Counselor will be in touch to explain your scholarship and loan options, discuss payment plans, etc.



STEP 5

Complete Your Enrollment Forms

- YOU'RE ALMOST THERE!** Your Admissions Portal will include these forms, which can easily be completed online and must be submitted to enroll:
 - **HOUSING/COMMUTER FORM.** You'll see the correct form based on what you selected on the Application. You'll pay a Housing deposit if you're planning to live on SMC's campus.
 - **NEW STUDENT ADVISING FORM.** Once you have paid your enrollment deposit, your Advisor will use this information to register you for classes.
 - **NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION FORM** (*on-campus students only*): You'll use this form to register for a Summer Orientation (*if starting classes in August*) or Spring Orientation (*if you're starting classes in January*).
 - **IMMUNIZATION FORM.** For on-campus students only. SMC requires certain vaccines to protect students against the spread of communicable diseases in classrooms and residence halls.



STEP 6

Get Set-Up in the SMC Self-Service Portal

- Log in to your SMC Self-Service Portal. *(Watch your personal email account for a message with instructions for how to log in for the first time. You'll also get instructions for setting up your SMC email address.)*
- New SMC students are automatically registered for classes by their Advisor. Your new schedule will appear in your Self-Service Portal. Talk to your Advisor immediately if you want to make changes to your schedule.
- Get set up in Brightspace or course-specific Learning Management System (LMS) platforms. Instructions will also come to your personal email address.
- Got questions? Contact your SMC Advisor! Keep their contact information handy so you can quickly get the information you need. They're standing by to help you.
- ONLINE DEGREE STUDENTS:** Your orientation will be conducted online, naturally!

STEP 7

Get Oriented to SMC

- ON-CAMPUS DEGREE STUDENTS:** Be sure to sign up for and attend an Orientation Session before starting classes. You'll find out everything you need to know about starting strong at SMC.
- All online degree courses (*EP sections*) will have E-books

STEP 8

Get your books and course materials

- On-campus degree students will receive an email before classes start to "reserve books." Once books have been reserved, students will be notified by the bookstore when books are ready for pick up.

STEP 9

Start classes and begin the countdown to graduation !!!

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