

COLLEGE TERMS TO KNOW

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ADD A CLASS:

After submitting an application, you will receive an appointment each semester to register for your classes.

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS/SCIENCES:

Awarded for the completion of at least 60 units of lower division coursework which include general education, a major, and district requirements with a minimum 2.0 grade point average.

CANVAS

A platform used by SDCCD to provide online classes for courses at all campuses. Use your 10-Digit Student ID and your date of birth to login. Courses appear on the dashboard the first day of class.

CLOSED CLASSES:

The class is closed to further enrollment when a course has reached the maximum capacity of student registration.

ADD CODE/ PERMISSION NUMBER:

A 6-digit code issued by the professor to add a desired class on or after the start of the semester/session or for a restricted class. It is processed by the student through mySDCCD portal prior to the add deadline.

CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT APPLICATION

Application to apply for financial aid for undocumented and non-resident students. Awards may consist of state and private-funded loans and scholarships.

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT/ PERFORMANCE:

Awarded for the completion of the core requirements in vocational majors. Certificates do not require completion of general education or district requirements.

CN (COURSE NUMBER) :

The 5-Digit course number that identifies each class section for the semester, required for registration.



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COLLEGE COUNSELOR:

Overall, provide academic guidance and support. Assists students with selecting classes, understanding requirements for transfer/graduation, and connecting with campus resources such as support services.

DROP A CLASS:

You may officially drop a class through mySDCCD portal before the drop deadline. A dropped class will not be reflected on an official transcript.

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

Application to apply for financial aid for U.S. citizens. Awards may consist of grants, work-study, loans and scholarships.

FULL VS. PART TIME STUDENT

A full-time student is enrolled in at least 12 units in a semester. A part-time student is enrolled in less than 12 units.

CRASH A CLASS:

A method of adding a closed class to your schedule after the semester has started by attending the class during the add period and obtaining an add code/permission number from the instructor.

EDUCATION PLAN:

A semester-by-semester outline of the course work you need to complete toward achieving your educational goal.

FINANCIAL AID:

Provides assistance to pay for education. Awards may consist of grants, work-study, loans and scholarships.

INTERSEGMENTAL GENERAL EDUCATION TRANSFER CURRICULUM (IGETC):

A general education pattern that will fulfill all lower-division general education requirements at all CSU campuses and most UC campuses. It is also accepted by some private/independent or out of state universities.



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LOAN VS. GRANT

A loan is financial aid money that you must pay back. A grant is free money that you do not have to pay back.

MYSDCCD PORTAL

Allows access to the student's personal student database. You can enroll in classes, pay fees, apply for graduation, etc. !

TRANSCRIPT:

Students with credit from other colleges and universities must submit official transcripts to the district. Transcripts are required even if prior credits do not appear relevant or if units were earned years ago.

UNIT:

Represents one hour of lecture or three hours of laboratory per week for one semester.

WAIT LIST:

Students who attempt to register in a class that is closed may select the option to have their name placed on a wait list. Wait listing a course does not guarantee enrollment.

MAJOR:

A pattern of courses within a specific area of study. Majors for the Associate degree require a minimum of 18 units.

PREREQUISITE:

Courses that must be completed with a "C" or better prior to registration in a specific course.

SCHOLARSHIP

Financial aid awarded based on academic accomplishments or other requirements.

TUITION

Cost per unit a student is enrolled in, this does not include books or supplies. This is different for in-state residents and out-of-state students.

WITHDRAWAL:

Occurs when a student drops a course after the drop deadline. You must officially withdraw through SDCCD prior to the withdrawal deadline. Withdrawals will be reflected on your official transcript.

