SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

Career Skills Institute
The Career Skills Institute provides coordination and administration for tuition-free, short-term workplace training and contract education. Courses are housed at the School of Extended Learning (http://www.sbcc.edu/extendedlearning) and are delivered in half-day and one-day training formats. Students can earn noncredit Certificates of Completion, and are issued “digital badges” to post on their social media outlets such as LinkedIn. Workshops focus on such topics as Customer Relations, Difficult Conversations, Management, Teamwork and Microsoft Computer Applications. The Career Skills Institute partners with LinkedIn, local industry and employers. For more information about the Institute, contact Jeanette Chian, Associate Director, School of Extended Learning, at (805) 683-8289 or jchianbrooks@sbcc.edu.

Honors Program
SBCC has established an Honors Program emphasizing a rigorous and interdisciplinary approach to general education. The courses developed meet the needs of students whose academic goals and interests are not satisfied by regular courses. Students who enroll in the Honors curriculum will gain the opportunity to become independent learners, participate actively in the shaping of their education, and exercise their talents at the highest level of excellence of which they are capable. For further information, see the Honors (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/academic-departments/honors) section of this Catalog.

Study Abroad Program
Santa Barbara City College is committed to promoting cross-cultural understanding and global responsibility. Part of that commitment is reflected through offering opportunities to study abroad in a variety of countries.

SBCC offers full semester-length programs in a number of countries. In the past, SBCC semester program participants have been able to study in France, Italy, England, Spain, Turkey, Greece, Costa Rica, China, Vietnam, Chile, Argentina, New Zealand, and Bali Indonesia. Courses typically include a broad range of disciplines, such as art, literature, political science, marketing, communication, film studies, STEM as well as language courses appropriate to the countries.

Summer and winter break programs have included language studies in Spain, Mexico, France, Italy, Bolivia, and Cuba as well as film studies and production in Italy, Thailand, Germany and Australia, photography and printmaking in Cuba, France and England, communication in Australia, Germany, India and Rwanda, art history in France, marketing in England, France and Austria, as well as many other disciplines and destinations. New programs are continuously being developed. Students usually study at private facilities in the host country and live with local families, student apartments, or hotels. Field trips and excursions to nearby points of interest are included in all Study Abroad programs.

The cost ranges between $7,500 and $9,000 for semester programs and is considerably less for the short-term programs ($3,500 - $4,500). Excursions, lodging, transportation, and cultural activities are usually included in the program cost. Limited scholarships, grants, loans and other financial aid are available for those students who qualify.