

In order to keep all constituent groups informed, the Southwestern College Campus Police maintains a Crime Awareness and Campus Safety Report (which can be accessed online with the following link: [www.swccd.edu/crimeawareness](http://www.swccd.edu/crimeawareness)). The purpose of this report is to heighten community awareness about campus crime and prevention.

A truly safe campus can only be achieved through the cooperation of everyone. Campus emergencies can be reported by dialing \*91 on any college telephone. Students may arrange for an escort to and from class by contacting the respective police office at the Chula Vista campus and the Higher Education Centers at National City, Otay Mesa and San Ysidro.

If you need additional information, please stop by the Southwestern College Campus Police Office located in Building 100, Room 105D, on the Chula Vista campus.

## STUDENT LIFE



Students will find that the college experience is enhanced by active participation in some social or extracurricular activities. The College encourages each student to participate in extracurricular activities. Approval by the administration must be obtained before such events are scheduled or placed on the calendar.

Opportunities are provided to participate in the following: student government; production of campus publications such as the campus newspaper; intercollegiate athletics; band, drama, and choral music performances; a variety of club programs; and social, service, cultural, and recreational activities and events.

Two hours each week are designated as college hours. Few classes are scheduled during these hours, allowing for campus activities such as cultural activities, club meetings, and current affairs forums.

### ASSOCIATED STUDENT ORGANIZATION

The Associated Student Organization (ASO) represents all students at Southwestern College and sponsors activities including cultural performances, awards, student clubs, social activities, and student leadership conferences.

The ASO is the recognized student government body of the College. The students elect representatives to both the executive and legislative branches (Ed Code 76060-76065, Title 5 Section 54801, 54803, Policy No. 5400, 5410, and 5420).

The executive branch has seven executive officers: president; executive vice president (who serves as senate chairperson); social vice president; vice president for club affairs; vice president for public relations; executive secretary; and vice president for finance. The Senate is the legislative branch and is composed of twenty-three at-large, School, and Center senators.

### CAMPUS CLUBS

Students should plan to participate in at least one social organization or activity with a goal to further develop social skills. A variety of chartered groups are organized on campus for the welfare and extracurricular interests of the general student body. During the school year, the Interclub Council awards charters to clubs according to the following four categories established in the ASO Constitution:

- Academic clubs stimulate interest in activities related to courses and curricula, encourage high standards of performance in academic work, provide experiences to complement classroom activities, and provide opportunities for service and leadership in areas related to coursework.
- Service clubs recognize and honor students for outstanding achievement in the community and service to the College, and provide opportunities for students to plan and execute programs of meaningful service to the College community.
- Special interest clubs provide opportunities for students with mutual interests to organize for the purpose of investigating, developing, or expanding their common interests.

- Honorary clubs recognize and encourage outstanding achievement in scholarship and provide opportunities for developing leadership ability.

### INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Southwestern College is a member of the Pacific Coast Conference, which includes Cuyamaca, Grossmont, Imperial Valley, Mira Costa, Palomar, San Diego City, and San Diego Mesa Colleges.

Southwestern College competes in the following sports: men's football, baseball, water polo, track and field, basketball, cross country, soccer, and tennis; and women's basketball, cross country, softball, tennis, soccer, volleyball, water polo, and track and field.

Southwestern College competes in the Foothill Conference in football against Antelope Valley, Chaffey, Citrus, College of the Desert, Grossmont, Mt. San Jacinto, San Bernardino Valley, San Diego Mesa, and Victor Valley Colleges.

Eligibility rules, established by the California Association of Community Colleges and Southwestern College, require that:

- A student athlete passes a physical exam prior to competition.
- A student athlete must be continuously and actively enrolled in 12 units during the season of sport.
- A student athlete may not practice and/or participate with more than one postsecondary institution during the sport season.
- In order to be eligible for a second season of a sport, the athlete must complete 24 units prior to the beginning of the semester of the second season of the sport. Units completed during the first season of the sport and summer shall be included in the required 24 units.
- A student entering college after July 1, 1985, must maintain a cumulative 2.0 grade point average in accredited postsecondary coursework computed since the start of the semester of the first participation in order to continue athletic competition.
- No athlete shall be allowed more than two seasons of competition in any one sport. Exceptions may be made by the conference only in cases of incapacitating illness or injury.
- A student transferring to a California community college for academic or athletic participation purposes and who has previously participated in intercollegiate athletics and whose most recent participation was at another California community college must complete 12 units in residence prior to the beginning of the semester of competition for that college.
- A student athlete who has participated in a sport dropped by his/her college and has remaining eligibility in that sport is entitled to a waiver of the 12 units in residence requirement.
- Once the season of sport begins, the athlete may not participate on any other team in that sport during the season.

Questions regarding athletic eligibility should be referred to the Dean of School of Health, Exercise Science, Athletics and Applied Technology in Building 1000.

## FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

The School of Arts and Communication offers a variety of courses to provide the student with an opportunity for creative expression in art, music, theatre, speech, dance, telemedia, and journalism. These performing groups/activities include the Concert Choir, Jazz Vocal Ensemble, Chamber Singers, Jazz Ensemble, communication, dance, theatre, forensics, art exhibitions, Sun newspaper, Mariachi Ensemble, African Drum and Dance Ensemble, small performing groups, and musical theatre.

In addition, Southwestern College provides a series of distinguished lectures and performing artists. Performances are held during the day and night to allow every opportunity for students to take part in campus activities.

# ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

## COURSE CLASSIFICATION

### COURSES AND CREDIT

A course is a planned study in a distinct subject area of a department. Each course has educational objectives which must be achieved in order to receive a final passing grade and to be awarded specified units. Each course has methods of evaluation to determine if the student has met the educational objectives, including written and oral assignments, problem-solving exercises, class and/or lab activities, quizzes, and examinations. Each course employs teaching techniques which can include lecture, individual student assistance, demonstrations, and discussions. All credit courses require a minimum of three hours of work per unit including class time per week.

### BASIC CREDIT INFORMATION

The California Education Code defines one credit hour of community college work as approximately three hours of recitation, study, or laboratory work per week throughout a term. Where a term is more or less than 16 weeks, more or less than one credit hour shall be allowed in the same ratio that the length of the term is to 16 weeks. Inasmuch as the semesters at Southwestern College are approximately 17.5 weeks in length, and the periods are approximately one hour in duration, the College has provided that one unit of credit shall be given for each lecture hour that the class meets per week per semester.

### CARNEGIE UNIT STANDARD

Title 5, Section 5502.5. A minimum of 48 hours on the semester system of lecture, study, lab work is required for one unit of credit. The following examples apply to the semester units:

- One hour of lecture (plus two hours of homework) per week equals one unit.
- Three hours of laboratory per week equals one unit.

### COURSE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERING SYSTEM (C-ID)

The Course Identification Numbering System (C-ID) is a statewide numbering system independent from the course numbers assigned by local California community colleges. A C-ID number next to a course signals that participating California colleges and universities have determined that courses offered by other California community colleges are comparable in content and scope to courses offered on their own campuses, regardless of their unique titles or local course number. Thus, if a schedule of classes or catalog lists a course bearing a C-ID number, for example SOC 101, students at that college can be assured that it will be accepted in lieu of a course bearing the C-ID SOC 101 designation at another community college. In other words, the C-ID designation can be used to identify comparable courses at different community colleges. However,