

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE | WINTER & SPRING 2026

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

& Professional Development



Water Your Mind: The Beauty of Self Care

Learn Something New. Level Up. Discover a Passion.

Whether you're boosting your career, picking up a new hobby, or exploring your creative side, our Winter/Spring 2026 classes have something for everyone — and they fill up fast!

Creative & Performing Arts

- **An Introduction to Voiceovers** Step into the world of voice acting! Learn the basics of voice control, script reading, and studio etiquette. Great for beginners!
- **How to Write the Funny** Hone your comedic writing skills in this entertaining workshop. Perfect for aspiring writers, comedians, and anyone who loves a good laugh.
- **Art & Myth: The Odyssey** (New Content!) Dive into ancient mythology and its artistic representations with a fresh focus on Homer's epic poem The Odyssey. This class concludes with a trip to the Getty Villa.
- **One-On-One Private Piano Lessons** Personalized instruction tailored to your skill level and goals. Limited spots — reserve early!
- **5-Star Guitar II** For guitarists ready to go beyond the basics. Sharpen your technique and expand your repertoire.

See pages 4, 7–9 for more details.

Hands-On & Practical Skills

- **Zipper Intensive Sewing Class** Master the art of zippers! Great for sewing enthusiasts looking to level up their garment game.
- **Meditation for Life** Learn simple, sustainable practices to manage stress, increase focus, and bring calm into your daily life.

See pages 5 and 10 for more details.

Career & Certification Courses

- **Become a Notary in One Day** Get certified quickly and easily with expert instruction. Includes all materials at a small fee.
- **NEW! Notary Exam** (Exclusive Access) Available only to eligible students who have successfully completed the six-hour approved Notary course.
- **Ace Your Resume, Interviews, and MBA Applications** Boost your career or academic chances with real-world advice from an industry professional in a one-day seminar on how to stand out in a competitive market.
- **Phlebotomy Technician CPT I Certification Course** Start a rewarding career in healthcare! Hands-on training and certification prep included.
- **Real Estate Principles Certification Course** Your first step toward becoming a licensed real estate professional!

See pages 11–14 for more details.

Finance & Investing – FREE Classes!

Empower yourself with expert-led financial education offered by Beverly Drive Financial:

- **Women & Investing** Tailored financial strategies and investment advice for women at every stage of life.
- **Maximizing Retirement Income** Get the most out of your retirement plan with proven strategies and expert guidance.
- **How to Maximize Your Social Security Benefits** Learn when and how to claim to get the best return.
- **Investment Bootcamp** A fast-paced intro to stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and building a smart portfolio.

See pages 11–12 for more details.

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COMMUNITY

ABOUT SMC COMMUNITY EDUCATION

To meet the lifelong learning needs of the community, SMC Community Education offers hundreds of classes to individuals who wish to explore their personal interests or enhance their careers. Our low-cost, not-for-credit Community Education courses are designed to enrich lives through hands-on workshops and lively classes in art, writing, dance, and many other areas, with special classes for children and teens. Our fee-based professional development and continuing education programs and seminars strive to promote career development and professional training and certification. For more information, please visit our website at commmed.smc.edu.

OFFICE LOCATION

SMC Community Education
SMC Emeritus Campus
1227 2nd Street
Santa Monica, CA 90404

HOW TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES:



ONLINE 24/7

commmed.smc.edu



EMAIL

CommEd@smc.edu

**GETTING STARTED (create
profile/register for class):**
bit.ly/CE-Getting-Started

Please note:
An additional nonrefundable
\$9 processing fee will be
charged per term.

NOTE: SMC Community Education is offering “remote live” and “on-ground” classes for the 2026 winter session and 2026 spring semester. To take online classes, you are required to have internet access, necessary devices, and a valid email address. The instructor will provide information on how the course will be presented and the online tools needed specifically for the class.

PERSONAL INTEREST

Arts

Please note: Most art classes require students to provide their own supplies. These are NOT included in the course fee, unless otherwise noted. Please check class supply list online.

Art & Myth *Remote Live*

Explore the ancient Greek poem The Odyssey in a class that includes looks at artworks illustrating each part of the story. This story has been told and retold over time, with changes in details and emphasis that say more about the mores of each era than about the actual myth. Find out about ekphrasis — reacting to art by creating new art — and try your hand at poetry, prose, and even sketching to create our own responses to these stories. No prior experience is required; just bring your curiosity and enthusiasm! The class will culminate with a private art tour at the Getty Villa. Parking at the Villa requires an additional fee.

Introduction to The Odyssey 1-6

\$79 | 5 sessions

Tue 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Stephanie Horn

Jan 6–Feb 3

Online



Art & Myth: The Odyssey (Homer)

The Odyssey Books 7-15

\$79 | 5 sessions

Tue 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Stephanie Horn

*No class on Mar 31, Apr 14.

Mar 10–Apr 21*

Online

The Odyssey Books 16-24

Tue 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Stephanie Horn

Apr 28–May 26

Online

Landscape Painting

If you've ever wanted to know how to paint landscapes from photographs, this is the class for you! In a class for both beginning and experienced painters, explore how to use oil or acrylic paint to depict natural and urban scenes both realistically and abstractly. Topics covered in class include how to mix and match colors, how to use color value and perspective to capture the depth and atmosphere of scenes, and the importance of experimentation and observation for painting creatively.

\$129 | 6 sessions

Tue 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Todd Carpenter

Jan 6–Feb 10

EC 204

\$129 | 6 sessions

Wed 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Todd Carpenter

Jan 7–Feb 11

EC 204

\$129 | 6 sessions

Tue 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Todd Carpenter

Apr 28–Jun 2

EC 204

\$129 | 6 sessions

Wed 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Todd Carpenter

Apr 29–Jun 3

EC 204

The Art of Glass Fusing

Explore the art of using a kiln to fuse together pieces of glass. Find out about glass choices, preparation, cutting, and composition. Then experiment with the materials and apply your own style and creative ideas as you learn how to use a variety of fusing and slumping techniques, how to use a kiln, and what you need to know about firing programs, annealing times, and recordkeeping. Materials fee \$100 for new students and \$30 for returning students at class covers first few projects. Plan to spend an additional \$100 (or more, depending on the size and complexity of the work you wish to design) during a class field trip (to be arranged) to learn about, choose, and purchase additional materials for the remainder of the course. As this class is in high demand with limited seating, all registrations are final, and NO REFUNDS, CREDITS, or TRANSFERS will be given.

\$309 | 5 sessions

Fri 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

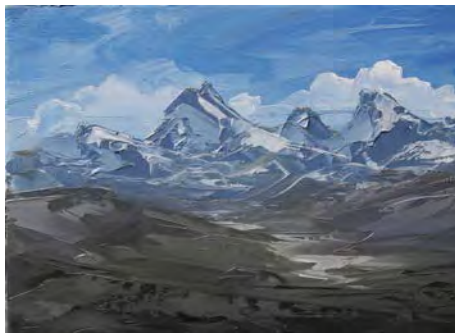
Terri Bromberg

Jan 9–Feb 6

ART 124

Stone Carving

Learn stone carving techniques using traditional hand tools: sculpture hammer, chisel, rasp and file. Finish your work by



Landscape Painting with Todd Carpenter

sanding, polishing and mounting on a wood base. Create three dimensional abstract or representational sculptures. Bring sketches of ideas to the first meeting. Beginning students will purchase alabaster or soap stone at the first meeting. Stones will range approximately \$20-\$40, plus \$20 for finishing supplies. Basic tools provided for use in class. Advanced students may continue on existing projects. Materials fee \$60 at class.

\$229 | 6 sessions
Sun 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. [Feb 22 – Mar 29](#)
Terri Bromberg ART 124

\$229 | 6 sessions
Sun 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. [Apr 26 – Jun 14*](#)
Terri Bromberg ART 124

*No class on May 10, May 24.

Glass Fusing: Big Ideas for Small Projects

Discover how to use fused glass to create jewelry, holiday ornaments, suncatchers, and other small items. Learn about glass choices, preparation, cutting, and composition, and find out how to do basic wire wrapping, gluing, and jewelry assembly. Experiment with the materials, then apply your own distinctive style to the pieces you create. Materials fee \$50 at class covers basic tools and various types of glass and other materials. Advanced students with tools pay \$15 materials fee at class. As this class is in high demand with limited seating, all registrations are final, and NO REFUNDS, CREDITS, or TRANSFERS will be given.

\$309 | 5 sessions
Fri 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. [Feb 20 – Mar 27*](#)
Terri Bromberg ART 124

*No class on Mar 6.

\$309 | 5 sessions
Fri 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. [Apr 3 – May 8*](#)
Terri Bromberg ART 124

*No class on Apr 17.

\$309 | 5 sessions
Fri 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. [May 15 – Jun 12](#)
Terri Bromberg ART 124

Painting in Watercolor – Level 2

Remote Live

Join a class designed for those who wish to improve and guide their watercolor techniques toward a more personal and creative direction. In a supportive, constructive, and stress-free environment, learn how to achieve desired effects that will enhance previous painting attempts, and find out about effective methods for attaining more satisfying results with new projects.

\$119 | 6 sessions
Sun 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. [Jan 4 – Feb 8](#)
Freddie Manseau Online

\$119 | 6 sessions
Sun 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. [Mar 22 – May 3*](#)
Freddie Manseau Online

*No class on Apr 19.

Paint Anything!

Explore both traditional and unorthodox painting materials and methods (e.g., impasto, yupo, stains, fine art collage), and learn about some of the artists who use these methods. Each class introduces a different painting medium and includes a demonstration on ways of using it and a discussion and slideshow about the artists and how they use these materials in their work. You can either experiment with the material or work on individual projects for the class. Supply list will be emailed in advance of each class. Click here for supplies list.

\$119 | 4 sessions
Sat 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. [Jan 10 – Jan 31](#)
Bryan Ricci EC 204

Crafts

Zipper Intensive Remote Live

Prerequisite: Sewing Machine Boot Camp class or equivalent experience on the industrial sewing machine. Find out first-hand how to work with zippers by making a series of practice samples in boot camp fashion. Apply the zipper techniques you learn to a handbag project with three zippers, such as an outside patch pocket with a lapped zipper, an inside pocket with a railroad zipper, and a bag closure with an exposed zipper.

\$199 | 5 sessions
Sat 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. [Feb 28 – Mar 28](#)
Barbara Rain Online

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at commmed.smc.edu

Enrichment



Winter Lecture Series: Paul Williams
House Interior

Winter Lecture Series: Paul Williams, Architect to the Stars [Remote Live](#)

Often described as “Architect to the Stars,” Paul Williams left an indelible mark on architecture during a prolific career that spanned almost 60 years. The first African-American member and Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, he became known for designs that were stylized and elegant. He had an extraordinary capability with Southern California historical styles, yet he was equally comfortable with modern design. His vast body of work stretches from Beverly Hills to New York, and includes such luminary clients as Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, Tyrone Power, and Lon Chaney. To celebrate Black History Month, this class explores the architectural legacy left by Williams and discusses the inspirational contributions he made to each city his designs enriched.

\$20 | 1 session
Sat 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. [Feb 7](#)
Eleanor Schrader [Online](#)

Birds, Bees, and Butterflies: The Secret Lives of the Pollinators

A Valentine's Day Learn and Nibble Event at the SMC Malibu Campus

NEW! Celebrate this Valentine's Day with knowledge and fun at SMC's beautiful Malibu Campus! Pollinators play a crucial role in agriculture, supporting over 80% of the world's flowering plants, and are vital for healthy ecosystems. Learn about birds, bees, butterflies, moths, bats, and beetles, and how pesticide use and climate change affect these small, but mighty creatures. Discover which native plants work best for attracting and supporting pollinators, and how to support these pollinators in your own space.

After this informative lecture, you will enjoy a festive reception designed to celebrate Valentine's Day with delicious mocktails, Valentine-themed dessert bites, and photo opportunities with photo backdrops to commemorate this special occasion! In addition, you will receive a blossom kit with a small plant to grow as a keepsake. It's the perfect way to make lasting memories. Space is limited, so get your friends together and mark your calendar! **As this event has limited capacity, all cancellations need to be made no later than January 23, 2026 (14 business days prior to the date of the event). Any cancellations made after January 23, 2026 will not receive refund or credit.**

\$99 | 1 session
Thu 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. [Feb 12](#)
Dana Stangel [MALIBU](#)

Spring Lecture Series: Masters of Midcentury Modernism [Remote Live](#)

From sleek new industrial materials to innovations in housing for Baby Boomers, the design pioneers in the middle of the 20th century faced new challenges in shaping a design aesthetic that embraced the ideals of post-WWII America and Europe. Explore the new optimism in the relationship between design and lifestyle in the mid-20th century, manifested in open living spaces in architecture and curvaceous, biomorphic forms in furniture, lighting, and other decorative arts. The influence of the Case Study Program and the works of such design luminaries as Charles and Ray Eames, Eero Saarinen, Joseph Eichler, Isamu Noguchi, Arne Jacobsen — as well as the furniture of Knoll and Herman Miller — will be discussed in the context of the rapid social changes of the times.

\$20 | 1 session
Sat 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. [Mar 7](#)
Eleanor Schrader [Online](#)



Spring Lecture Series: Stahl House

Just for Fun

Practical Tarot – The Minor Arcana Remote Live

Learn about the Tarot's Minor Arcana and the various meanings and ways to interpret its 56 cards (four suits of 14 cards each). Without memorizing the meanings of each card, discover how variations in the cards' artwork, combined with your own intuitive abilities, can enhance and enrich a Tarot reading. After taking this class, you'll have a better understanding of how the cards of the Minor Arcana can add layers and clarify a Tarot reading. You'll practice what you learn in each class by playing Peter Rosson's "Tarot Profiling Game." If you have a Tarot deck, bring it along to class.

\$119 | 6 sessions
Tue 6:45 p.m. – 9:45 p.m. Jan 6 – Feb 10
Davida Rappaport Online

Practical Tarot – The Major Arcana Remote Live

Learn how to read Tarot cards like a pro! Start with a brief introduction to the Major Arcana (archetype cards) and the Minor Arcana (four suits of 14 cards each), then take a journey through the powerful symbols of the 22 cards in the Major Arcana. Without memorizing the meaning of each card, discover how variations in the cards' artwork, combined with your own intuitive abilities, can enhance and enrich a Tarot reading. After taking this class, you'll be able to perform a successful Tarot reading for yourself using just the Major Arcana — or even a single card! If you have a Tarot deck, bring it to class.

\$119 | 6 sessions
Tue 6:45 p.m. – 9:45 p.m. Apr 7 – May 19*
Davida Rappaport Online

*No class on Apr 14.

Languages

Note: Some language classes may require a textbook, which is NOT included in course fee. Level 2 classes are a continuation of Level 1.

Beginning Italian – Level 1

Prepare your spirit of adventure and get ready to embark on an engaging journey through the Italian language. Explore the basics of Italian grammar, pronunciation, numbers, and verbs through an introduction of the most beautiful cities in Italy. Your practical vocabulary and phrases will be enhanced as you learn about Italian culture,

art, and lifestyle. Buon viaggio Materials fee \$15 at class.

\$225 | 6 sessions
Thu 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Jan 8 – Feb 12
Silvia Masera BUNDY 435

Music

One-On-One Piano (14 years – Adult) Saturday Remote Live

Finally! One-on-one piano lessons that are truly affordable, and private instruction is the best way to learn to play the piano. These 30-minute sessions are open to adults or children and will progress at their own pace. Beginners will focus on note reading, rhythm reading, and music theory, while more advanced students will work on chord progressions, inversions, and piano technique. Materials used will depend on experience and music style. Students should have a piano/keyboard at home for daily practice.

\$209 | 5 sessions
Sarah Olim Online
Sat 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Jan 10 – Feb 7
Sat 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Jan 10 – Feb 7
Sat 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Jan 10 – Feb 7
Sat 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Jan 10 – Feb 7
Sat 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Jan 10 – Feb 7
Sat 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Feb 28 – Mar 28
Sat 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Feb 28 – Mar 28
Sat 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Feb 28 – Mar 28
Sat 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Feb 28 – Mar 28
Sat 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Feb 28 – Mar 28
Sat 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Apr 11 – May 16*
Sat 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Apr 11 – May 16*
Sat 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Apr 11 – May 16*
Sat 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Apr 11 – May 16*
Sat 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Apr 11 – May 16*

*No class on Apr 18.



One-On-One Piano with Sarah Olim

One-On-One Piano (14 years – Adult) Wednesday

Finally! One-on-one piano lessons that are truly affordable, and private instruction is the best way to learn to play the piano. These 30-minute sessions are open to adults or children and will progress at their own pace. Beginners will focus on note reading, rhythm reading, and music theory, while more advanced students will work on chord progressions, inversions, and piano technique. Materials used will depend on experience and music style. Students should have a piano/keyboard at home for daily practice.

\$209 | 5 sessions

Sarah Olim PAC 103

Wed 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Jan 14 – Feb 11

Wed 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Jan 14 – Feb 11

Wed 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Jan 14 – Feb 11

Wed 7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Jan 14 – Feb 11

Wed 8:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Jan 14 – Feb 11

Wed 8:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Jan 14 – Feb 11

Wed 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Feb 25 – Mar 25

Wed 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Feb 25 – Mar 25

Wed 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Feb 25 – Mar 25

Wed 7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Feb 25 – Mar 25

Wed 8:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Feb 25 – Mar 25

Wed 8:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Feb 25 – Mar 25

Wed 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Apr 22 – May 20

Wed 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Apr 22 – May 20

Wed 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Apr 22 – May 20

Wed 7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Apr 22 – May 20

Wed 8:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Apr 22 – May 20

Wed 8:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Apr 22 – May 20

5-Star Beginner Guitar

Learn to Play Guitar – The Fun and Easy Way! In this six-week hands-on guitar class, you'll learn to play the guitar through a simple and enjoyable process. Covering all the basics such as proper hand positions, exercises to get those fingers moving, reading notes, playing open chords used in tons of popular songs, and a little bit of music theory to tie it all together. This proven, step-by-step approach makes learning fun and accessible for anyone, including a 92 years young student who is still learning and improving — proof that it's never too late to start! Students consistently find this class both engaging and rewarding. Just bring your acoustic, classical (nylon-string), or electric guitar (a small amp is fine, but not required). Registration is limited, so sign up today! Required textbook (please purchase before attending class): Hal Leonard Guitar Method, Second Edition – Complete Edition, by Will Schmid and Greg Koch (ISBN-13: 9780881881394). This book can also be used by students who will be attending the 5-Star Guitar II class.

\$179 | 6 sessions

Tue 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Peter Risi

Jan 6 – Feb 10

PAC 104

\$179 | 6 sessions

Sat 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Peter Risi

Feb 28 – Apr 4

PAC 104

5-Star Guitar II (formerly Guitar II)

Expand on your guitar playing with 5-Star Guitar II! This class is recommended as a continuation from 5-Star Beginner Guitar, or for those who already know the basics wanting to broaden their playing. Open chords, barre chords, songs, scales, exercises, improvisation, note reading, music theory, are all elements that will be covered. If you're ready to strengthen your guitar playing skills and build on the introductory elements you've already learned, here's the right approach to get you to the next level for discovering new ways to make your guitar playing come alive! Registration is limited, so sign up today! Suggested textbook (please purchase before attending class): Hal Leonard Guitar Method, Second Edition – Complete Edition, by Will Schmid and Greg Koch (ISBN-13: 9780881881394).

\$179 | 6 sessions

Sat 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Peter Risi

Apr 25 – May 30

PAC 104

Stage & Screen

Stand-Up Comedy Workshop with Graduation Show

Prerequisite: You must be age 18 or older to participate. This fast-paced workshop, featuring innovative joke writing exercises, is designed for the beginner, as well as comics already working around town. The class culminates with the graduation show at the World-Famous Improv Comedy Club or a similar venue. Class goals: (1) Learn joke structure, hone your joke writing skills. (2) Generate jokes/bits/routines that reliably get big laughs. (3) Discover/clarify your persona and POV. (4) Improve performing chops. Along the way, we will discuss the history and philosophy of stand-up, and the ever-evolving opportunities comedians have for achieving success — creatively and professionally.

\$159 | 7 sessions

Wed 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Jonathan Solomon

Mar 11 – Apr 29*

BUNDY 235

*No class on Apr 15.

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ONLINE

at commed.smc.edu

An Introduction to Voiceovers

Prerequisite: You must be age 18 or older to participate. “Wow, you have a great voice!” Have you heard that more times than you can count? Or maybe you listen to your favorite audiobooks, commercials, or cartoon characters and think, “I could do that!” Want to earn income using your talents from the comfort of your home? Explore the voiceover industry with your instructor, a professional, working voice actor from the voice acting training company Voices For All. Discover the current trends in the industry and how easy and affordable it can be to learn, set up, and work from home. In this one-time, 2-hour, introductory class, you’ll also learn about the different types of voiceovers and the tools you’ll need to find success. You’ll learn through real life accounts of jobs your instructor has booked, and get an insider’s look at the experience. You will also perform a script and receive some coaching and performance ideas. Your instructor will take notes on your reads and create a professional voiceover evaluation that will be delivered to you in a follow-up call after the class. This class will provide the knowledge necessary to help you decide if this is something you’d like to pursue.

\$49 | 1 session
Tue 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Jan 20**
Voices for All Staff **BUNDY 428**

\$49 | 1 session
Thu 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Apr 9**
Voices for All Staff **BUNDY 428**

novel and want feedback. This class is the place to bring what you’ve written, receive professional advice, and hear feedback from other writers. Each week, you will read your assigned group’s pages, then come to class to share your thoughts and hear theirs on your own work in a fun and strictly supportive environment. Personal critiques tailored to your needs will give you a strategy for completing and polishing your novel to your satisfaction. An optional additional 30 minutes will give you even more time to ask for opinions and guidance.

\$99 | 6 sessions
Tue 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. **Jan 6 – Feb 10**
Alyssa Kress **Online**

\$99 | 6 sessions
Thu 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. **Jan 8 – Feb 12**
Alyssa Kress **Online**

\$99 | 6 sessions
Tue 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. **Feb 24 – Apr 7***
Alyssa Kress **Online**

**No class on Mar 31.*

\$99 | 6 sessions
Thu 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. **Feb 26 – Apr 9***
Alyssa Kress **Online**

**No class on Apr 2.*

\$119 | 7 sessions
Tue 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. **Apr 21 – Jun 2**
Alyssa Kress **Online**

\$119 | 7 sessions
Thu 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. **Apr 23 – Jun 4**
Alyssa Kress **Online**

Writing

How to Write the Funny

Comedy writing is not a mysterious talent reserved for those who are “naturally funny.” It’s a learnable skill that can be studied, practiced, honed, perfected. This hands-on workshop is designed for all experience levels. The class features lectures and in-class writing exercises. We will analyze humorous prose, punch-up sitcom scripts, watch movie comedies and diagram their structure. Most importantly, you’ll make an exciting discovery: Whimsical or heartfelt, silly or profound, in memoir, spoken word, sitcom, rom-com, blog, Snapchat, or business presentation... all that is on your mind and in your heart can be written funny.

\$179 | 8 sessions
Thu 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. **Mar 19 – May 14***
Jonathan Solomon **BUNDY 235**

**No class on Apr 16.*

Finish that Novel! *Remote Live*

Do you have an unfinished manuscript under your bed or in an old computer file? Or maybe you’ve completed an entire

TEACH A CLASS

Share your
talents with
the community.

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for more information!

ATTENTION, AU PAIRS!

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\$20 for same day; \$7.50
for standard 5 business days



HEALTH & FITNESS

Dance

Adult Ballet

Learn ballet technique in an active workshop that introduces you to the basics of ballet barre and center exercises, and emphasizes the development of correct body alignment and basic core strength. Workshop covers fundamental movement concepts, ballet terminology, and body and foot positions. Beginners and repeat students are welcome.

\$138 | 6 sessions

Wed 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Jan 7–Feb 11**

Cynthia Molnar PAC 102

\$184 | 8 sessions

Wed 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Feb 18–Apr 8**

Cynthia Molnar PAC 102

\$184 | 8 sessions

Wed 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Apr 22–Jun 10**

Cynthia Molnar PAC 102

Fitness & Relaxation

Meditation for Life *Remote Live*

In a class on guided meditation for all levels, all ages, and all abilities, learn how to practice self-awareness to live in alignment with purpose, develop a higher consciousness in life, and put yourself on a path to happiness. Find out how to use breathwork, journaling, mantra, mudra, focus, and visualization to boost your energy and inspiration, develop deep rest/sleep, and nurture healthy relationships, meaningful connection with others, and an elevated sense of wellbeing.

\$139 | 6 sessions

Tue 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Jan 6–Feb 10**

Meris Gebhardt Online

\$139 | 6 sessions

Tue 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Feb 24–Apr 7***

Meris Gebhardt Online

**No class on Mar 31.*

\$139 | 6 sessions

Tue 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Apr 21–May 26**

Meris Gebhardt Online

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Develop new skills—or expand your current ones—through SMC's Community Education courses. These classes are designed to help you develop the necessary workplace skills and career development plan to get a job, keep a job, or get promoted on the job!

Business and Finance

Make Extra Income: Auto Wholesale Business from Home [Remote Live](#)

Supplement your income through buying and selling wholesale cars from home. In this DMV-approved course, find out what is required to become a licensed auto dealer and operate a profitable used car business from your computer. Discover how and where to buy cars at wholesale prices, and how to sell them at retail prices for good profits. Learn 6 techniques you can use to generate cashflow. You'll receive a list of more than 300 dealer-only auctions across the USA selling cars below wholesale. A DMV certificate of completion—which qualifies you to take the California Vehicle Dealer/Autobroker exam—will be awarded upon successfully completing the course. Materials fee \$25 at class.

\$99 | 2 sessions
Mon, Tue 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
[Feb 23 & Feb 24](#)
Wayne Williams Online

\$99 | 2 sessions
Wed, Thu 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
[Apr 22 & Apr 23](#)
Wayne Williams Online

Ace Your Resume, Interviews & MBA Applications! [Remote Live](#)

Thinking of boosting your career? Improve your resume and interviewing skills, and discover how to apply for a Master's in Business Administration (MBA). Sign up for this interactive webinar led by a business school admissions consultant, and learn about insider strategies to help you improve your job search. The webinar covers key elements of the job search process, including creating a strong resume and key interviewing skills, as well as an overview of the types of MBA programs available (full time, part time, specialty, etc.), and how to choose the program that is right for you. Gain invaluable networking tips, and much more!

\$69 | 1 session
Thu 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. [Jan 8](#)
Stephanie Horn Online

\$69 | 1 session
Thu 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. [Apr 23](#)
Stephanie Horn Online

Health Professions

Phlebotomy Technician I (CPT I)

Prerequisite: High School Diploma or High School Equivalent. Students must be at least 18 years old to enroll. Phlebotomy Technicians are in demand as one of the fastest-growing occupations in healthcare. Launch your career as a Phlebotomy Technician with AUMT Institute, where you will gain the knowledge and skills to collect blood samples from patients in hospitals, clinical laboratories, medical offices, and clinics. Through a combination of lectures and hands-on training, you will learn about the circulatory system, venipuncture techniques, specimen collection, risk factors, complications, and quality assurance. The program provides a complete learning experience consisting of 48 hours of classroom instruction and a 40-hour hands-on externship, preparing students to take the National Certification Exam to become a Certified Phlebotomy Technician 1 (CPT1). A certificate of completion is awarded upon successful completion of the course. Program Includes: 24 hours basic didactic; 24 hours advanced didactic; 40 hours externship blood draw practice; all materials and study guides/handouts; and National Certification Exam Preparation. For answers to frequently asked questions, visit Phlebotomy FAQ.

\$2,599 | 8 sessions
Sat 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. [Feb 28 – Apr 25*](#)
AUMT Staff BUNDY 217

*No class on Apr 18.

Money Management

How to Maximize Your Social Security Benefits

FREE! Filing for Social Security benefits can be stressful. Failing to use the right strategy when choosing when and how to claim benefits can cost you a lot of money and potentially put your surviving spouse at financial risk. Don't leave thousands of dollars "on the table" simply because you don't understand how to optimize your benefits. Join us for an informative and easy-to-understand class that explores how to maximize your Social Security income. Gain the knowledge you need to make an educated, confident election decision. We will also discuss ways to align your assets with Social Security to create a secure, optimized

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retirement income. This class is designed to assist those who will soon begin receiving their Social Security benefits and those who have started their benefits within the past year. Tuition will be covered by Beverly Drive Financial.

FREE | 1 session
Wed 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. **Jan 28**
Caroline Rakness BUNDY 428

Investment Bootcamp

FREE! Retirement Plans – Mutual Funds – Annuities: Whether you're a beginning or an experienced investor, here's a practical way to evaluate and judge investment choices. Find out about the mechanics and potential return on mutual funds, annuities, stocks, bonds, and real estate. Discover tax strategies that allow you to keep more of what you earn. Learn the secrets of money-management principles used by successful investors such as Warren Buffet, Benjamin Graham, and Peter Drucker. If you have any sort of retirement account—a 401(k), 403(b), or IRA, for example—this class is a must. Tuition will be covered by Beverly Drive Financial.

FREE | 1 session
Wed 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. **Feb 4**
Caroline Rakness BUNDY 428

Women & Investing

FREE! Did you know that women often make the best investors? Whether you're single, widowed, married, employed, or retired, you need to know how to improve your current financial picture in today's economic environment. We will explore strategies to protect your assets to help ensure lifelong income and financial security. Class will also cover how to best cope with inflation, how to choose an investment advisor, and how to select investments for growth, income, and safety. Plus, we'll include a forecast of the economy, interest rates, real estate, and the stock market. Tuition will be covered by Beverly Drive Financial.

FREE | 1 session
Wed 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. **Apr 29**
Caroline Rakness BUNDY 428

Maximizing Retirement Income

FREE! If you are recently retired or contemplating retirement soon, this informative class is a must! Find out if you can retire comfortably and do the things you want. Learn how to project your retirement income, ways to minimize your taxes in retirement, how to prevent outliving your money, and how to allocate your investments for maximum income with safety. Class will also cover when to apply for Social Security benefits and the rules and strategies to optimize these benefits. We will explore

various investment options including stocks, bonds, mutual funds, annuities, and real estate. Tuition will be covered by Beverly Drive Financial.

FREE | 1 session
Wed 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. [Apr 22](#)
Caroline Rakness BUNDY 428

Notary Public/ Renewal

Become a Notary in One Day

Start your own business, become a more valuable employee, provide customer service for your business or organization, earn additional income, or get recommissioned as a Notary Public! Sign up for this intensive one-day seminar designed to equip you with everything you need to know to become an effective Notary. Find out about the laws that all California Notaries are required to know, as well as what you need to know to pass the State exam (required to be taken every 4 years), identify document signers, keep a journal, fill out certificates, and avoid lawsuits. Seminar includes a practice Notary Public Exam. No admittance to seminar after 8:30 a.m. and you must be on time when returning to the classroom from a break, due to State regulations. If you wish, you can register and take the State exam immediately after completing the seminar. This six-hour state-approved seminar give you the knowledge to pass the exam and practice as an effective Notary. Participants receive two practice tests and take the office Notary Exam directly following the seminar. To take the exam, you must be at least 18 years old, have NO felonies on your record, and present: (1) a check made payable to the Secretary of State in the amount of \$40 (for new applicants and renewals); (2) a current driver's license with photo, state-issued ID card, or other appropriate photo ID; (3) a 2"x2" color passport photo; and (4) two sharpened #2 pencils. PLEASE NOTE: Upon passing the exam, you are required to submit Live Scan fingerprints (details will be provided at the seminar). Cooperative Personal Services will begin exam registration takes at 4:00 p.m. with the exam directly following. For answers to frequently asked questions, visit Notary FAQ. Materials fee \$60 at class.

\$119 | 1 session
Sat 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. [Apr 25](#)
Carrie Christensen BUNDY 212

Renew as a Notary in One Day!

Do you need to renew your status as a Notary? Do it the easy way! Sign up for this 3-hour, State-approved refresher course, and

review all the laws, regulations, and other factors that apply to you as a Notary. If your commission has lapsed you must take a 6-hour approved course before taking the exam. Materials fee \$30 at class. PLEASE NOTE: You will be required to pass the State exam and to submit 'Live Scan' fingerprints (details will be provided at the seminar). If you wish, you can register and take the State exam immediately after completing the seminar. To take the exam, you must be at least 18 years old, have NO felonies on your record, and present: (1) a check made payable to the Secretary of State in the amount of \$40; (2) a current driver's license with photo, state-issued ID card, or other appropriate photo ID; (3) 2"x2" passport color photo; and (4) two sharpened #2 pencils. Exam registration takes place from 4:15 p.m. to 5 p.m. The exam will be from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Exam seating limited — seats will be assigned to those registered first. Materials fee \$60 at class.

\$65 | 1 session
Sat 12:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. [Apr 25](#)
Carrie Christensen BUNDY 212

Notary Exam – Testing Only

NEW! Need to take only the notary exam? Register in advance with Santa Monica College, Community Education. A six-hour approved course must be completed before you are eligible to take the notary exam. Bring the following with you to the test: 1) Proper ID • A driver's license or state DMV ID card • A Canadian or Mexican driver's license • U.S. passport/passport card or passport/ passport card issued by a foreign government • A U.S. military ID Card 2) 2"x2" color passport photo of yourself that will be stapled to your application (available at Walgreens, CVS, etc.) 3) #2 sharpened pencil 4) \$40 check or money order made payable to Secretary of State. For answers to frequently asked questions, visit Notary FAQ. Materials fee \$25 at class.

\$25 | 1 session
Sat 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. [Apr 25](#)
Carrie Christensen BUNDY 212

Real Estate

These courses meet the California Department of Real Estate (DRE) requirements for applicants for California Real Estate License examinations. To apply for and take the DRE examination, you must be age 18 or older and are required to satisfactorily complete Real Estate Principles, Real Estate Practice, and one more class of your choice.

Each course consists of 45 hours of classroom instruction plus a final exam. You must complete the course AND take and

pass the final exam to receive credit for the course. The final exam is given at the final class meeting, and there will be NO MAKE-UP EXAM. **To receive the DRE-sanctioned certificate of completion for the course, you must have at least 90% attendance—which means you may not miss more than 2 classes—and you must pass the final exam with a score of 60% or better.**

For all exams (including practice exams), you must bring to class two No. 2 pencils with eraser, a 100-question Scantron Form No. 882-E (available for purchase at the SMC Campus Store), and a basic 4-function calculator.

Real Estate Principles (4552-20)

Real Estate Principles presents fundamental real estate concepts of real and personal property, rights of ownership, transfer of ownership, agency relationships, contracts, disclosures, closing procedures, appraising,

property management, lending, development, investing, the salesperson's role in brokerage relationships, and the need to be ethical when dealing with the public. This 45-hour course meets the requirements of the California Department of Real Estate ("DRE") Licensing Exam in order to work as a Real Estate Salesperson in the state of California. This class fulfills one of three basic real estate pre-license course requirements for the California DRE Real Estate License. DRE Disclaimer: This course is approved for Pre-License education credit by the California Department of Real Estate. However, this approval does not constitute an endorsement of the views or opinions which are expressed by the course sponsor, instructors, authors, or lecturers. Materials fee \$75 at class.

\$599 | 15 sessions

Tue 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

John Anderson

*No class on Mar 31, Apr 14.

Feb 17 – Jun 9*

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February 3, 2026 – June 27, 2026

No class on February 14 and May 23.

March

Mondays and Thursdays, 6 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

March 9, 2026 – August 3, 2026

No class on May 25, June 18, and July 2.

April

Tuesdays, 6 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

April 7, 2026 – August 29, 2026

No class on May 23 and July 4.



Veterinary Assistant

February

Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

February 9, 2026 – May 6, 2026

No class on February 16.

April

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

April 7, 2026 – June 30, 2026





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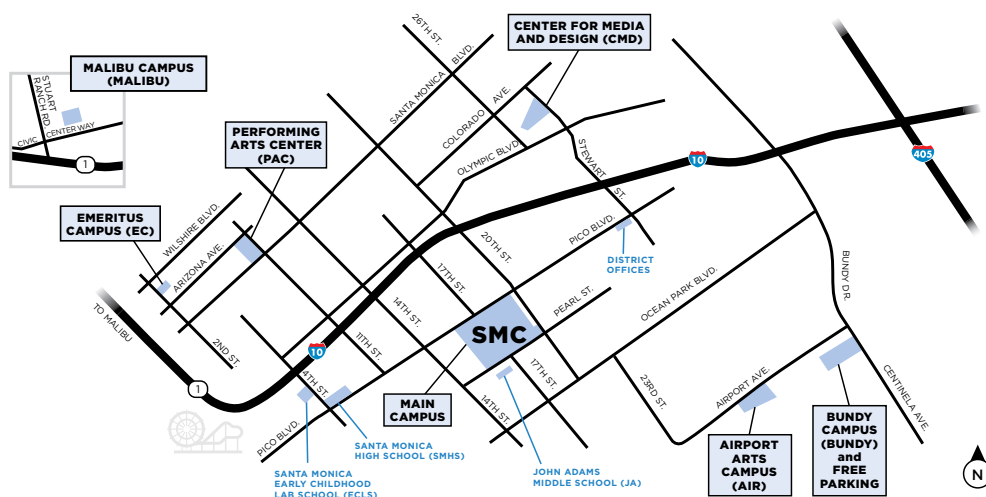
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HOLIDAYS: Classes do not meet on January 19, February 13 and 16, March 31, and May 25.

ACADEMIC CREDIT: SMC Community Education classes are not equivalent to credit or noncredit classes, and cannot be used to meet prerequisites in any other credit program.

Financial aid is not available and transcripts are not offered for not-for-credit classes.

NOTE: Visit bit.ly/ProofVaccine for Community Education's current COVID safety requirements.

To take online classes, you are required to have internet access, necessary devices, and a valid email address. Your instructor will provide information on how the course will be presented and the online tools needed specifically for the class.

CLASS LOCATIONS:

SMC Main Campus
1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90405

SMC Bundy Campus (BUNDY)
3171 S. Bundy Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90404

SMC Performing Arts Center (PAC)
1310 11th St., Santa Monica, CA 90401

SMC Emeritus Campus (EC)
1227 2nd St., Santa Monica, CA 90401

SMC Malibu Campus (MALIBU)
23555 Civic Center Way, Malibu, CA 90265

Remote Live (Online)

Hybrid (Online and In Person)

PARKING:

Complimentary parking is only for class attendance purposes and where the parking facility is operated by Santa Monica College.

Parking is included with your Community Education registration for classes at the **SMC Main Campus, Bundy Campus, Performing Arts Center, and Malibu Campus**, but **REQUIRES** a VIRTUAL PARKING PERMIT. Within two (2) business days of registering for an SMC Community Education course, you will receive an email from the SMC Parking/Cashier's Office with step-by-step instructions on how to register your vehicle for the virtual parking permit. You will need to use the phone number and email address you used for Community Education registration. You must complete this process each term in order to avoid a parking citation. Any parking citations your vehicle receives will be solely your responsibility. If you are registering for a course that begins the next day, our staff

will attempt to get the parking instructions sent within one (1) business day. If you have questions, email commed@smc.edu. Parking is enforced 24/7. Permit is for Student Parking only—DO NOT PARK IN STAFF PARKING—YOU WILL BE TICKETED.

For classes at the **SMC Emeritus Campus**, parking is available in the City parking structure #2, located at the corner of Second St. and Wilshire Blvd. Parking is free for the first 90 minutes, \$1 for the next hour, and \$1.50 for each additional 30 minutes, up to a maximum of \$14. Evening rates after 6 p.m. may vary. Head-in parking ONLY.

Disclaimer: While we strive to maintain accurate and up-to-date information on parking at the College, please understand that the parking policies for Santa Monica College can change without notice. All parking regulations are created and enforced by the Santa Monica College Campus Police and anyone parking on SMC property is advised to read and adhere to all posted signs. Ultimately, it is your responsibility to read, fully understand, and abide by SMC's parking regulations.

IMPORTANT UPDATE:

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICIES

NO CANCELLATION AFTER A CLASS HAS STARTED, so choose courses carefully!

Requests for withdrawal from a class must be submitted in writing via email to commed@smc.edu; requests made via other methods, such as phone messages, will NOT be accepted. A minimum service charge of \$15 per class cancellation will be withheld.

Cancellation Refunds:

30 calendar days before the start of the class – 100% refund (minus the service charge)

20-29 calendar days before the start of the class – 80% refund (minus the service charge)

10-19 calendar days before the start of the class – 50% refund (minus the service charge)

7-9 calendar days before the start of the class – 25% refund (minus the service charge)

No refunds will be granted within seven (7) calendar days before the start of the class, since class viability is based on the number of students in the class.

Refunds are granted ONLY if a class is cancelled, discontinued, or rescheduled. For cancelled classes, the course fee is automatically refunded. Credit card refunds are processed within seven (7) business days.

Transfers

To transfer to another class, requests must be submitted in writing via email at least **seven (7)** business days before the original class meets. A minimum service charge of \$10 per class transfer will be deducted.

Important Information: Refunds are NOT issued for absences nor prorated for late registrations. Missed class meetings may not be made up in another class. There is no auditing of classes. You are strongly encouraged to register as far in advance as possible before a class begins.

Some high-demand classes, such as glass fusing and Good Times Travel day trips, have separate and different refund policies stating that all registrations are final, and no refunds, credits, or transfers will be given. Please keep that in mind when registering for those classes.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION:

SMC Community Education provides support services to students with qualifying and documented disabilities in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you require accommodation, please contact the SMC Center for Students with Disabilities (DSPS) at 310-434-4265 at least five (5) business days prior to the start of your class.



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Birds, Bees, and Butterflies:

The Secret Lives of the Pollinators

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Thursday, February 12, 2026, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.**

Learn about birds, bees, butterflies, moths, bats, beetles, and how pesticide use and climate change affect these small, but mighty creatures. Discover which native plants work best for attracting and supporting pollinators, and how to support these pollinators in your own space. You will enjoy a festive reception designed to celebrate Valentine's Day with delicious mocktails, Valentine-themed dessert bites, and photo opportunities! In addition, you will receive a blossom kit with a small plant to grow as a keepsake.

See page 6 for more details.



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