Location: 1530 W. 17th Street
Santa Ana, California 92706-3398

Size: 65 acres

Background:
Santa Ana College (SAC) turned 100 years old in 2015. In 1915, Santa Ana Junior College opened its doors to 26 students as an upper division branch of Santa Ana High School. The college began with 11 faculty members and 20 courses. It was the second junior college founded in Orange County and the sixth oldest in all of California.

SAC is known for its highly regarded academic programs as well as its top-ranked student services. A wide variety of courses are available in business, mathematics and sciences, arts and humanities, and career and technical education. SAC offers 273 degrees and certificates in credit programs. The college also offers 28 Associate Degrees for Transfer. In fall 2017, SAC began offering a bachelor’s degree in occupational studies.

Senior Administrators:
Linda D. Rose, Ed.D., President
Carol Comeau, Interim Vice President, Academic Affairs
Frances Gusman, Interim Vice President, Student Services
Michael T. Collins, Ed.D., Vice President, Administrative Services
Jim Kennedy, Ed.D., Vice President, Continuing Education

Fall 2016 Enrollment:
Credit: 26,906
Non-Credit: 9,165

Credit Enrollment Student Characteristics (Fall 2016)

Ethnicity:
- Native American: 0%
- African American: 1%
- Asian: 9%
- Caucasian: 55%
- Latino: 17%
- Other: 1%
- Unknown: 17%

Gender Distribution:
- Male: 60%
- Female: 40%

Educational Goals:
- Career/Technical Certificate: 3%
- Employment-related: 9%
- AA/Transfer: 70%
- Undecided: 10%
- Other: 8%

Age of Students:
- Under 19: 20%
- 20-24: 27%
- 25-29: 15%
- 30-34: 10%
- 35-39: 8%
- 40-49: 13%
- Over 50: 7%

Academic Achievement (2015-2016):
- Transfers to four-year colleges/universities: 2,575
- Associate degrees: 2,403
- Certificates of Achievement: 2,132
- Certificates of Proficiency: 179

Employees:
- Full-time faculty: 258
- Part-time faculty: 1,468

Mascot: The Don

Highlights:
- Santa Ana College (SAC) ranks 19th among the top 100 associate degree producers for “total minority” students and ninth in associate degrees for Hispanic students nationwide, according to Community College Week in fall 2016.
The California Community Colleges Board of Governors selected SAC as one of 15 colleges to participate in a landmark pilot program allowing them to offer bachelor’s degrees in vocational fields. SAC is offering a bachelor’s degree in occupational studies.

The SAC Foundation awarded nearly $520,000 in scholarships for the 2016-2017 academic year. In addition, more than $370,000 in direct support of departments, faculty and students was funded through the Student Success and Urgent Action grant programs.

Through the Santa Ana Promise Program, SAC offers eligible SAUSD graduates free tuition for their first year of college.

SAC was selected as one of 24 community colleges statewide to participate in the Community Colleges Pathway to Law School initiative providing students a smoother pathway to six of California’s top law schools.

In 2015, Santa Ana College was awarded $5 million in Awards for Innovation in Higher Education Funds. SAC is one of 14 institutions of higher education to receive these funds from the California Department of Finance. The grant will help fund the Santa Ana Partnership.

In fall 2017, SAC’s student newspaper, el Don was selected as an Associated Collegiate Press National Pacemaker Award finalist. It is el Don’s 28th finalist nomination in 31 years.

SAC’s Distance Education Program now offers students the opportunity to earn their associate degree online in business administration and liberal arts.

Thanks to the passage of Measure Q, a $198 million general obligation bond, numerous building and renovation projects are in the works at SAC, including the construction of a new Johnson Student Center, a Science Center, and the central plant and utility infrastructure project.

Programs and Services:
While Santa Ana College offers numerous concentrations or majors leading to the associate degree in science or arts, it also offers off-site programs for students seeking to improve their working, speaking, and math skills and proficiency in technology so they can pursue other goals.

Off-campus facilities

Centennial Education Center:
Home of one of the state’s largest continuing education programs, Centennial Education Center provides the full spectrum of adult education courses for adult learners. In addition to English as a Second Language courses, the center offers adult basic education, citizenship, high school completion, parent education and vocational training.

Remington Education Center (REC):
The center provides adult education courses including English as a Second Language, High School Equivalency and Career and Technical Education. The REC also includes a Child Development Center.

Orange County Sheriff’s Regional Training Academy:
Located in Tustin, this facility enables Santa Ana College and the Sheriff’s Department to serve more than 800 Academy cadets annually through expanded weekend and evening education and training opportunities for existing law enforcement officers in Orange County and around the state.

Joint Powers Fire Training Center
This facility is used for fire technology and applied practice courses. Operated jointly by the college district and the City of Huntington Beach, it is used by both students enrolled in the Fire Academy as well as by fire professionals for continuing education purposes.

Digital Media Center (DMC):
A facility of both the college district and the college, the Digital Media Center houses one of the largest TV/video production studios in the community college system, digital graphic design labs, and classrooms. The facility also houses the county’s only business incubator for the digital media industry.

Santa Ana College is part of the Rancho Santiago Community College District serving the following communities:
Anaheim Hills, Orange, Santa Ana, Villa Park, and portions of Anaheim, Costa Mesa, Irvine, Fountain Valley, Garden Grove, and Tustin

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