

MT. SAC

# Fast Facts

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Mt. San Antonio College



## The Mt. SAC Advantage

No other institution provides the same level of educational excellence and student centered support combined with affordability. We give our students the support and excellent education they need to succeed in new careers, gain admission into top-tier universities, or advance in their current line of work.

### Excellent Academics

We pride ourselves on the excellence and variety of our 200+ academic programs. Our students participate in prestigious research programs, compete (and often win) nationally, as well as work directly with industry-experienced faculty. The Honors Program is one of the largest in the state, offering vigorous programs, small class sizes and unique university transfer agreements for motivated students.

### Outstanding Facilities

Mt. SAC has invested more than \$500 million to provide quality facilities, new technology and an innovative learning environment for students thanks to public support of Measures R and RR. Students learn in first-rate facilities, including a cutting-edge technology center, a planetarium, an agricultural science complex complete with a veterinary hospital, and a state-of-the-art science complex just to name a few.

### Student Support

Numerous resources are available to support students academically and personally, from tutoring and counseling to child care and health services. More than 25 support programs have been developed for a broad range of students. Whether they are veterans, former foster youths, single parents or DREAMers, they have a support program designed to ensure success.

### Unsurpassed Value

Mt. SAC students get the full college experience without the full college debt. With classes costing just \$46 per unit, Mt. SAC offers a high-quality education for about 80 percent less than California State University campuses. About three out of four students receive financial aid. In addition, most of our students pay close to nothing thanks to the California Community College Board of Governors Fee Waiver, which waives the enrollment fee for qualified California students.

Mt. SAC is the Harvard on the hill. I have been absolutely thrilled with employees from Mt. SAC. They demonstrate practical training and a deep understanding of the field.

*Willis Williams, Division Manager  
HiRel Connectors Engineering*



## A Local Treasure

Mt. San Antonio College has established a national reputation for educational excellence and distinction. Among the largest of California's 113 community colleges, Mt. SAC serves nearly 60,000 students annually on its 420-acre campus in Walnut, California. The city is regularly named by Money Magazine as one of the *50 Best Places to Live* in the country.

Mt. SAC offers students a diverse, community-focused environment with high-quality degree and certificate programs, exceptional faculty, top-notch facilities and state-of-the-art technology. Students excel, grow and thrive at Mt. SAC – earning state, national and international honors in the areas of athletics, the arts, aviation, health and natural sciences, communication, agriculture and robotics.

## Historic Roots

Mt. SAC was founded in 1946 on what was once a sprawling 48,000-acre ranch with groves of citrus and walnut trees, packing houses and small farms. The area that is now the college campus was converted into an army hospital and then a Navy hospital during the war.

As World War II came to an end, local leaders anticipated the return of young students to complete their college education, and thus the Mt. San Antonio Community College District was formed.

The college was initially named Eastern Los Angeles County Community College, but was later renamed Mt. San Antonio College after the snow-capped mountain prominently visible in the distance above campus.

## At a Glance

1946	Mt. SAC founded
35,606	Total students
243	Degree and certificate programs
25	Free student support programs
1,247	Faculty
\$46	Cost per class unit
50	Student clubs
22	Athletic programs
75%	First-time, full-time students receiving financial aid
\$68.6 million	Amount of financial aid given to students last year





## Making an Impact in Our Community

As one of the region's largest institutions and employers, Mt. SAC serves nearly 20 communities consisting of more than a million residents and thousands of businesses. Mt. SAC has educated more than **1.2-million people** since its inception.

### Offering More Than 90 Associate Degrees

The college is ranked among the Top 100 degree-awarding community colleges in the country at 67<sup>th</sup>. Top degrees include:

- Kinesiology
- Psychology
- Sociology/Behavioral Sciences
- Business

### Transferring Students to Top Universities

Mt. SAC is consistently listed among the Top 10 colleges in the state that transfers students to four-year institutions. Mt. SAC is eighth in transferring students to University of California, sixth in sending students to California State Universities and first in transfers to private colleges. The top CSU and UC campuses include:

- Cal Poly Pomona
- UCLA
- Cal State Los Angeles
- UC Irvine

### Preparing Students to Enter the Workforce

The college boasts one of the largest career technical education programs in Los Angeles County. It is a leader in economic development and vocational training because of partnerships with local industries, community-based organizations, and professional associations. Popular careers include:

- Veterinary Technology
- Nursing
- Business Management
- Business

### Providing Excellent Adult Education Programs

Mt. SAC offers community classes for children, courses geared toward seniors and everything in between. Programs include English as a Second Language, vocational education, community enrichment classes and more. Top programs include:

- High School Diploma
- ESL
- Education for Older Adults
- Health Careers

### A Richly Diverse Campus

At Mt. SAC, we serve a diverse population of students from various backgrounds, ethnicities and ages. They are all here for the same reason: Advancing their lives.

#### Enrollment by Gender

Female	53.1%
Male	44.7%

#### Enrollment by Age

19 or less	24.7%
20 to 24	36.4%
25 to 29	13.1%
30 to 34	5.6%
35 to 39	3.5%
40 to 49	5.1%
50+	11.5%
Unknown	0.1%

#### Enrollment by Ethnicity

African-American	4.2%
American Indian/Alaskan	0.2%
Asian	17.9%
Filipino	3.4%
Hispanic	53.2%
Multi-Ethnic	2.3%
Pacific Islander	0.3%
Unknown	5.7%

## Exceptional Students and Programs

- Mt. SAC is home of the world-famous **Mt. SAC Relays**, the world's largest track and field competition with more than 14,000 competitors of all ages from across the globe.
- Our **Honors Program** is the state's largest, offering advanced students an opportunity to take honors sections of transferable general education courses, which strengthens students' college transcripts and increases their chances to transfer to top universities.
- The **Forensics Team** stands out nationally, recently placing second overall at the 2016 Phi Rho Pi National Tournament, where our students won 24 gold, silver and bronze medals in competitions against 500 other students from 64 colleges.
- The **Jazz Band** and **Frontline** both are considered best in their class after placing 1st at the Reno International Jazz Festival.
- **Industrial Design** students stand out with their fully functional, Multi-Platform Flight/Ground Simulation Chair that took first place in the 2014 Regional AERO Def Manufacturing Competition.
- Our award-winning **Flying Team** continues to soar, having recently won the Top Community College Trophy at the National Intercollegiate Flying Association's National Competition (sixth win since 2000), and the Top Community College Trophy at the Regional Competition (23<sup>rd</sup> consecutive regional award).
- The college's **Career Services** department partners directly with local employers to find them qualified Mt. SAC student and alumni candidates. Students are offered services to attend career fairs, gain experience through internships, and acquire employment skills through workshops and one-on-one training.
- The **Robotics Team** continues to shine, winning first in the inaugural event METAL CRUNCH; third in skills points at the VEX University World Competition; and sixth in programming out of a field of 60 international university competitors.
- The **Turf Team** is ranked fifth nationally after competing at the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Sports Turf Management Conference and Exhibition Student Challenge.
- The Athletics program is recognized in **overall athletic excellence** for student teams at the two-year college level and has earned the National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators Cup Championship.

Mt. SAC is much an amazing school. I gained so much more than just an education from my time there. I was given my life back. And now Mt. SAC has helped me to make my dreams become a reality.

*Taren Salazar  
Criminology Major and UC Irvine Transfer*



## Mission Statement

The mission of Mt. San Antonio College is to support all students in achieving their educational goals in an environment of academic excellence. Specifically, the College is committed to providing quality education, services, and workforce training so that students become productive members of a diverse, sustainable, global society. The College pledges to prepare students for lifelong learning through the mastery of basic skills, the achievement of associate degrees and certificates, and the completion of career and transfer pathways. The College will carry out this commitment by providing an engaging and supportive teaching and learning environment for students of diverse origins, experiences, needs, abilities, and goals. The College is dedicated to serving our community through improving economic achievement, advancing civic engagement, enhancing personal well-being, promoting critical thinking, and enriching aesthetic and cultural experiences.

## Vision Statement

Mt. San Antonio College strives to be regarded as one of the premier community colleges in the nation. We will be viewed as a leader in community college teaching, programs, and services. As a premier community college, we will provide access to quality educational programs and services, focusing on student success within a climate of integrity and respect. We will earn this reputation by consistently exceeding the expectations of our students, our staff, and our community.

## Core Values

**Integrity:** We treat each other honestly, ethically, and respectfully in an atmosphere of trust.

**Equity and Diversity:** We respect and welcome all differences, and we foster equal opportunity to succeed throughout the campus community.

**Community Building:** We work in responsible partnerships through open communication, caring, and a cooperative spirit.

**Student Focus:** We address the needs of students and the community both in our planning and in our actions.

**Lifelong Learning:** We promote the continuing pursuit of high educational goals through equal access to excellence in both teaching and support services.

**Positive Spirit:** We work harmoniously, show compassion, and take pride in our work.

**Effective Stewardship:** We sustain and improve the institution and environment by efficiently using resources of time, talent, facilities, and funding.

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