

# Associate in Business Degree (AB)



An Associate in Business Degree is a jump start for students seeking a career in business and the perfect stepping stone to your four-year business degree. Students will earn a general knowledge of business that will give them the basic skills for an entry level position and the credits to continue their education. The online program allows students the opportunity to study and learn at a time and pace that is convenient for them.

## PREPARING YOU FOR YOUR FUTURE . . .

- ✓ An Associate Degree in Business builds the foundation for pursuing a career in business. The coursework provides the general knowledge of business administration that allows students to move into an entry-level role in less time.
- ✓ Earning an Associate in Business Degree from SMC will prepare you for the next step in your education. It is designed to transfer into our Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration degree.
- ✓ Research shows that students who earn an associate degree earn up to \$8,000 more per year than workers without a degree.

## Career Opportunities

Earning an Associate in Business Degree is the perfect start to continuing on to a Bachelor's Degree in Business. It can also provide the education needed to move into several career opportunities, including:

- Sales Associate
- Office Manager
- Real Estate Agent
- Marketing Associate
- Human Resources Representative

## ABOUT OUR ONLINE PROGRAMS

All of SMC's online degree programs provide the same coursework, professional development program, and internship opportunities as our traditional, on-campus programs. Students will learn from the same faculty who teach in our classrooms. All advising and other support functions are provided online by staff experienced in serving remote students.



**START HERE**  
*to begin your higher education journey.*



**FINISH HERE**  
*with the skills you need to succeed.*

The Associate in Business offers the first two years of general education and business courses that transfer to the Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration degree completion program. The Associate in Business degree program is designed to help students learn fundamental business skills and prepare for today's business careers. In addition to helping you lay down a solid understanding of foundational skills, the Associate degree in Business also allows you to pursue additional courses in accounting, finance, economics, and analytics.

## Course Requirements

### Associate in Business Degree

Subject/Course Requirement Semester Hours

#### English

ENGL 101	3
ENGL 102	3
ENGL 2 _____ (ENGL 201, 202, 203, 204 or 210)	3

#### Computer Science

CSCI _____	3
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#### History

HIST _____ (HIST 101, 102, 112, 201 or 202)	3
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#### SMC Group

SMC 120	3
SMC 201	1

#### Mathematics

MATH _____ (112 or higher)	3
MATH 121 Elementary Functions or if a higher MATH placement a student may choose: MATH 210 or MATH 221 (4 hours) or MATH 222 (4 hours)	3

#### Health and Wellness

_____ (PHED 121, HLTH 101, or HLTH 201)	3
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#### Public Speaking

SPCH 201	3
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#### Religion

RELI _____ (RELI 103, 211, 212, 215 or 220)	3
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#### Natural Science (any natural science)

Science _____	4
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#### Business

BSAD 101 Introduction to Business	3
BSAD 103 Personal Finance	3
BSAD 201 Principles of Macroeconomics	3
BSAD 202 Principles of Microeconomics	3
BSAD 205 Accounting I	3
BSAD 206 Accounting II	3
BSAD 212 Business Analytics	3

#### Electives (minimum 1 hours; MATH 210 recommended if transferring; Foreign language recommended if pursuing the BA or BABA)

Elective	1
Total 60 credit hours	

## Class Schedule

SMC Online offers five eight-week terms per year — August, October, January, March, and May. All SMC Online courses are taught in an asynchronous format, although some courses offer voluntary synchronous sessions throughout the term.

	Start / Stop	Course 1	Course 2	Hours
<b>Fall – 12 Hours Total</b>				
August Term	Aug. – Oct.	_____	_____	6
October Term	Oct. – Dec.	_____	_____	6
<b>Spring – 12 Hours Total</b>				
January Term	Jan. – Mar.	_____	_____	6
March Term	Mar. – May	_____	_____	6
<b>Summer – 6 Hours Total</b>				
May Term	May – Jul.	_____	_____	6

### ASSOCIATE DEGREE PATHWAY

Students can earn an Associate degree as a stand-alone qualification, as a stepping stone into further study, or as a guaranteed pathway into a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration degree. Upon admission, the student will declare an Associate degree (AA, ACJ, or AB) as part of the degree plan and will have completed the first two years of a bachelor's degree upon completion of the Associate degree.

### ASSOCIATE IN BUSINESS PATHWAY

The Associate in Business (AB) degree is a pathway into the Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration program. An AB degree will allow you to make a seamless transition from the associate degree level to the upper-level bachelor's degree program.

### TUITION & FEES

The SMC Online Tuition & Fees below apply to the 2021-2022 school year. Please note that all tuition and fees are subject to change at any time when circumstances so warrant.

Tuition (per credit hour)	\$300.00
Academic Resource Fee (per semester)	\$450.00