

Notice to Students on Tuition and Fees

Concerns about the novel coronavirus continue to shape how SMC will provide a living and learning environment for the 2020-21 academic year. Every effort is being made to reopen campus as safely as possible for in-person learning. However, community or campus conditions may require a return to online-only learning for an unknown amount of time. Also, individual students may need to access SMC courses online for two-week periods if they are required to quarantine or isolate due to COVID-19.

To help ensure students receive the same quality of instruction in face-to-face classes or online, College faculty will use a Hyflex learning model until further notice. Hyflex gives students the option of attending sessions in the classroom, participating online, or doing both. Students can change their mode of attendance weekly or by topic, according to need or preference. Students will learn in the physical classroom if College conditions or a student's health permits. If the College must change to online-only instruction or a student must quarantine or isolate due to COVID-19, learning will continue seamlessly online. Also, students have the flexibility to take fall semester courses completely online, regardless of College conditions or the student's health status. Whether in person or online, the student will be able to access the same class material and information.

The Hyflex learning model is included in the College's tuition and fees, which ensure our ability to offer both in-person and online options for every class. While not every student will fully utilize each fee, sharing these costs allows the College to maintain a broad and vibrant educational program each student can access during their period of study.

Providing a high-quality education at an affordable price is important to SMC. SMC has not raised tuition in the last five years. Tuition and fees remain significantly lower than many private colleges in South Carolina. SMC has not passed the additional costs of COVID-19 preparations on to its students.

Thank you for choosing SMC, and we pledge our support to you during your educational journey.

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