



Promise Alternative Eligibility

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Eligibility Requirements

- ✓ Graduated from a public or private California high school in 2021
- ✓ Attending SMC as a first-year student
- ✓ FAFSA or Dream Act application on file with SMC Financial Aid
- ✓ California resident or an AB 540 student
- ✓ **Passing 12 units or more this Fall**

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SMC Promise Perks

Fees	Fall/Spring
Enrollment	\$46 per unit 12 units = \$552
Associated Students Resource Fee	\$10
Student Benefits	\$22.50
Health	\$21
Student Representation	\$2

Course fees waived

Student fees waived

- ✓ Up to **\$1,200** textbook voucher (for students also receiving CCPG)
- ✓ Priority registration for future terms
- ✓ Access to free Chromebook laptops

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Side Notes

- Eligible students with disabilities may be approved for fewer than 12 units along with reasonable accommodations: www.smc.edu/dsps
- Maintain eligibility for Spring by completing at least 12 Fall units (or reduced DSPP units) with a grade of A, B, C, D, or P (Pass)
- **2nd year Promise** is also available!
 - Must pass 12 units (or reduced DSPP units) in the Spring to be eligible



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Basics of Alternative Eligibility

If a student falls below the mandatory 12 units in a Fall or Spring semester (or reduced DSPS units), they risk losing their Promise status per State policy

- **This means any units that you fell short MUST be taken during the Winter or Summer terms**

Let's review some examples!

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EXAMPLE 1:

Student A enrolls in 12 units (w/ 4 classes) during the Fall but received an F in one class. This means that student technically only passed **9 UNITS**, not 12. By taking advantage of Alternative Eligibility, Student A can now make up those 3 deficient units during the Winter and still have it count towards their Fall eligibility requirement.

Once they pass that class in the Winter with either A, B, C, D, or P, they will be in good standing for their Spring semester.

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EXAMPLE 2:

Student B enrolls in 8 units (w/ 2 classes) during the Fall because they received a DSPS unit reduction. However, they failed one class. This means that student technically only passed **4 UNITS**, not their required 8. By taking advantage of Alternative Eligibility, Student B can now make up those 4 deficient units during the Winter and still have it count towards their Fall eligibility requirement.

Student B needs to pass 4 units in the Winter with A, B, C, D, or P to remain in good standing for their Spring semester. This doesn't have to be one class, either.

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Alternative Eligibility Resources

Students can also access this information on the Promise website, under the Eligibility tab.

Alternative Eligibility

SMC Promise: Year 1

- SMC Promise students who do not complete 12 units in Fall/Spring, but officially enrolled and stayed enrolled in 12 units, but who otherwise withdrew from a class with a W, or received a Failing/NP grade, may become eligible for the following semester if they make-up the unit deficiency during Winter/Summer session, respectively.
- Student must have a minimum of 12 units completed (UC) with grades of A, B, C, D or P (W, I, IP, SP NP grades do not count) between Fall and Winter or Spring and Summer (Fall/Spring UC + Winter/Summer UC >= 12).
- Eligibility will be updated once final grades for the "make-up" class/units are posted to the student's transcript.
- Funding eligibility for inter-session courses (i.e., Winter and Summer) is unchanged. Most students making up units will generally need to pay out-of-pocket, unless they enroll in 12 or more units during the inter-session.

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HOWEVER...

If Student A or Student B *FAIL* their Winter class(es) or decided to not enroll in the make up units altogether, then they lose their eligibility for the Promise Program and will no longer be able to participate.

This also means that those students will NOT be able to participate in Promise in the future and they will be held responsible for all tuition and fees moving forward.

Any fees due from previous semesters while in Promise will still be waived by SMC.

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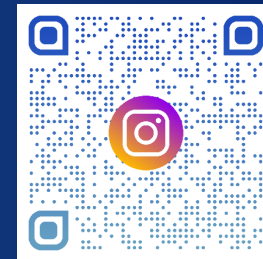
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Good Luck!

-Your Promise Team

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