New Student Orientation
Welcome to SPCC!

What to expect today:

• Support Services Overview
• Student Technology
• Tips for Success from our Faculty
• Helpful Reminders

• Campus Tour
• Open Computer Labs
Academic Advising Services

- Academic and Course Planning
- Change of Program Assistance
- Graduation Plans
- Health Program Application Planning
- Transfer Questions and Planning
- Registration
Why Create an Academic Plan?

• Developing an academic plan is creating your academic road map

• Having a plan for each semester until graduation helps you see your end goal (graduation, workforce, transfer)

• Build a relationship with your advisor

• Helps you predict future needs or changes

You are in control of your academic path!
Academic Enrichment
Academic Support Center

Tutoring in a variety of subjects:

• Accounting
• Biology
• Chemistry
• English
• Math
• Physics
• Spanish

“Don’t get frustrated – Get Assistance!”

Also Available:

• College Placement Test Prep
• TABE Placement Test Prep
• Skill Building
• ePortfolio Assistance
• Computers for individual use
• TEAS
What do Counselors do?

• Academic/Personal Counseling
• Career Counseling
• Disability Services

We are here to help you with your goals!
Academic/Personal Counseling

We encourage, support, and offer assistance to students who are struggling with academic success:

- School/life balance
- Time management strategies
- Study skills/notes organization
- Academic success planning for students on probation
- Internal and external referrals for those who need extra assistance

Free College Success Workshops: www.college2success.com/spcc
Career Counseling

We help students get ready for the working world:

• Individual career counseling
• Career Assessments (interests, values, personality, etc).
• Workshops and digital resources

What do we help with?

• Choosing a major
• Career Information
• Networking
• Mock Interviews
• Resume Building
• And so much more!
Disability Services

We also offer classroom accommodations and assistive technology for students with disabilities who apply and are approved for disability services at SPCC …

• Examples of possible accommodations:
  • Extended time for timed tests/exams
  • Separate testing environment (testing center or quiet classroom)
  • Alternative text (Braille, large print, electronic, etc.)
  • Audio recorder
  • Dragon Naturally Speaking (speech to text software)
  • Kurzweil 3000 (text to speech software)
Financial Aid
HOW DO I APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID?

www.fafsa.gov
What types of Financial Aid can I use at SPCC?

- Grants
- Scholarships
- Federal Work Study

What can I use my Financial Aid for?

- Tuition
- Fees
- Books
- Supplies
- Room and Board
- Transportation
- Miscellaneous and Personal Expenses
How do I keep Financial Aid?

Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
  • GPA: Must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA or higher (cumulative).
  • Completion Rate: Must complete at least 67% of courses enrolled in (cumulative).
  • 150%: Financial Aid will only cover up to 150% of your program of study.
    • This includes all classes ever attempted or transferred in to SPCC.

Withdrawals
  • If a student stops attending or withdrawals from classes, they may owe money back to the college.
  • Withdrawals are calculated for SAP purposes.
Student Activities
What is SGA?
The Student Government Association (SGA) is your student organization which represents you (the student body) at South Piedmont Community College.

What are the benefits?
Membership in the SGA Senate offers officers and delegates the opportunity to:
- Build leadership and communication skills
- Learn work-related responsibilities and professionalism
- Gain skills in parliamentary procedures
- Attend statewide conferences
- Network with other students at SPCC and in the state

Interested in learning more about SGA?

Contact Shawna Loftis, Student Activities Director and SGA Advisor, sloftis@spcc.edu
SPCC Clubs and Organizations

- Anime Club
- Associate Degree of Nursing
- Art Club
- College Transfer Club
- Hiking Club
- Medical Assisting and Medial Lab Assistant Club
- Medical Office Assistant Club
- Minority Male Scholars
- Multicultural Club
- National Society of Leadership and Success
- Phi Theta Kappa
- Poetry Club
- Practical Nursing
- Professional Business Leadership and Training
- Public Safety Association
- Sonography Club
- SP Cares
- SPCC Bible Study
- SPCC Revere Club
- STEM Club

Interested in learning more about clubs or how to create a new club?

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SPCC Libraries = Your Academic Copilots

• Books and movies
• Make your College ID
• Tech Support/Password Resets
• Educational Technology
  • Laptops (can even take home)
  • iPads
  • Calculators
  • Clickers
• Online Resources (Database research)
• Coffee ($1)

• Quiet/Group Study Rooms
• Fun Events and Free Food
• Super Smart & Friendly Staff!
# Bookstore

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**Extended hours are observed before classes begin**

Preorder and purchase books online: [spccshop.com](http://spccshop.com)

Purchase books *before* classes begin
**GO! Student Portal**

(go.spcc.edu)

**What is GO! ?**
- GO! contains all of your student information and records
  - Class registration
  - Grades
  - Schedule
  - Financial aid
  - Payment
  - Transcript
  - Program evaluation

**GO! Tips:**
- Your password will need to be changed every 90 days
- Enroll in the password reset service
  - You will receive an email from AdSelfService with a reminder
Moodle
(online.spcc.edu)

What is Moodle?
• SPCC’s Learning Management system where you will access your course materials

Moodle Tips:
• Firefox is the recommended browser
• Login to GO! first to set your password
• Courses appear the day classes begin
• Access Moodle everyday to view coursework
• Complete the Startup Activity and Accountability Statement for every course
• Save or print your course syllabus

If you have any questions or need assistance with Moodle, please email support@spcc.edu
Office 365 and Outlook
(portal.office.com)

Office 365 provides students access to Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook, and many other apps and tools to aid you in your course work and homework for free.

Outlook is used to email your instructors, advisor, and anyone at SPCC. Your SPCC student email address will be used instead of your personal email address.

• Your email address is: username@student.spcc.edu

• Download the Outlook app on your phone!

• Check your email everyday
Where can you find AVISO?

- Located on the "Student Panel" on the right hand corner of our website: www.spcc.edu OR click here: https://www.spcc.visoapp.com

AVISOSO can be used for:

- Finding your student ID #
- Locating your GPA
- Creating a virtual Academic Course Plan that you can view anytime
- Seeing what classes you would need if you decided to change your major

You can log in to AVISO, select your Academic Plan and virtually plan out the courses you need each semester. You can then send it to an advisor to have them review your plan and approve it once it’s accurate!

Once your plan is approved, you can use your plan as a guide for each semester and never have to worry about planning which classes you need to register for again!
**Taskstream**

**Assessment of Learning**

**What**
- Assessment of Student Learning
- Attempts to measure quality and quantity of student learning taking place

**Why**
- Allows students to demonstrate their knowledge and skills
- Helps SPCC faculty revise courses to improve learning based on student performance

**You**
- What do **STUDENTS** need to do?
- Save copies of your papers, projects, and other types of work you do in a variety of classes so they can be submitted to Taskstream when the time is right

**SPCC Core Skills:**
- Written Communication
- Oral Communication
- Technology
- Critical Thinking
- Cultural Literacy
Campus Security

Sign up for Rave to receive emergency alerts about campus safety information, emergency information, and severe inclement weather notifications.

To sign up for alerts, scroll to the bottom of [www.spcc.edu](http://www.spcc.edu) and click on Public Safety.
Student Rights and Responsibilities

• **Student Code of Conduct**
  - Students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with generally accepted standards of scholarship and conduct
  - The purpose of the Student Code of Conduct (the Student Code) is not to restrict student freedoms but to protect the rights of individuals in their academic pursuits

• **Academic Integrity**
  - An academic integrity violation includes but is not limited to the following: cheating, plagiarism, fabrication/falsification and complicity in academic dishonesty

• **Title IX**
  - SPCC prohibits discrimination and harassment on the basis of sex and takes necessary steps to prevent sexual misconduct on any SPCC campus

• **FERPA**
  - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 grants to you certain rights, privileges, and protection relative to individually identifiable student educational records which are maintained by SPCC

All of this information and more can be found in the Student Handbook and College Catalog located on the SPCC website
Tips For Success

From SPCC Faculty
Tips for Success from Faculty:

• Complete the Start-up Activity and Syllabus Accountability Statement by census date
  • What is a Syllabus?
  • What is the census date? (Drop/ add)
• Use Office 365 student account to communicate with instructor
• Check email on a daily basis
• Attendance is important for all classes
  • Come to class with a pencil/pen and paper (even on the first day!)
• Use Starfish to make an appointment with your instructor
• Purchase books for the class as soon as possible
  • You will need them to complete assignments
Tips for Success from Faculty

• Check grades regularly
  • In Moodle, not external software
• Contact your instructor using proper channels
  • SPCC email
  • Office phone – leave a message!
• Don’t wait until you are behind to contact your instructor
• Meet with your faculty advisor (located in Starfish)
  • Complete college class planning with your faculty advisor
• Use the Academic Support Center!
• Ask questions
Understand your Schedule and Course Load
# Course Load

**How many study hours per week are needed?**

## How many hours per week will I need to dedicate to each class?

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General rule of thumb is to **multiply credit hours by three**

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Have concerns, or need to make changes? Stop into the Academic Advising Center!
Class Delivery Format

What does my course section mean?

**IN:** Internet

**VB:** Virtually Blended

**B:** Blended

**W:** Seated

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<td>O C H</td>
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<td>MAT-171-VB1 (67772) Precalculus Algebra</td>
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Questions?
Breakout Sessions