The Sciences Building, opened in Fall 2016, features 22 instructional laboratories and four classrooms equipped with advanced technology and audio visual equipment.
Veterans Services
The award-winning Veterans Education and Transition Services (VETS) program serves 500-800 veterans, active duty military, and dependents each semester. A partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs enables the college to enhance its on-campus services for veterans.

Student Services and Support
Saddleback’s student services programs allow students to get the help they need when they need it. A full range of counseling, career planning and job placement services, and assistance for students with learning and physical disabilities are on hand daily. On-campus childcare, a fully-staffed health center, financial aid, and services for re-entry men and women are available to students.
Academics and Career Training
Saddleback offers over 250 associate degrees, certificates, and occupational skills awards in over 160 programs taught by a faculty renowned for its expertise and experience. Study abroad, cooperative work experience, and an honors program are offered for a well-rounded study program, and career programs combine classroom instruction with real-world experience to prepare students for the job market. Saddleback College is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The associate degree nursing program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, and the paramedic program is accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Emergency Medical Services Programs.

Career Pathways and Opportunities
Saddleback College is one of 24 California Community Colleges to be included in the Pathway to Law School 2+2+3 Initiative, a program that gives students the ability to transfer to one of six California universities to finish their bachelor’s degrees and proceed to law school. The universities and law schools include Loyola Marymount University; Santa Clara University; University of California, Davis; University of California, Irvine; University of San Francisco; and University of Southern California.
About Community Colleges

Nearly half of all U.S. undergraduates attend community college. Often referred to as “democracy’s colleges,” community colleges offer a wide range of needs for a diverse student population.

The cornerstone of the community college mission is open access – our doors are open to all who seek a higher education. For many, community colleges serve as a transfer point to a four-year college or university, and for others, it’s a final destination for gainful employment or personal enrichment.

Community colleges educate 70 percent of new nurses and the majority of health-care workers.

80 percent of firefighters, law enforcement officers, and EMTs are credentialed at community colleges.

Transfer students from community colleges to the University of California account for 48 percent of UC’s bachelor’s degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

The average lifetime earnings of a graduate with an associate degree is $1.6 million — $400,000 more than for a high school graduate.

Students who earn a degree or certificate nearly double their earnings within three years.

Transfer Success

The UC Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) program helps Saddleback students transfer to University of California campuses each year. During the 2013-14 academic year, 441 Saddleback students transferred to a UC campus, making us 12th out of 113 community colleges in the state for transfer to the UC system. The top University of California campuses for Saddleback transfer students are UC Irvine; UCLA; UC San Diego; UC Santa Barbara; and UC Berkeley. Saddleback students flock to the CSU's as well, with the top five campuses including CSU Fullerton, CSU Long Beach; San Diego State; CSU San Marcos; and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. In 2015, 88 students chose Saddleback first, before transferring to USC.

Associate Degree for Transfer

The joint transfer program between California Community Colleges and the California State Universities makes it easier for students to transfer between the two systems. Community college students who complete one of the AA-T or AS-T will be guaranteed admission to the California State University system.

Saddleback offers AA-T and AS-T degrees in:

- Anthropology
- Art History
- Business Administration
- Communication
- Early Childhood Education
- Economics
- Elementary Teacher Education
- English
- Geography
- Geology
- Kinesiology
- History
- Journalism
- Mathematics
- Music
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Studio Arts
- Theatre Arts

Saddleback College transferred over 3,500 students to four-year colleges and universities in 2015-2016
Our Programs

Accounting
Administrative Assistant
American Sign Language
Anthropology
Arabic
Architectural Drafting
Art
Art History
Astronomy
Automotive Technology
Biology
Business
Chemistry
Child Development
Chinese
Cinema/Television/Radio
Communications Studies
Computer and Information Management
Computer Maintenance Technology
Computer Science

Construction Inspection
Consumer Services
Cosmetology
Culinary Arts
Dance
Drafting Technology
Ecological Restoration
Economics
Education
Electronic Technology
Emergency Medical Technician
Engineering
English as a Second Language
English
English Literature
Environmental Studies
Ethnic Studies
Family and Consumer Sciences
Fashion Design
Fashion Merchandising
Fine and Applied Arts
Foods
French
General Education
General Studies
Geography
Geology
German
Gerontology
Graphics
Health Information Technology
Health Sciences
History
Horticulture
Human Development
Human Services
Humanities
Interior Design
Italian
Japanese
Journalism

Kinesiology
Landscape Design
Liberal Studies
Marine Science Technology
Mathematics
Medical Assistant
Medical Lab Technology
Music
Natural Sciences
Nursing
Nutrition
Oceanography
Paramedic
Philosophy
Phlebotomist/Laboratory Assistant (OSA)
Photography
Physical Science
Physics
Political Science
Psychology

Advanced Manufacturing
Real Estate
Social Sciences
Sociology
Spanish
Theatre Arts Performance and Acting
Theatre Arts Entertainment and Theatre Technology
Theatre Arts Technical Theatre
Travel and Tourism
Women’s and Gender Studies

Saddleback opened its doors to students on September 23, 1968, and has more than 500,000 alumni
Saddleback College at a Glance

President ...................... Tod A. Burnett, Ed.D.
Mascot.........................................................Gaucho
Colors ..................................Cardinal and Gold
Location ................................Mission Viejo, CA
Acreage .................................................................200
Campus Newspaper ..............Lariat
www.lariatnews.com
Facility Square Footage ........760,205
Annual Student Enrollment ......39,774 (2015-2016)
Annual Operating ..............$131,616,423
Budget (2015-2016)
Full Time Faculty ..........................242
Associate Faculty .........................645
Classified Staff ........................................269
Administrators and Managers .........46
Transfers (2015-2016)
University of California .............486
California State University .........903
In-State Private .........................687
Out-of-State (Public and Private) ....1,505
Total Transfers ......................3,581

Degrees and Certificates
Associate of Arts Degrees ...........35
Associate of Science Degrees ......77
Transfer Degrees .........................23
  Associate of Arts (AA-T) .............18
  Associate of Science (AS-T) .........5
Certificates of Achievement ........89
Certificates of Completion ..........3
Occupational Skills Awards .........29

Student Demographics
Male.................................................................39%
Female ...........................................................58%
Declined to state/undefined .........3%
American Indian/Alaskan Native <1%
Asian ............................................................11%
Black/African-American ............2%
White (non-Hispanic) .................56%
Hispanic/Latino ..............................11%
Middle Eastern .........................................<1%
Mixed Ethnicity ..............................16%
Pacific Islander .............................<1%
Declined to state/undefined ......4%
Under 18 .......................................................6%
18-21 ............................................................34%
22-29 ............................................................24%
30-39 ............................................................10%
40-49 ............................................................6%
over 50 ....................................................23%

Fees
$46 per unit (California residents)
$276 per unit (out-of-state residents)
$276 per unit + $54 application fee (international students)
$19 per semester health fee
$80 annual parking permit
$10 ASB Stamp

Athletics
Men's Athletic Teams
baseball, basketball, cross-country, football, golf, swimming/diving, tennis, track & field, water polo
Women's Athletic Teams
basketball, cheerleading, cross-country, fast pitch softball, golf, soccer, swimming/diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball, beach volleyball, water polo
National Championships .......... 3
State Championships .................. 25
Southern California .................... 47
Regional Titles ............................ 166
Conference Titles .......................... 3

Arts
Art Gallery
Cinema/Television/Radio
Dance
Guest Artist Series
Music
Student and Community Choirs
Theatre Arts
Saddleback College awarded 5,283 degrees and certificates in the 2015-2016 academic year

College Prep for High School Students
Saddleback’s High School Partnership Program gives high school students in the Capistrano Unified School District and Saddleback Valley Unified School District on-site resources and tools to provide them a promising first look at college life, preparing them for success at Saddleback College or in any other chosen pathway after high school. The Freshman Advantage Program works directly with high school seniors in the application, assessment, and orientation process to ensure priority registration for classes.

Saddleback College Foundation
The Saddleback College Foundation enhances the quality of higher education by gaining financial support for the college’s academic, athletic, and cultural programs and for student scholarships. Guided by a group of dedicated community leaders, the foundation strives to make higher education attainable for all in south Orange County.

Lifelong Learning
The Saddleback College Emeritus Institute offers courses in over 30 subjects designed specifically for the older adult population. Classes are held in community centers throughout south Orange County to accommodate senior citizens. Through the college’s department of Community Education, short-term, non-college credit classes are offered for adults year round, and a College for Kids summer program, swim lessons, and a science camp are offered for school-age children. The Summer and After School Experience provides enrichment activities to children at local school sites.

Financial Aid and Scholarships
Financial assistance is provided through grants, scholarships, enrollment fee waivers, student employment, and loans. In 2016, $730,000 in scholarships was awarded to over 500 students.

Tutoring
Saddleback’s extensive tutoring services are offered in our Library and Learning Resource Center. Tutoring is offered by appointment or drop-in basis in several subject areas including but not limited to math, English, natural sciences, and foreign languages.
Commitment
We commit to fulfilling our mission to serve the south Orange County community.

Excellence
We dedicate ourselves to excellence in academics, student support, and community service.

Collegiality
We foster a climate of integrity, honesty, and respect.

Success
We place our highest priority on student learning and delivering comprehensive support for student success.

Partnership
We strive to develop strong and lasting partnerships among students, faculty, staff, and the community.

Innovation
We anticipate and welcome change by encouraging innovation and creativity.

Academic Freedom
We endorse academic freedom and the open exchange of ideas.

Sustainability
We promote environmental sustainability and use our resources responsibly to reduce our ecological impact.

Inclusiveness
We cultivate equity and diversity by embracing all cultures, ideas, and perspectives.

Global Awareness
We recognize the importance of global awareness and prepare our students to live and work in an increasingly interconnected world.

Our Mission
Saddleback College enriches its students and the south Orange County community by providing a comprehensive array of high-quality courses and programs that foster student learning and success in the attainment of academic degrees and career technical certificates, transfer to four-year institutions, improvement of basic skills, and lifelong learning.

Our Vision
Saddleback College will be the first choice of students who seek a dynamic, innovative, and student-centered postsecondary education.

Our Values
Saddleback College embraces:

Commitment
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Excellence
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About the Saddleback Logo
Saddleback College adopted its name from the slump (or saddleback) between the twin peaks of Santiago and Modjeska in the Cleveland National Forest. Our logo depicts this prominent geographical feature, which provides a dramatic backdrop to our campus and to the whole of the Saddleback Valley.