

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

WHAT ARE THE GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR COLLEGE? CAN I ENTER VIA COLLEGE PREP?

- You must have the minimum of a High School diploma or equivalent to be admitted to the college.
- Yes. Each Programme major has its individual General Entry Requirements that outline the required GPA, BGCSE Scores, related documents...etc. that must be submitted along with an application form. Those without BGCSEs can be admitted via College Prep.
- High School Graduates, Transfer Students, Returning Students, and International students have varied entry requirements.
- If you do not meet the General Entry Requirements then the college offers the option of entering through the *Transitional Studies or College Prep Programme*, where courses are designed to help students make a successful transition to college level studies.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO COMPLETE AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE?

- Associates Degree typically takes 18 months to 24 months to complete.*
- Bachelor's Degree typically takes 36 months to 48 months to complete.* If you already hold an Associate Degree in the area, then you can complete the Bachelor's Degree typically within 24 months.

***THIS IS DEPENDENT ON HOW MANY COURSES THE STUDENT CHOOSES TO ENROLL IN PER SEMESTER.**

ARE YOUR DEGREES RECOGNISED? CAN I TRANSFER CREDITS OVERSEAS?

- Yes. Southern College is fully recognized (Registered & Approved) by the National Accreditation & Equivalency Council of The Bahamas (NAECOB). Our degrees are approved for both the Public Sector and Private Sector.
- Yes. We hold a number of Articulation Agreements & MOUs with universities and college in the USA and Canada. This allows credits earned at Southern College to transfer to most colleges and universities abroad.

WHAT COURSES MAKE UP THE DEGREE PROGRAMME?

- Degree Programmes are made up of General Education Courses, Core Courses and Major courses.
- General Education Courses, commonly referred to as Gen. Eds., are completed by all students regardless of their majors.
- Core Courses are completed by students within the same School of Study.
- Major Courses are those that are specific to your programme area and training.

CAN I ENROLL IN ANY COURSE I WANT TO PER SEMESTER?

- Some courses are prerequisites to others, meaning that you have to do one before you can do the other.
- SC's Academic Advisors guide students in selecting the courses they register for within their programme majors each Semester.

HOW MANY SEMESTERS ARE IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR? WHEN ARE CLASSES HELD? WHAT IS THE AVERAGE CLASS SIZE?

- There are three 12-week semester (Fall, Winter, Spring) and one 8-week summer semester per academic year.
- Currently classes are held Daytime, Evenings, and Weekend.
- The average class size is 18 students.

WHAT IS THE TUTION? IS THERE A PAYMENT PLAN? CAN I OBTAIN A DISCOUNT, GRANT or SCHOLARSHIP?

100/200 Lower Level Courses

- Tuition= \$150/per credit
- Registration Fee = \$50
- Student Services Fee = \$230

300/400 Upper Level Courses

- Tuition= \$250/ per credit
- Registration Fee = \$50
- Student Services Fee = \$230

Visit the "tuition & fees" section of our website for information on our Payment Plan, Full Payment Discount and MOE Grant