

Allan Hancock College

Allan Hancock College (AHC), part of Allan Hancock College Joint Community College District, is a federally designated Hispanic-Serving Institution and a Hispanic-Serving Agricultural College and University (HSACU) located in Santa Maria, California - a geographically and socially diverse region located on the central coast of California. Its service area encompasses 3,000 square miles in northern Santa Barbara County, with a population of 300,000 residents in the Hispanic agricultural communities. The county is divided along geographical and economic lines by the Santa Ynez Mountains, with half of the population residing in the affluent south coast cities of Santa Barbara, with the other half residing in the central and northern portions of the counties, particularly in the cities of Santa Maria and Lompoc. AHC is the only community college serving northern Santa Barbara County, which has a large low-income, migrant, and foreign-born population vastly different from the more affluent southern Santa Barbara County. Interspersed are a few geographically and socially isolated communities such as Los Alamos, Cuyama, and Guadalupe.

AHC enrolls 13,356 students with 64% of current students identifying as racial/ethnic minorities. A look at the demographic data for Santa Barbara County and Santa Maria displays the financial inequality our community faces:

Location	Hispanic Population	Total Population in Poverty
Santa Maria	74%	23%
Santa Barbara County	43%	13%
California State Average	39%	13%

Another example of this inequality is reflected in Santa Maria's local high school district, where 75% of the students receive Free/Reduced-Priced Meals (<http://www.eddata.org>). AHC is determined to shift practice and provide the resources students need to succeed and persist on their path to completion, transfer, and high paying employment. The college is responsive to student needs and adjusts institutional structures around their service to students. Instead of expecting students to adapt to traditional college life, AHC strives to develop the college as an institution by providing the scaffolding our students need to pursue degrees, transfer, and employment skills.

Allan Hancock College Overview		
Mission	Allan Hancock College fosters an educational culture that values equity and diversity and engages students in an inclusive learning environment. We offer pathways that encourage our student population to achieve personal, career, and academic goals through coursework leading to skills building, certificates, associate degrees, and transfer.	
Student Body		
Fall 2019 Data		
Credit and Noncredit Headcount – Fall 2019	13,856	100%
Race/Ethnicity		
Hispanic	8,782	64%
Asian Amer./Pacific Islander	254	3%
White	2,947	21%
Filipino	261	2%
African American	209	2%
Other (American Indian/Alaskan Native, Multi-ethnicity, unknown)	1,403	8.6%
Gender: Male 43% Female 56% Unknown 1%		
First-generation, First-Time Students: All: 48% Hispanic 62%		
Students receiving financial aid in 2018-2019: 8,682 (63%)		

