COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE
“From getting here, to graduating, and everything in between”

- Shelton State Community College (SSCC) has two campuses: the Martin campus on Hwy 69 South and the Fredd campus on MLK Jr. Blvd, both in Tuscaloosa.
- College publications critical for student success include the SSCC Catalog, the Schedule of Classes, and the Website. Students should familiarize themselves with the information found in these documents.
- Mandatory placement into courses is based on COMPASS, SAT, or ACT scores.
- A program of study includes the courses required to obtain a degree or certificate.
- The STARS guide shows courses transferring to four-year schools in Alabama.
- Registration is only available online; register early and pay in full before the deadline.
- SSCC has three school terms: Fall, late August through December; Spring, January through mid-May; and Summer, late May through mid-August.
- Classes are either full term and last all semester long (approximately 16 weeks) or are split term and last for half of the semester (approximately 8 weeks). Split terms are either during the first half or second half of a semester.
- When selecting classes, pay attention to the class location, Martin or Fredd. Allow thirty minutes of schedule time if taking classes on different campuses.
- When registering for classes, the section numbers indicate the following: 01-49=day classes; 50’s=evening classes; 60’s=1st split term; 70’s=2nd split term; 80’s=online.
- Class meeting days are as follows: M=Monday, T=Tuesday, W=Wednesday, R=Thursday. SSCC does not have class on Friday.
- Credit hours determine the length of a class.
- GPA stands for Grade Point Average and is determined by the grade earned in a course and the number of credit hours per course.
- Being a full-time or part-time student depends on many factors. For example, federal financial aid full-time is a minimum of twelve hours, whereas an academic scholarship requires sixteen hours to be full-time. Be sure to discuss this with your advisor/navigator.
- Drop/add is a period of time, usually within the first three days of a term, in which students can change their schedule without penalty. Refer to the Schedule of Classes for details.
- Withdrawing from a class (dropping after drop/add) must be done by the published deadline each term. The course stays on the student transcript and a grade of “W” is assigned. This action can affect federal financial aid.
- Completely withdrawing from college requires meeting with an advisor/navigator.
- Books and computer program/software access codes are required in many courses but are not provided. Students must purchase these supplies.
- Every class has a syllabus and course outline. These documents provide important dates and policies related to the class.
- Final exam times are longer than normal class times. Final exams may be scheduled on a day and time that is different from the class time. Check the class syllabus for details.
- Class attendance is crucial. Be on time, stay the entire time, take notes, and participate actively in class.
- A student hour is a designated time and place during which instructors are available to help students.
- Communicate regularly with instructors. Let instructors know if you will be absent or need assistance.
- Support services include advising, the Career Services Center, libraries, the Office of Specialized Student Services which includes the Office of Disability Services, and the SOAR (Student Opportunities for Achievement and Resources) Institute which has free tutoring and seminars.
- Check your email daily.
- No report cards are mailed. Check grades in myShelton.
- The myFAQ link on the College website contains helpful information.