**South Texas College Summer Classes Wrap**

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*[Intro]*

**Learning has changed… Our commitment to you hasn’t.**

This summer, turn a challenging time into an opportunity to succeed. With online classes at STC, you won’t just get a *head start* for fall – you’ll also receive the full support you need to get to your goals *faster*.

Whether you have returned home from university, are looking for new job opportunities, want to beef up your transferable credit, or are ready to get in the fast lane to your degree, STC is here for you, 100 percent.

You can even earn your entire bachelor’s degree *online* in Computer and Information Technology, Medical and Health Services Management and more. With over 20 options for all-online associate degrees, plus nine online certificates and a fully online summer course offering, you can turn your summer staycation into a high-demand vocation.

Enjoy the same high-quality, affordable education on a convenient and *fun* online learning platform. It’s no surprise that STC was named one of the 30 most innovative online colleges this year by the Online Schools Center. When it comes to an outstanding virtual education that works for you, you’re in safe hands.

Just because you may be at home, it doesn’t mean you’re out of options. You can take giant strides toward your degree or career this summer through STC’s game-changing online classes!

*[Breakout: education options for returning students, transfer, career ed, etc.]*

**Get Back on Track**

Now is the perfect time to return and finish your degree with flexible online courses that fit *your* schedule. If you’ve fallen behind on your schoolwork because of the coronavirus, this summer is your shot at getting ahead. Take summer classes now, and by the time fall rolls around, you’ll be *ahead of the curve.*

**Hassle-Free Transfer Credit**

Jump-start your degree with online classes at STC and earn fully transferable, low-cost credits. Your South Texas College credits open doors to more than 150 university transfer options, including UT-RGV, Texas A&M, Lamar University, and Texas State — or stick around and complete your bachelor’s degree at STC.

***Double Down* with Dual Credit**

This summer is a great time to get on the fast track to college. Start your future *faster* withfull-credit STC courses through the high school Dual Credit program. The best part? It’s *tuition-free*. And with online classes, you can become a full-fledged Jaguar while sporting your favorite spotted pajamas and watching class lectures on your smartphone.

**Bigger Paychecks, *Stat***

South Texas College’s career education certificates already put students on the path to upgrading their skills and landing new jobs. And with summer classes, you can catapult into career success *even faster*. Start exciting career paths in everything from culinary arts to forensic science and more. With flexible online courses to fit your busy schedule, you’ll be *ready* when the workforce takes off again.

**Accepting, with No Exceptions**

No matter your background, STC’s programs can give you the skills you need to take your education or career to the next level. And with online summer classes, you’ll experience 24/7 support from counselors, tutors and more.

**The 1st Choice for 1st-Generation**

Sixty-two percent of South Texas College students are the first in their families to go to college. It’s a supportive place where students build *confidence* — not debt. With convenient online summer courses available, you can save money *and* time*.*

If you’re new to online classes, *no problem*. You can call, email, chat, and video conference with STC’s caring support team and feel totally comfortable in the virtual classroom.

**Military Friendly**

No matter your location, choose from our *full* selection of *flexible* online courses this summer. At STC, you’ll find advisors who are dedicated to helping you earn your degree. The College has earned the Military Friendly gold seal for 2020-21 and ranks among the top 10 Military Friendly schools in the nation.

Veterans, active-duty members, and spouses or dependents can get all the help they need in sorting out benefits, applying, and registering for class. Veteran students also have access to exclusive peer-to-peer support. And with online tutoring and help available 24-7, you’ll find the assistance you need when you need it. Use your tuition assistance and accelerate your education today.

*[Benefits]*

**Summer @ STC: Online and *On Time*.**

**A Higher Gear… at a Lower Cost.**

STC’s online campus offers some of the lowest tuition rates in the entire country. Laid-back, convenient, and oh-so-affordable, you’ll not only save money this summer … you’ll save *time*.

**Total Access … Total Support.**

Access classes anytime, anywhere, on *your* schedule — and even on your *smartphone*. The Blackboard online class platform provides an easy-to-use interface with advanced interactive features for chat, video, discussion forums and more.

Plus, you can access help 24-7, on the double and on-the-go. From live support chats to video conferencing with tutors, you can call, email, connect, and find the help you need, night and day. And forget parking hassles or fighting long lines … you can register, pay for classes and find advising *all online*.

**Wi-Fi? Why Not at STC!**

Campus may be closed right now, but Wi-Fi is *always free* in STC’s parking lots, if you need it. Check out the [STC “Keep Learning” page](https://www.southtexascollege.edu/keep-learning/) for a map of Wi-Fi hotspots on campus to help you connect. Just log in with your student credentials, and access is yours.

**No Credits Left Behind.**

South Texas College’s *entire* summer course offerings will be available online this semester, giving you more options than ever before to learn from the comfort of your home. It’s your education – *anytime*, *anywhere*.

***Flex* your Financial Aid**

Starting this summer, financial aid can be used to buy a laptop or any tech you might need to log on to online classes. And despite our low tuition costs, more than *75 percent* of students receive some form of financial aid, in addition to scholarships, loans, and flexible installment plans.

*[Student Highlights]*

**Veronica Dougherty**

*Veronica is a 2018 graduate of McAllen ISD’s Nikki Rowe High School, where she took Dual Credit classes with STC. She is attending Centenary College of Louisiana in Shreveport and is taking classes online this summer at STC to get a head start for fall.*

“I'm looking forward to being able to take these classes and not have to put off graduation … and actually graduate within my four-year time frame or even sooner. It gives me the flexibility to go to school online and then also be able to work part-time over the summer.

“I'll be ahead, credit-wise, and it'll shorten my time at university.”

**Kuzy Zarzosa** (from <https://www.southtexascollege.edu/online/>)

"The instructors’ communication was great. They have good office hours, and you can talk to them through email [and] Blackboard."

**Crystal Rojas** (from <https://www.southtexascollege.edu/online/>)

“My online education experience was excellent. Everything was provided by the instructor: the due dates, the information we needed for each assignment, and information we needed to know about the course.”