

SUMMER 2025
IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION
LOS ANGELES, CA CAMPUS

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION:

For billing, registration, and general questions, at all times, please call the main office:

- SOCAPA MAIN OFFICE: Toll Free: (800) 718-2787; Int'l and NY Local: (646) 828-3558
- Email: info@socapa.org

After summer sessions start in June, to reach the Los Angeles Resident Life office for questions/information about arrival, housing, visiting, things concerning your child's *stay* with SOCAPA, please use the following:

- SOCAPA Los Angeles Office Phone: (800) 718-2787 x710 or (646) 828-3558 x710
- Email: la@socapa.org

IMPORTANT DATES:

APRIL 1, 2025: FINAL PAYMENT DUE!

For registrations after April 1, full payment is due with registration.

THREE WEEKS prior to arrival: Final Registration Forms DUE!

Online Health History Form, Annual Physical and Immunization Form, copy of back and front of Proof of Health Insurance coverage, travel details and photo Due! We will gladly accept these forms any time, but they **MUST** be turned in no later than three weeks prior to your arrival.

SCHEDULE

SESSION ONE:

June 15 – June 28, 2025 (Two Weeks)

SESSION TWO:

June 29 – July 19, 2025 (Three Weeks)

SESSION THREE:

July 20 – August 2, 2025 (Two Weeks)

Opening Sunday – STUDENTS ARRIVE

11-2p **Airport Pickups*** at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) or Burbank (BUR)
Please try to schedule arriving flights between 11:00am – 2:00pm PST.

Our staff will greet students at Baggage Claim.

1-4p **Residential Check-in and Registration** at Erdman Residence Hall.

Students receive room key and roommate assignments and continue to their dorm.

4:00p **Day Student Check-in**
5:00p **Program Meetings** (parents asked to leave)
6:00p **Welcome Dinner**
7:00-9p **Student Orientation** – Overview of SOCAPA Policies & Important Info
Evening Screening – Sample films from last year

Monday – Breakfast with RA groups at 8:00am, CLASSES BEGIN at 9:30am

Final Friday – FINAL SCREENING**

3-10p **Final Showcase Screening**

10-11p **Post-screening Wrap Party**

Final Saturday – STUDENTS DEPART

8-10a **Dorm Checkout** – Say Goodbyes -- Airport Drop-offs and Parent Pick-ups
Please try to schedule departing flights between 10:00am – 2:00pm.
Our staff will escort students to the airline check-in.
Parents, if driving, please plan to pick students up between 8am-10am.

***Arrival/Departure Details:**

- Check-in and Registration is located at **Erdman Residence Hall**.
- If you are dropping your student off, we invite you to bring your child to campus between 1-4pm on the opening Sunday of the program.
- On the final Saturday of the program, pick up is between 8-10am at the student's dormitory.
- Day Students should plan to attend the activities on the opening Sunday from 4pm – 8pm.
- We run airport shuttles on the opening Sunday and final Saturday of each session only. Please schedule arriving/departing flights between 10am-2pm. There is a \$95 transfer fee each way. Flights that arrive/depart outside the recommended time slot may be subject to an additional transfer fee.
- If your child is traveling as an **“Unaccompanied Minor,”** as designated by the airline, there is an **additional fee of \$100 one-way charged by SOCAPA** — this is in addition to our standard airport transfer fee and in addition to the [\\$150 one-way fee charged by most airlines](#). We highly encourage any student over the age of 14 to NOT fly as an Unaccompanied Minor. Most airlines do not require it for children 14 and up. If you do opt to travel as an Unaccompanied Minor, it is very important that you notify SOCAPA if you have purchased the service from your airline. We will be able to inform you of the name of the person who will be picking your child up the Friday before your arrival date, but not before.
- For domestic flights, we will meet the student at the baggage claim area for your flight. For international flights, we will meet students at the exit from customs. SOCAPA staff will be wearing a SOCAPA t-shirt and have a sign with the student's name. On departure day, we see students to their airline ticket counter, but we cannot accompany them past security.
- Check-out procedure: Students are responsible for cleaning their rooms and returning their room key. Our host university levies an additional fee for a lost room key (\$55) and excessive cleaning (from \$50 - \$150), which will be taken out of the damage deposit held on your credit card prior to camp start.

****Final Showcase Schedule:**

- The schedule provided above is a rough schedule of the Final Showcase based on years past. The timing of the showcase depends greatly on enrollment, so it could start earlier or end later. We will send out more detailed information about the final showcase the week before the show.

- Students may either leave with friends or family after the showcase on Friday night or during the scheduled checkout time on Saturday morning. If you plan to check your child out Friday night, please make arrangements with the Resident Life Office prior.

CAMPUS

LOS ANGELES: Students in the Los Angeles Program enjoy the advantages of being in the heart of the filmmaking capital of the world. Chosen as home base by the film industry because of its nonstop sunshine and beautiful scenery, Hollywood has become synonymous with making movies. Not only is Los Angeles the center of the world's film industry, but it also plays a central role in television, music, fashion and art. Trips are planned on weekends to the pier, boardwalk and amusement park in Santa Monica and, of course, the beach.

SOCAPA LA: SOCAPA's Summer Programs in Los Angeles are hosted at Occidental College, one of the oldest and most beautiful college campuses in the West. Students in the overnight program stay in the Oxy dormitories and partake in the "all you care to eat" meal plan. Oxy's classic collegiate look and proximity to Studio City has made it a favorite Hollywood location for everything from "The West Wing" to Star Trek III. Oxy also served as the exterior college campus set for "Beverly Hills, 90210."

RESIDENCE HALL:

Erdman Hall

Dubbed as one of the "period" halls due to the unique architecture, air-conditioned Erdman Hall houses 80 residents in single, double and triple rooms on two floors. Each room is furnished with one dresser, desk, and chair per bed. Beds are California Long Twin size (blanket and pillow are provided but you need to **bring your own Twin XL sheets, pillowcase and towel**). Each room has a sink and mirror/medicine cabinet. Males and females will be separated by wing or floor. Bathrooms are shared in each wing. If you get cold easily, you may want to bring an extra blanket.

MEAL PLAN:

Dining Hall

Monday through Friday, meals are served in The Marketplace in Johnson Student Center, a central gathering place for students. Marketplace food stations offer wood-fired pizza, made-to-order pasta, deli specialties, fresh baked goods and a salad bar. Built in 1926, the dining hall has been restored and features cozy booths and large round tables for group meals.

Weekend Meals

Since SOCAPA students go on full day excursions on Saturdays and Sundays, three weekend meals, usually lunch and dinner on Saturday and dinner Sunday, are the responsibility of the students. For instance, they may go to a live taping, the Santa Monica pier and boardwalk, or downtown Hollywood. At mealtime, students are given the option of eating at inexpensive local restaurants or take-out stands. Prices can vary from five-dollar falafels and slices of pizza to twenty dollar sit down sushi combo dinners. We make it a point to recommend a wide variety of our favorites. We generally recommend a total of \$40- \$60 to cover these weekend meals.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY:

In the event of a medical emergency, students will be taken to the nearest ER. Parents will be notified immediately. All students are required to have primary medical coverage and to list emergency contacts on our medical form. There are several emergency rooms within 10 miles of our campus including: Huntington Memorial Hospital, Glendale Memorial Hospital, Glendale Adventist Medical Center and Verdugo Hills Hospital.

COVID GUIDELINES

LA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH & OXY COVID POLICY

All students and staff

- CDC recommends the primary series of the COVID-19 vaccine (two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or single-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine)
- CDC also recommends a booster of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for most children and teens, at least 5 months after the final dose in the primary series.

Pre-Arrival At-Home Rapid Antigen Testing:

- If you have any symptoms that indicate you may have COVID-19, we ask that you take an at-home rapid test 12 hours prior to arriving at camp and have a photo of a negative result to show upon check-in.

SOCAPA will follow, and in some cases be stricter than, the LA County and Occidental College public health requirements. We will send notices with any updated guidance regarding our COVID guidelines. Students and families should review applicable guidance prior to arrival on campus.

LA County Public Health: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

ILLNESS MANAGEMENT:

- Campers and staff exhibiting potential symptoms of COVID-19 or who have received a positive PCR test result (cases) will be isolated.
- Confirmed positive cases will be asked to check out of campus as soon as possible and no later than within 12 hours of notification. Positive cases can return to campus after 5 days with a negative antigen test and with 24 hours of no fever or any other COVID-19 symptoms.

DAY STUDENTS

Day students are strongly encouraged to attend Sunday's registration and orientation (please arrive by 4pm) since we will be handing out the master schedules and covering valuable information. This orientation will also provide you with a chance to meet your fellow students and teachers/staff. The day student schedule normally runs from Monday – Friday, 8:45am - 5pm, although there are some evening and weekend rehearsals as well as casting, shooting, and editing time. In addition, some days may begin a bit earlier, so please always refer to your schedule.

Day students, through the meals and activities fee, have purchased lunches* in the cafeteria for the

duration of their SOCAPA program. Day students will receive their meal card at registration; there is an additional \$55 charge if this is not returned at the end of the program so hold onto it! Day students are welcome and encouraged to attend the evening and weekend activities. We highly recommend parents of day students call our office prior to the beginning of the program to talk about daily arrival/departure and scheduling issues. We also require the online Day Student form to be completed before the start of the program.

***PLEASE NOTE:** Day students will need to bring cash to purchase breakfast or dinner in the cafeteria if they wish to arrive early before classes or stay through for the evening activities.

RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS

Check-in:

Check-in and Registration will take place between 1pm and 4pm on the first Sunday of the program at **Erdman Residence Hall**. You will receive your room key and roommate(s) assignments upon your arrival. It is important that Day Students attend registration and orientation. Please plan to arrive at the Erdman Residence Hall at 4pm and stay until 8pm.

Student Mail:

SOCAPA Summer Program: "Student Name"

c/o Conference Services Occidental College
1600 Campus Rd.
Los Angeles, CA 90041-3314

Phones/Internet Access:

Students have access to the phone in the office for emergencies. *Students may bring their cell phones but they must be turned off in all classrooms, editing rooms and screenings or they will be confiscated.* Students have access to computer labs during the day and there is free wireless access in the residence halls.

Keys/ID Cards:

DO NOT LOSE YOUR KEY! You are expected to have your key in your possession at all times. SOCAPA students and staff must show their key card to gain access to the dining hall to eat and to gain access to the dorm. There is a **\$55 lost key fee** if we need to replace your key.

Security:

Though we will be the only group of students in the dormitory, there will be other student groups on campus, so keep your doors locked at all times and valuables in a secure place. In addition, you will not want to leave bags/personal items in classrooms or around campus. When packing, please think about what items you want to bring and how you will keep them safe on campus and be mindful of your belongings at all times.

Laundry:

There are washers and dryers available in the residence hall for your use at no charge - just remember to bring a small bottle of detergent or buy one to share with your roommates.

Spending Money:

The room and board fee covers nightly board and three meals a day (less three weekend meals), as well as planned activities on nights and weekends. Students may want to bring spending money for props, snacks or for any shopping he/she may want to do during their stay. We suggest \$10 a day for incidentals. Because **SOCAPA cannot access money for students if they run out**, we highly recommend sending your child with a prepaid/reloadable debit card if they do not have a bankcard already, such as a Visa prepaid card or PayPal prepaid MasterCard. These cards can be used to purchase necessities and withdraw cash. If the student runs out of money, parents can reload the card from home. Please do not send your child with hundreds of dollars in cash. It is not safe. Students should have some cash on them upon arrival, but also this card.

MEDICATIONS AT CAMP:

Please make sure that you have completed the online health history form (accessed through parent online account only) thoroughly and that it is up to date. This form provides emergency contact information, tells us about any medication that your child may take, any food allergies and more. A complete and updated form will help us keep your child safe and healthy while under our care.

If your child is bringing medication to camp that SOCAPA is to hold and administer, we request that the following guidelines be followed:

- All medications must be in the original container
- Only the amount of medication needed at camp should be sent

Please note that SOCAPA requires all controlled medications to be held in the office and their administration to be supervised by staff. Even if you have chosen to have your child self-administer his/her prescription, SOCAPA will need to collect and supervise the administration of controlled medications. If you are in doubt, please contact our office.

WHAT TO BRING

PLEASE LABEL YOUR BELONGINGS!

With a permanent marker, personalized sticker labels, or your preferred method, please label your belongings, particularly all technological items. It reduces our lost and found pile and makes for happy campers and parents when you return home with all your belongings. Please think twice when packing valuable items- Do you need it? Are you responsible with your belongings or do you leave them around? We will have a "Lost & Found" box in the office, but any unclaimed items will be either donated or thrown away in between sessions.

ALL STUDENTS:

- **LINEN SET: Twin Extra-Long Sheets, Pillowcase, Towel & Washcloth.** A pillow and blanket will be provided but feel free to bring your own if you have the space.
- Cell phone and charger
- **TOILETRIES:** Soap/Shampoo, Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Sunscreen, bug spray
- Laundry Detergent
- Beach towel & swimsuit
- A refillable water bottle.
- Comfortable, practical shoes/clothes. You do a lot of walking.
- Nice outfit for showcase festival and dinners on town
- Rain jacket, umbrella
- Warm Sweatshirt or Sweater
- Notebook, Pen
- Reusable water bottle
- Spending money (some cash, debit/credit card)

Filmmakers:

MANDATORY:

- A MAC-compatible **USB 3.0 External Hard Drive** (NOT one that must plug into an AC outlet) of at least 1TB is **required** so that you can take all your digitized raw footage and project files home with you. It also allows you to edit on any available computer in our editing lab. We recommend a LaCie Rugged (Amazon #: LAC9000298). A flash drive will NOT be fast enough.
- Story Ideas, see film assignments in the curriculum section of our website.

RECOMMENDED:

- Laptop computer. For filmmakers, it could be helpful when writing your script but is not necessary; you will have limited access to a computer center.
- Small props and costumes that are necessary for your film idea. Don't go overboard!
- Music that you think would be good in your film. Bring it on your hard-drive, not your mp3 player.
- Any camera that you own that you want to learn how to better use; any film or video work you want to share.
- Headphones for editing so you do not need to share.

Screenwriters:

- A Laptop computer is required as part of the program.
- Story ideas.
- Any previous writing/screenwriting you would like to share.

Actors:

- A notebook and pens/pencils.
- A pair of lightweight sneakers/comfortable shoes.
- Comfortable lightweight clothing that you can move freely in and that will not make you self-conscious in movement/yoga classes.
- Interesting, versatile clothes/costumes as you may be asked to play a wide range of roles over the course of the program. A nice suit or dress usually comes in handy. Try to avoid white clothing, as the color white does not translate well to film/video. For headshots, a few options of tops. Layers and texture are great. Each should be a solid color- rich, saturated colors that bring out your eyes. Avoid solid white & solid black colors, as well as busy patterns, stripes, polka dots and neons.
- Ideas for a monologue and a short two-person scene, both can be professionally written (from a play or film) and should be between two and three minutes long.
- Make-up, as you generally need to do your own.
- A refillable water bottle.

Musicians:

- Your instrument(s) and amp and any necessary wires/cords.
- Tuners, picks, capos, etc. Items you use in your playing.
- Working songs/lyrics/music of your own.
- Stage/dramatic make-up for video shoot..
- A variety of clothes for performances and video shoot..

Photographers:

MANDATORY:

- A MAC-compatible **USB 3.0 External Hard Drive** (NOT one that must plug into an AC outlet) of at least 1TB is **required** so that you can take all your digitized raw footage and project files home with you. It also allows you to edit on any available computer in our editing lab. We recommend a LaCie Rugged (Amazon #: LAC9000298). A flash drive will NOT be fast enough.
- Comfortable footwear for long walking safari trips around the city. Please note that we do not allow open toe sandals/flip flops on photo safaris. Comfortable closed-toe shoes are necessary for the photo safaris.
- Your own DSLR or Mirrorless Digital Camera (if you are not renting from SOCAPA). Cameras should have a detachable lens(es) and the option for manual settings. An extra battery and extra SD card.

RECOMMENDED:

- Any camera or photo equipment that you own and want to learn how to better use.
- Tripod if you have one.
- Any photography work that you have done that you want to share (digital, prints or negatives).
- A backpack or carrying bag for photo safari trips. Sunscreen, water bottle, rain gear.

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skateboards • Scooters • COVID-19 • Illegal drugs or alcohol including cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and vaping devices. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roller-skates/rollerblades • Weapons of any kind, even if they are props |
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GETTING TO OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE:

By Car

From West Los Angeles

Take the San Diego Freeway (I-405) north to the Santa Monica Freeway (I-10) east. Follow the Santa Monica Freeway (I-10) east to downtown Los Angeles to the Harbor Freeway (I-110) north, toward Pasadena. Continue on the Harbor Freeway (I-110) north to the Golden State Freeway (I-5) and go north toward Bakersfield. Continue on the Golden State Freeway (I-5) north to the Glendale Freeway (I-2) going toward Glendale.

From the Glendale Freeway (I-2) north, take the Verdugo Road exit.

Turn left at the end of the off-ramp onto Eagle Rock Boulevard. Continue on Eagle Rock Boulevard and pass five stoplights to Westdale Avenue. Turn right at Westdale Avenue and follow it until it ends at Campus Road. At Campus Road, turn left and follow the signs to Visitor Parking

From Pasadena and the San Gabriel Valley

Take the Foothill Freeway (I-210) west to its merger with the Ventura Freeway (I-134). Follow the Ventura Freeway (I-134) west to the Colorado/Figueroa Boulevard exit. Follow the Colorado Boulevard part of the exit and stay on Colorado to Eagle Rock Boulevard (about one mile). Turn left on Eagle Rock Boulevard and continue past four traffic lights to Westdale Avenue. Turn left on Westdale and follow it until it ends at Campus Road. Turn left at Campus Road and follow the signs to Visitor Parking (Note: From the Inland Empire and other points east, you can take I-10 to I-210 and then follow the directions above.)

From the San Fernando Valley

Take the Ventura Freeway East (I-134) through Glendale to the Harvey Drive Exit. Turn right at the end of the off-ramp and then turn left at the first light onto Broadway. Follow Broadway east for three blocks as it travels under the freeway and then merges into Colorado Boulevard. Continue on Colorado Boulevard to Eagle Rock Boulevard. Turn right onto Eagle Rock Boulevard and continue four traffic lights to Westdale Avenue. Turn left at Westdale Avenue and follow it until it ends at Campus Road. At Campus Road, turn left and follow the signs to Visitor Parking.

From Downtown Los Angeles

Take the Golden State Freeway (I-5) and go north toward Bakersfield. Continue on the Golden State Freeway (I-5) north to the Glendale Freeway (I-2) going toward Glendale. From the Glendale Freeway (I-2) north, take the Verdugo Road exit. Turn left at the end of the off-ramp onto Eagle Rock Boulevard. Continue on Eagle Rock Boulevard and pass five stoplights to Westdale Avenue. Turn right at Westdale Avenue and follow it until it ends at Campus Road.

Turn left at Campus Road and follow the signs to Visitor Parking

From Northern California

Take U.S. I-101 south or the Golden State Freeway (I-5) south to the Ventura Freeway (I-134) east. Take the Ventura Freeway East (I-134) through Glendale to the Harvey Drive Exit. Turn right at the end of the off-ramp and then left at the light onto Broadway. Follow Broadway as it merges into Colorado Boulevard. Continue on Colorado Boulevard to Eagle Rock Boulevard. Turn right onto Eagle Rock Boulevard and continue four traffic lights to Westdale Avenue. Turn left at Westdale Ave. and follow it until it ends at Campus Road. Turn left and follow signs to Visitor Parking.

By Air

Our staff offers airport pickups at LAX and BUR on the first and last days of each session. We will greet your child at baggage claim wearing SOCAPA t-shirts or holding a sign with his/her name when he/she arrives and make sure he/she finds his/her gate when he/she departs. We service LAX International Airport and Burbank in Los Angeles. There is a nominal fee of \$85 per airport transfer.

PLACES TO STAY:

If you are dropping off/picking up your child and need accommodations, they can be found locally in either Glendale to the west or Pasadena to the east. Mention that you are visiting Occidental College – they may have an Oxy rate!

Courtyard by Marriott - Pasadena

(626) 403-7600

Sheraton Inn - Pasadena

(626) 449-4000

Westin Hotel - Pasadena

(626) 792-2727

Hilton Pasadena

(626) 577-1000

Hilton Glendale

(818) 956-5466

Best Western Eagle Rock Inn - LA

(323) 256-7711

Vagabond Inn - Glendale

(818) 240-1700

Arroyo Vista Inn - South Pasadena

(323) 478-7300

Comfort Inn – Old Town Pasadena

(323) 256-1199

Regency Inn – Eagle Rock

(323) 257-8168



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Academic Commons/ Mary Norton Clapp Library	1	B4	Haines Hall	22	C3	Remsen Bird Hillside Theater	41	D1
Alumni Gym Fitness Center	2	B4	Hameetman Career Center	23	B3	Rush Gymnasium	42	A4
Anderson Field	3	D4	Hameetman Science Center	24	B5	Samuelson Alumni Center	43	A4
Annenberg President's House	4	C2	Herrick Memorial Chapel and Interfaith Center	25	B4	Samuelson Campus Pavilion/ Tiger Cooler	44	B3
AGC Administrative Center	5	C3	Hinchliffe Hall	26	B3	Soccer Fields	45	D3
Bell Field	6	B4	Intercultural Community Center	27	B4	Solar Array	46	E3
Bell-Young Hall	7	C5	Johnson Hall/Choi Auditorium	28	B3	Spencer Field House	47	D5
Berkus Hall	8	D5	Johnson Student Center and Freeman College Union	29	B3	Stearns Hall	48	C3
Berkus House	9	A4	Keck Theater	30	D2	Stewart-Cleland Hall	49	C4
BioScience Building	10	C4	Kemp Stadium/Patterson Field/ Henry Track	31	A3	Swan Hall	50	B3
Booth Music and Speech Center	11	B1	McKinnon Family Tennis Center	32	A2	Taylor Pool	51	A4
Braun Hall	12	C4	Moore Laboratory of Zoology	33	C4	Thorne Hall	52	B2
Campus Safety	13	A2	Mullin Family Studio and Art Gallery	34	C1	Treehouse Building	53	D1
Chilcott Hall	14	C2	Newcomb Hall	35	B2	Urban and Environmental Policy Institute	54	C1
Child Development Center	15	C1	Norris Hall of Chemistry	36	C4	Upward Bound	55	A2
Collins House/Office of Admission	16	C1	Norris Residence Hall (North)	37	C3	Weingart Center for the Liberal Arts	56	B2
Culley Athletic Facility	17	A3	Norris Residence Hall (South)	38	D3	Wylie Hall	57	C5
Emmons Wellness Center	18	C3	Pauley Hall	39	C5			
* Erdman Hall	19	C2	Psychology Laboratory	40	A3			
Facilities Management	20	A2						
Fowler Hall	21	B4						



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