

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

SCHEDULE 13G

**UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
(AMENDMENT NO. 4)***

SLM Corporation
(Name of Issuer)

Voting Common Stock
(Title of Class of Securities)

78442P106
(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2011
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
 Rule 13d-1(c)
 Rule 13d-1(d)

* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON Dodge & Cox 94-1441976	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION California - U.S.A.	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER 103,900
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER 0
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 237,700
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 0
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 237,700	
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES* N/A	
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9 .0%	
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON* IA	

Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:
SLM Corporation

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:
300 Continental Drive
Newark, DE 19713

Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing:
Dodge & Cox

Item 2(b) Address of the Principal Office or, if none, Residence:
555 California Street, 40th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94104

Item 2(c) Citizenship:
California - U.S.A.

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:
Voting Common Stock

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:
78442P106

Item 3 If the Statement is being filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a:
(e) Investment Advisor registered under section 203 of the Investment Advisors Act of 1940

Item 4 Ownership:
(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:
237,700
(b) Percent of Class:
.0%

