Accelerate Through Excellence
The Early College Program
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Early College Program Objectives

- Allows students to finish high school while enrolled at the college.
- Students have an authentic college experience; all classes are taught by college professors, and students learn alongside other on-campus college students.
- Students have experienced college upon high school graduation. They are more inclined to enroll in college (two or four year). They have a higher GPA than incoming freshman with no prior college experience and a higher rate of graduation from college.
The Suffolk Advantage

• Quality education; small class size,
• Dedicated, accessible professors teach the classes,
• Wide variety of 1 & 2 yr. programs/certificates (Career and Transfer),
• Affordability, annual tuition and fees about $6,275 for full-time students,
• Transferable credits to private and public universities,
• Convenience (3 campuses, plus Sayville/Culinary Centers),
• Flexible scheduling once matriculated into Suffolk,
• Opportunity for students to connect with faculty.
Early College Program
Program Design

• Courses may be taken during the fall, spring and summer session II semesters, year-long commitment.
• Courses available morning (seniors only)/afternoons/evenings/weekends.
• Courses meet one or two days per week (3-4 credits each course).
• Students choose which courses to take with guidance from the ECP campus counselor.
• Transportation – HS transports senior students to and from the HS & college for all 8 – 9:15 AM classes.
• Communication with designated high school counselors and parents/guardians is maintained (signed FERPA waiver).
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Program Design

- Supportive college faculty,
- Students are able to avail themselves of college academic resources such as the Library, Academic Tutoring Centers and Career-Transfer Center,
- Health Sports Education Center – pool and fitness facility,
- Captree Commons – campus bookstore, dining hall,
- Special Events – students may attend late afternoon, evening or weekend college activities.
Early College Program Benefits

- Apply to colleges with an established college track record. Strengthen college application for admission & scholarships,
- Very affordable; current tuition is $57/credit plus minimum fees,
- Acquire letters of recommendation from college faculty,
- Transfer with earned college credit (C or above grades usually earn transfer credit),
- Knowledge of college policies/procedures,
- Finish college earlier – In two years students can earn a maximum of 30 college credits (inclusive of summers),
- Be more active – Take less credits each semester upon matriculation into college as a full-time student,
- Continue at Suffolk to earn an Associate’s Degree; apply to the Honors Program.
Commitment and Transition

• Students follow Suffolk’s academic calendar,
• Increased academic independence required,
• Increased assignments outside the classroom,
• Fewer examinations during a semester,
• Students adhere to the College Student Code of Conduct,
• Students are enrolled as non-matriculated students, since a high school diploma has not yet been earned,
• Courses are a supplement to HS course offerings and may not be used to replace a required HS course.
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Application Requirements

• Students entering 11th or 12th grade,
• 85+ unweighted high school average.
• At least one regents with 85+ score,
• Record of good attendance and citizenship,
• Recommendation from high school counselor and principal.
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Application Process

Families Complete a ‘Paper’ Application

✓ Admissions application for new non-degree students,
✓ Program agreement,
✓ Health history/meningitis acknowledgment form,
✓ Student approval form from the student’s HS guidance counselor and principal,
✓ Application checklist.
Early College Program Application Process

• High School – provides copy of the student’s grades/test scores and immunization records if needed.
• Applications due by 1/31/22 in the HS Guidance Office).
• Applicants create a Suffolk student e-mail account as this is the college’s mode of communication.
• Approved applicants to qualify for enrollment must meet College Placement Guidelines as determined by college personnel.
• Student transcripts are reviewed and the high school counselor is notified of student’s ECP status.
Accepted Student Checklist

• Check college email in student portal account.
• Schedule classes for fall/spring/summer semesters with assistance of ECP counselor.
• Check schedule and pay tuition by due date.
• Obtain a Suffolk ID card.
• Purchase textbooks (bring class schedule to bookstore in Captree Commons).
• Congratulations, you are about to begin an amazing academic journey.