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About SUNY Empire State College

• Largest arts and sciences college within the State University of New York (SUNY)
• More than 18,000 students
• 86,000 alumni; 96 countries, 50 states
• Fully accredited, SUNY degree
• Consistently ranked No. 1 in SUNY for overall student satisfaction, academic advising, course availability, quality of instruction and other quality indicators.
Where is SUNY Empire State College?

SUNY Empire serves all regions of New York State

Online, Onsite, or both

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Our primary headquarters is located in Saratoga Springs, NY
Pathways to Certification

SUNY Empire does not offer a Bachelor’s degree leading to teacher certification

• Those without a Bachelor’s degree can
  – complete a Bachelor’s degree and then apply to our Master’s program
  – Apply to our combined Bachelors/Masters program

• Those with a Bachelor’s degree can apply to our Master’s program
Flexible Study Options for Undergraduate

Guided Independent Study
Work one-to-one with a faculty mentor on a custom-designed study.

Study Groups
Seminar-style studies combine individual learning with group work and discussions in person

Virtual Study Groups
Synchronous online courses facilitated on a video platform (ie. Zoom, MS Teams)

Online Courses
Module-based courses accessed through our online course platform. Study on your own schedule — 24/7.
# SUNY Undergraduate Degree Options

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Undergraduate Programs

✓ Associate, Bachelors degree available

✓ 12 Areas of Study to design a degree

✓ Endless ways to create a concentration

✓ Adaptable for professional development

✓ Pathways to completion:
  a. customized degree
  b. predesigned programs
Undergraduate Programs

Predesigned Degrees
- BS in Accounting
- BS in Addiction Studies
- BS in Allied Health
- BS in Business Administration
- BS in Human Resource Management
- BS in Management
- BS in Nursing
- BA in Psychology
- BS in Security Studies

Undergraduate Certificates
- Business and Environmental Sustainability
- Global Indigenous Knowledge
- Healthcare Management
- Manufacturing Management
Expert Faculty Mentors

Provide personal attention and intensive academic advising

Guide you from orientation to graduation

Help you design a degree, review your prior learning and coordinate your studies with other faculty

Highly qualified SUNY professors—more than 90 percent hold a Ph.D. or the highest degree in their discipline
Credit for Your Prior College-level Learning

Previous college coursework

- From a regionally accredited institution
- Pertinent to the degree program you design
- Grade of C- or better if not part of an associate degree

Standardized tests

- CLEP
- DSST (DANTES)*
- Excelsior College
- Thomas Edison State University
- Advanced Placement (AP)

Licenses and Trainings

- Military
- Real Estate
- Law Enforcement and Corrections
- EMT
- CASAC
Get Credit for your Prior Learning

Individualized Prior learning Assessment (iPLA) is the process by which students are able to explain and document their college-level learning and be assessed by an expert evaluator.

College-level learning gained through work and life experience via-
  • Noncredit courses
  • Seminars
  • In-service trainings
  • Volunteer work
  • Hobbies

• 50% of students graduate with PLA credits
• 34 credits average PLA credits
• The fee for this process is a one-time flat fee of $700, waived for veterans and active military.
Get Credit for your Life Experiences

Individualized Prior learning Assessment (iPLA) process

- Student/Mentor Collaboration
  - Essay: Learning Description

- Student/Evaluator Collaboration
  - Interview

- Student/Mentor Collaboration
  - Awarded iPLA credit at evaluator’s discretion
Examples of iPLA Requests

Project Management
Religious Education
Abstract Painting
Athletic Coaching and Refereeing
Program Development
Caregiving for the Elderly
Caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's
Information Technology
Employee Training
Entrepreneurship
The Art of Tattooing
Volunteer Fire Dept. Leadership
Advocacy
Communications and Marketing
Federal Income Tax Preparation
Grant/Proposal Writing
Hazardous Mat. Awareness
Home Improvement Techniques
Jazz Fusion Guitar
Leadership and Motivation
Rehabilitation Services
Ministry
Presentation Skills
Rental Property Management
Small Business Development and Management
Transfer Policy
Acceptance of Prior College-level Learning

- Up to 40 credits toward an associate degree (64 credits)

- Up to 93 credits toward a bachelor’s degree (124 credits)

- Includes college-level learning gained through work and life experience or college credits from an accredited institution

Jared Stone-Rigg ’21
Bachelor of Arts in Historical Studies
Non-degree Study Opportunities

You may enroll as a non-matriculated student if
• You are not interested in earning a degree at this time
• You want to try a study or two before applying
• You need or want a few specific studies for work or personal interest
• You need courses to fulfill degree requirements at another institution

As a non-matriculated student
• You are not eligible for federal or NYS financial aid
• You may be eligible for funding from a third-party sponsor such as your employer or union

To enroll
• Fill out an online application

www.esc.edu/nondegree
Convenient Enrollment Dates

- Summer 1  15 week  Deadline April 15
- Summer 2  8 week  Deadline May 31
- Fall 1    15 week  Deadline July 27
- Fall 2    8 week  Deadline September 17
- Spring 1  15 week  Deadline December 6
- Spring 2  8 week  Deadline January 28
# Undergraduate Tuition

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<th>Part time (1-11 credits per term)</th>
<th>Full time (12+ credits per term)</th>
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<td>New York State</td>
<td>$295 per credit</td>
<td>$3,535 per term</td>
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<td>Out-of-State</td>
<td>$353 per credit</td>
<td>$4,240 per term</td>
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Most Empire State College undergraduate courses are 4 credits each

- One course, including NYS tuition and fees $1,421
- Two courses, including NYS tuition and fees $2,608
- Three + courses, including NYS tuition and fees $3,815

Lowest fees of any four-year SUNY institution

[www.esc.edu/tuition](http://www.esc.edu/tuition)
**Financial Aid**

Sources of Aid
- Federal and state grants - Pell, TAP and Aid for Part-time Study (APTS)
- Scholarships from the Empire State College Foundation
- Employer or third-party tuition assistance programs
- Loans and work study

Federal Aid (including student loans)
- Submit Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Empire State College federal code - 010286
- Students who would like a loan must complete the Entrance Loan Counseling Form and Master Promissory Note at www.studentloans.gov

New York State Aid
- Full time: complete the Express TAP application online at www.hesc.org
- Empire State College TAP code - 0913
- Part-time: complete the Aid for Part-time Studies application at www.esc.edu/finaid

www.esc.edu/finaid
Requirements for Admission

• Complete online admissions application

• 300-word admissions essay
  (waived for SUNY community college graduates)

• Request official college transcripts be sent to SUNY Empire State College.

• Submit proof of high school completion (high school transcript, high school diploma or GED).

• Pay $50 orientation fee

• Proof of Immunization

Expect a reply in 10 business days once all admissions materials have been received

www.esc.edu/admissions
Teacher Certification

MA in Teaching (42 Credits)* online, part-time program can be completed in 2-3 yrs.

- Adolescent or Middle Childhood Education: Leads to Initial and Professional Certification in middle childhood (5th-9th grade) or adolescent (7th-12th grade):
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
  - Earth Science
  - English
  - Language other than English (Spanish)
  - Mathematics
  - Physics
  - Social Studies

- Agricultural Education: Leads to Initial and Professional Certification in PreK-12th for this content area
  - Required to have:
    - 30 credits in Content Area, at least 6 credits of advanced-level coursework
    - 30 credits in General Education (min 3 credits in 10 areas)
    - 3.0 GPA from Bachelor’s awarding institution
    - GRE scores or the Miller Analogies Test

- Transitional B certification (Middle Childhood and Adolescent) or Clinically Rich Residency Pathway (Adolescent Only)

Program Locations for MAT Subject
Albany/Saratoga
Buffalo
NYC
Rochester
Syracuse
Teacher Certification

M.A.T. in Special Education (45 credits)* online, part-time and can be completed in 2-3 yrs.

- Leads to Initial and Professional Certification in students with disabilities generalist
  - Childhood (grades 1-6)
  - Adolescent (grades 7-12)
- Required to have:
  - 24 credits in Liberal Arts and Science Distribution
    » English, social studies, science, math (6 cr. each)
  - 30 credits in General Education (min 3 cr. in 10 areas)
  - 3.0 GPA from Bachelor’s awarding institution
  - GRE or Miller Analogies Exam
- Transitional B certification (childhood or adolescent) or
- Clinically Rich Residency Pathway (adolescent only)

Program Locations for MATSped
Buffalo
Latham
NYC
Syracuse
## In-person Requirements and Pathways

Students are expected to attend monthly meetings at their respective locations, additionally:

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<th>Clinical Rich Residency</th>
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<th>Certification status</th>
<th>No certification while in program; Initial upon graduation.</th>
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<th>Clinical setting</th>
<th>One-year Residency in the classroom of a Critic Teacher. Candidates are placed in a school by the program; candidate and school district input are solicited.</th>
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<th>Clinical mentoring</th>
<th>Monthly observations from field supervisor throughout placement; daily mentoring from Critic Teacher. Program and placement school have input in Critic Teacher selection.</th>
<th>Regular observations from field supervisors throughout the time period of Transitional B certification and assignment of school-based Mentor Teacher for additional support, particularly in the first year of teaching. Employing school has sole discretion in Mentor Teacher selection.</th>
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<th>Best suited for...</th>
<th>Candidates who are currently Teaching Assistants/paraprofessionals in a middle or high school; candidates who would like additional support before entering their own classroom</th>
<th>Candidates with previous experience teaching (private schools, charters not requiring certification); candidates in high-demand content areas.</th>
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<th>Candidate funding</th>
<th>Teaching Assistants may retain salary during majority of Residency; OR subbing income may be earned two days a week during majority of Residency. Residents eligible for federal work study may receive additional support funds.</th>
<th>Employment as a teacher of record includes salary</th>
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Admission Requirements for Master’s Programs

- Completed online application
- Application fee of $50
- Official undergraduate transcripts from regionally accredited institutions
- A personal essay describing academic and professional goals related to teaching
- Prerequisites for MAT programs
- Two professional/academic recommendations
  (submitted electronically through the online application)
- Your current resume
- GRE or Millers Analogy Entrance exam for MAT subject-specific and MAT Special Education programs
- MAT programs require a bachelor’s degree cumulative GPA of at least 3.0

*We do NOT require NYS teacher certification exams for admission. The Content Specialty Test (CST - $92) and Educating All Students (EAS - $134) are needed by year two and resources can be found here: https://www.nystce.nesinc.com/ under the 'prepare' tab.

*The first year’s courses will help to prepare students for the EAS exam, and content specialty faculty provide additional resources for the CST if needed. Sometimes faculty conduct webinars if there is a particular exam students are struggling with as well.
MAT in Adolescent Education (7th-12th grades)  
(154 credits- blended)  

Combined Pathways:

• B.A. or B.S. in Cultural Studies (Certification in English/Language Arts, or Spanish)
• B.A. or B.S. in Science, Math & Technology (Certification in Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Physics or Mathematics)
• B.A. or B.S. in Historical Studies (Certification in Social Studies)

• Students must meet all college, area of study, and relevant concentration guidelines as well as the content and liberal arts and sciences general education requirements (different than and in addition to the SUNY General Education Requirement) within the undergraduate credits as follows:
  – Successful completion of 30 credits in the designated Content Area
  – Successful completion of 30 credits in liberal arts and sciences General Education
MAT in Adolescent Special Education (7th-12th grades)  
(157 credits- blended)  
Combined Pathway:  
• B.A. or B.S. in Educational Studies  

• Students must meet all college, area of study, and relevant concentration guidelines as well as the content and liberal arts and sciences general education requirements (different than and in addition to the SUNY General Education Requirement) within the undergraduate credits as follows:  
  – Successful completion of 24 credits in Liberal Arts & Science  
  – Successful completion of 30 credits in General Education
The Benefits

- Opportunity for academically strong students to incorporate four graduate courses (12 credits) into the bachelor’s degree at the undergraduate tuition rate, allowing a student to advance through both programs at an accelerated rate.

- Shorten time-to-degree for master’s program (the first year of the MAT is completed in the final two semesters of undergraduate study).

- Significant tuition cost savings (more than $2,000 for NYS residents).
Applying for Admission

• Admission into the combined program is highly selective.

• To be eligible, an undergraduate student must have a GPA of 3.2 (includes a review of all course work completed and recalculation of the most recent 60 credits earned).

• May apply after completing at least 60 credits and at least 1 completed semester at SUNY Empire State College.

• Must complete the graduate application (essays, recommendations, resume). One recommendation must be from current ESC undergraduate mentor.

• GRE/ Miller Analogies Test required

To apply visit: www.esc.edu/GradApply
# Review Periods/Deadlines

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<td><strong>Doctoral Program: Ed.D. in Educational Leadership and Change</strong> Application deadline is April 1, 2021 for fall 2021 enrollment. The application will open in mid-October.</td>
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<td><strong>Priority Review:</strong> August 1 - October 1 (receive priority review for admission)</td>
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