



The State University
of New York

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Admissions 101 Glossary

ACT Composite • This is the “average” score from all sections of the ACT exam. We use this score for admissions.

Articulation • An agreement between two colleges on a pre-designed curriculum in which a student who follows the coursework will be guaranteed to have it fulfill requirements at both institutions. An example would be a cooperative program.

ASC • Application Services Center based in Albany. This is where all SUNY Applications are processed and are forwarded to campuses.

CEEB • Standardized ID number that is assigned to a high school, college or university. These 4-6 digit codes are typically used on ACT, SAT and college applications.

Center for Student Recruitment (NYC) • SUNY’s regional office for The State University of New York’s 64 campuses.

CLEP • College level examination program. Exams the college will accept for credit.

Common Application • A standardized undergraduate application that is accepted by a wide variety of colleges and universities throughout the U.S.

Community College • Community colleges provide excellent transfer and career education, and degree programs, supported by comprehensive student services. Many community colleges offer residential living and have campuses in more than one location.

Core Curriculum • The core curriculum is common coursework that undergraduates complete that ensures students in all majors develop a foundation in a broad range of general education knowledge and skill areas, expressed in terms of student learning outcomes.

Deferred Admission • Admissions decision is pending or student is offered admission to a college/university for a future semester.

Dual Admission • Special transfer program at participating institutions that provide a smooth transition from a community college to a 4-year college/university.

Early Action • The application process in which students make application to an institution of preference and receive a decision well in advance of the institution’s regular response date.

Students who are admitted under Early Action are not obligated to accept the institution’s offer of admission or to submit a deposit until the regular reply date (not prior to May 1st).

Early Decision • The application process in which students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted, they definitely will enroll. Should a student who applies for financial aid not be offered an award that makes attendance possible, the student may decline the offer of admission and be released from the Early Decision commitment.

Elective • A college course that counts for a student’s overall credit, but not as a major requirement or general education attribute.

EOP • Educational Opportunity Program. This program admits students who do not meet the traditional standards for admission, but possess the desire, potential, and talent to earn a college degree. EOP assists students who are both academically and economically disadvantaged.

ESL • English as Second Language.

FAFSA • Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Application that must be filled-out each year by students to receive consideration for financial aid.

General Education Requirements • Systemwide common learning goals made up of at least 30 credits in seven of ten subject areas and two competencies.

GETA • General Education Transcript Addendum Document that may accompany a SUNY transcript that shows courses a student has passed which fulfill SUNY General Education Requirements.

Guaranteed Transfer Program • A SUNY policy aimed to provide an applicant an opportunity to continue full-time study at a four-year campus when transferring directly from a State University or City University two-year college with an AA or an AS degree.

Honors Program • Campus specific academic recognition programs that offer students a variety of academic, scholarship, residential and or extracurricular opportunities.

IB • International Baccalaureate. Secondary school program (similar to Regents for example) used by some High Schools. IB schools also will offer IB exams for specific courses.

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IELTS • International Language Testing System – sometimes taken in place of the TOEFL to demonstrate proficiency in English.

Inquiry • A prospective student or parent who has expressed interest in a college either by visiting the Web site and filling out the “Request Information Form,” visiting the campus, or calling (pre-application).

Legacy • An applicant who has a close relative that attended the College.

NACAC • National Association for College Admissions Counseling - professional organization.

NYSACAC • New York State Association of College Admissions Counseling (regional NACAC).

OpInform • Operation Inform is a SUNY sponsored program for school counselors. This annual professional development opportunity features workshops addressing a variety of topics and the chance to converse with counseling colleagues and explore current topics in higher education.

Power of SUNY • SUNY Strategic Plan 2010 & Beyond
www.suny.edu/powerofsuny.

Provisional Admission • Admissions to college/university is pending the receipt of documentation or fulfillment of a specific obligation outlined by the institution in order to gain full admission.

Rolling Admissions • There is no application deadline for colleges using rolling admissions. Decisions are made as the application becomes complete and are mailed out immediately. Admission closes once the predetermined number of acceptances has been reached.

Special Talent Admission • Recognizing that some students acquire excellence outside their formal academic experience, institutions may admit a percentage of the freshman class based on promise demonstrated by means other than traditional academic criteria.

SUNY Application • The standardized undergraduate application that is accepted by many SUNY colleges and universities.

SUNY College Fairs • Programs conducted throughout the state designed to provide information about the college search process and all that is available to undergraduates at The State University of New York.

SUNY Online Academic Record (SOAR) • Web-based tool that allows students to submit high school transcript information as well as their ACT and SAT test scores.

SUNYCAP • State University of New York College Admissions Professionals.

TAP • Tuition Assistance Program. Grant award available for New York State residents only. The TAP application must be complete in addition to the FAFSA to receive consideration for this award.

Technology College • A SUNY institution that primarily offers hands on academic programs and associates and bachelor’s degrees.

TOEFL • Test of English as a Foreign Language, offered to students whose native language is not English.

Total Cost of Attendance • Cost of attending college including tuition, room, board, books, personal expenses and travel expenses. This figure is used in calculating financial aid.

University Center • A SUNY that is a research institution offering doctoral and professional programs.

University College • A SUNY that is primarily a liberal arts college that also offers Master’s degrees.

Wait List • An admissions status that indicates that a student may be offered admission if not enough students who have already been accepted decide to attend.

Yield • Percentage of accepted applicants that pay their deposit and enroll at a particular college or university.



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