

Upon successful completion of either Level 5 or the Advanced IEP of the non-credit program, an exit test is given and students are encouraged to pursue college-level work. Students who successfully complete the program also participate in the ESL graduation ceremony. At that time they receive a Certificate of Program Completion which recognizes their achievement.

- * Students should be aware that all ESL courses, credit or non-credit, are considered developmental and therefore do not fulfill any degree or certificate requirements.

Credit Program ESL Classes*

In addition to the two non-credit* ESL programs, the college also recognizes a growing need among limited English-proficient graduating high school seniors, returning adult students and professionals for a more intensive language curriculum where they would earn credit*, be eligible for financial aid and have recognized matriculated status at Suffolk County Community College. As a result, English for Academic Purposes, a more intensive program of ESL classes, has been developed. After completing this sequence of courses, these students might continue at the college to receive an associate degree or transfer to another institution to continue professional studies.

The credit* ESL program is for students who:

- have been accepted by SCCC for full or part-time admission.
- are applying for financial aid (note: for state aid eligibility, new students must earn at least 3 credits toward their current degree, while students in subsequent semesters must earn at least 6 credits toward their current degree).
- are seeking a more intensive program of study for academic or professional reasons.
- need intensive instruction in any of the above-named skill areas.
- need specialized ESL classes based on results of the College Placement Tests.
- have completed the non-credit ESL program and need additional focused course work to enable them to continue their studies.

ESL PROGRAM SEMESTER (credit*): The semester lasts 15 weeks. Students must attend classes for 12 hours per week if they are taking

the full sequence or three hours per week for each class in which they are placed.

SEMESTER I:		<i>per week</i>
EF01 ESL: College Reading I	3	hours
EF03 ESL: Intensive Grammar I . . .	3	hours
EF05 ESL: College Listening/ Speaking Skills I	3	hours
EF07 ESL: College Composition I . .	3	hours
TOTAL		12 hours**

SEMESTER II:		<i>per week</i>
EF02 ESL: College Reading II	3	hours
EF04 ESL: Intensive Grammar II . .	3	hours
EF06 ESL: College Listening/ Speaking Skills II	3	hours
EF08 ESL: College Composition II .	3	hours
TOTAL		12 hours**

Total Program Time: 2 semesters/360 hours

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- ** plus 3 or 6 credits for financial aid eligibility.

ADVANCED STANDING CREDIT FOR COLLEGE-LEVEL LEARNING

Requests for credit by evaluation of transcripts for previous course work or for credit by examination should be made through the Central Admissions Office. Students may request credit for prior course work by forwarding **official** transcripts from all prior academic institutions attended to the Central Admissions Office, Suffolk County Community College, 533 College Road, Selden, NY 11784-2899.

Grades for prior course work accepted for SCCC credit are not noted on the transcript, nor are they considered in computing the grade point average. However, applicants for curricula with competitive admission should note that grades for such courses may be used for admission decisions only. For further information contact the Admissions Office.

In addition to transfer credit for course work completed at another college, Suffolk County Community College recognizes a number of programs designed to facilitate students' progress toward the goal of earning an associate degree or one-year certificate by awarding credit for:

- non-classroom learning sponsored by non-collegiate organizations which is equivalent to college course work

- various examination programs
- portfolio review
- independent learning

These opportunities are described in the sections which follow.

Students who avail themselves of these opportunities for advanced standing must still complete at least 30 credit hours of academic course work at Suffolk for the associate degree and 15 credit hours of academic course work at Suffolk for the one-year certificate, exclusive of physical education and Freshman Seminar credits. Consult the Admissions Office for further information.

• By Prior Course Work Advanced Placement Examinations

Credit may be awarded to students who have taken Advanced Placement courses in high school and who attain scores of at least 3 on the appropriate Advanced Placement examinations administered through the Educational Testing Service.

Transfer Credit

Credit for course work successfully completed with a grade of C minus (C-) or better at another accredited institution of higher education may be awarded for courses deemed equivalent to Suffolk County Community College courses.

Educational Programs Sponsored by Certain Non-Collegiate Organizations

Credit may be granted in accordance with recommendations of the New York State Department of Education and/or the American Council on Education for courses sponsored by employers, government agencies and similar organizations. Credit may also be granted for courses completed through the United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI) and military training schools.

• By Examination

Students who have achieved college-level learning through their work, volunteer activities, travel or similar experiences may seek academic credit by earning satisfactory scores on certain examinations as described below.

College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) Examinations

These are computer-based tests covering many of the subjects and courses offered at Suffolk. Students who believe they have already achieved on their own the learning normally accomplished by completing particular col-

lege courses may attempt to demonstrate that learning by taking the appropriate CLEP examinations. Successful performance on the tests can result in credit toward their degree or certificate (similar to transfer credit) through the Central Admissions Office. A list of course equivalents for the CLEP examinations accepted by Suffolk is available through the Admissions Office. CLEP examinations are offered throughout the year in group sessions at the Ammerman Campus.

Information about the Adult Learner Program, including the CLEP application form, can be viewed online under "Special Programs" at <http://www.sunysuffolk.edu/Web/Central/AcademicAffairs/>. In addition, the CLEP application and testing dates are available on all three campuses in the Admissions and Counseling offices. Applicants are encouraged to visit the Office of Adult Learner Academic Programs located on the Ammerman Campus.

Challenge Examinations

When a CLEP examination is not available to test prior learning in a course or subject offered at Suffolk, the student may request, and the college may agree, to prepare and administer a special Challenge Examination in the subject. Challenge Examinations are not necessarily available for all courses. Contact the campus Associate Dean for further information.

Other Nationally Recognized Standardized Examinations

Students who have taken standardized examinations for which the college has not previously awarded credit may petition through the Central Admissions Office to have the particular examinations evaluated for possible credit.

NOTE: When CLEP and other standardized scores are accepted for SCCC credit, no grade is recorded on the student's transcript, nor is one considered in computing the grade point average. However, applicants for curricula with competitive admission should note that test scores may be translated into letter grades to be used for admission decisions only. For further information contact the Central Admissions Office.

• By Portfolio Assessment

Portfolio assessment is an alternative vehicle for defining, demonstrating and documenting college-level learning achieved outside the classroom. Students who have the appropriate reading and writing competencies may

take PS30: Portfolio Preparation, a one-credit course available at the Ammerman Campus in the fall, spring and summer semesters. The course encompasses relevant academic content, skill development and ongoing guidance during the process of developing a learning portfolio. Attending an informational meeting is a prerequisite for enrolling in PS30. After completion of the course, students may submit the learning portfolio for evaluation for possible college credit.

Evaluation of the portfolio is not part of PS30. The evaluation is done by faculty experts in the academic disciplines reflected by the student's learning and is subject to a separate assessment fee.

For further information contact the Office of Adult Learner Academic Programs on the Ammerman Campus at 631- 451-4696.

Restrictions on Advanced Standing Credit

Where an appropriate standardized examination or Challenge Examination is available, students may be required to demonstrate prior learning by taking the examination in lieu of requesting credit by portfolio assessment.

The college will not award credit by examination, nor will it entertain petitions for credit by portfolio assessment, when to do so would jeopardize its accreditation by the relevant professional association.

Students who avail themselves of these opportunities for advanced standing credit and/or receive transfer credit for prior course work **must still complete at least 30 credit hours of academic course work at Suffolk applicable to their associate degree curriculum and 15 credit hours of academic course work at Suffolk applicable to their one-year certificate curriculum, exclusive of physical education credits.**