Tell Me More About SUNY Empire State College

SUNY Empire State College’s dedicated faculty and staff use innovative, alternative and flexible approaches to higher education that transform people and communities by providing rigorous programs that connect individuals’ unique and diverse lives to their personal learning goals.

SUNY Empire State College is …
- a respected leader in adult and online learning
- innovative and academically rigorous
- accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education*
- an arts and sciences college of the State University of New York
- statewide, with more than 35 locations, so there’s a location near you
- an inclusive and diverse academic community

Our students are …
- adults from all walks of life who have work, family and other responsibilities
- professionals, managers, skilled workers, artists and others seeking career advancement, as well as personal enrichment
- often enrolled part time because of other life commitments
- more than 20,000 strong
- found across the state, nation and around the globe; enrolled in regional centers, online learning or international programs

Our faculty …
- are experts in their fields who specialize in giving students personal attention
- are highly credentialed with most holding doctoral degrees in their academic fields

* Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 3624 Market St., Philadelphia, PA 19104

Q What are the ways that I can study at Empire State College?
- through guided independent study, working one-to-one with a faculty mentor at times convenient for the two of you
- through online learning
- through small seminars, study groups, residencies or cross registration at other colleges – whatever suits your interests and lifestyle
- through a combination of all these ways.

Q What degrees are available at Empire State College?
- associate and bachelor’s degrees in the liberal arts and sciences and career fields in 12 undergraduate areas of study: The Arts; Business, Management and Economics; Community and Human Services; Cultural Studies; Educational Studies; Historical Studies; Human Development; Interdisciplinary Studies; Labor Studies; Public Affairs; Science, Mathematics and Technology; Social Theory, Social Structure and Change.
- eight master’s degree programs: two covering policy studies (Master of Arts in Labor and Policy Studies, Master of Arts in Social Policy); a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies; a Master of Business Administration; a Master of Arts in Community and Economic Development; a Master of Arts in Learning and Emerging Technologies; a Master of Arts in Adult Learning and a Master of Arts in Teaching degree, offered in selected urban areas across the state, enabling students to earn their teacher certification. Also, seven advanced certificates: Health Care Management, Human Resources Management, Nonprofit Management, Project Management, Public History, Veterans Services, and Public Sector Labor and Employment Policy. For more information: check our website at www.esc.edu/Grad or call 800-847-3000.

Q How will my degree benefit me?
Ranking us No. 1 in independent surveys, many graduates report job promotions and other career advancement as a result of earning an Empire State College degree. Many of our alumni go on to graduate school.

Q How can I receive credit for experiential learning?
The faculty at Empire State College recognize that adults have many opportunities for valuable learning in their everyday lives and work. When this prior learning is college level, it can be identified through an evaluative process designed to determine whether it is worthy of college credit. Many students also earn credit via national standardized examinations.
Q Once I apply, how long will it take to be accepted and enrolled?

If you apply by the priority application deadline, you are considered for the upcoming term. If you apply after the priority application deadline, you will be considered on a space-available basis or for the next term. The priority application deadlines for each term are:

- September Term – June 1
- January Term – Nov. 1
- November Term – Sept. 1
- March Term – Jan. 1
- May Term – March 1

Q When can I start my studies?

Students may start their studies after completing an orientation session (in person at a center or unit, or online for Center for Distance Learning students).

The college offers a five-term academic calendar. The calendar features four 15-week terms (that begin in September, November, January and March), and a fifth term, beginning in May, that offers the option of an 8-week or 15-week session. This academic calendar has one goal in mind – to help you, as an Empire State College student, achieve academic success and earn your degree.

Q How long will it take to earn my degree?

A bachelor’s degree requires that you complete 128 credits, while an associate degree requires 64 credits. Generally, students complete their degrees in two to five years, studying part time. The amount of time may vary depending on how much credit you transfer and the type of degree program you design.

Q What other specialized programs does the college offer?

- The Harry Van Arsdale Jr. Center for Labor Studies houses the most comprehensive labor program of its kind in the United States and has been addressing the needs of trade unionists and others interested in labor-related issues since 1972. Many labor leaders across New York state can be counted among the center’s graduates. All of the college’s 12 areas of study are available at The Harry Van Arsdale Jr. Center for Labor Studies.
- RN to BSN is a flexible online program to prepare tomorrow’s leaders in nursing; promote excellent patient care and community health; and enhance retention and career advancement of highly trained nurses. This program is for working registered nurses who hold associate degrees or diplomas and wish to continue their nursing education.

Q Is financial aid available?

Yes, Empire State College students are eligible for a number of state and federal grants as well as college foundation scholarships. More than 50 percent of our students receive financial assistance.

Q What is Empire State College’s tuition?

Full-time undergraduate tuition is $5,570 per year for New York state residents. Otherwise, the undergraduate tuition rate is:

- NYS Resident
  - 1 - 11 credits $232 per credit
  - 12 - 16 credits $2,785 per term
  - 17+ credits $2,785 per term plus $232 for each additional credit

Students are responsible for the following fees: college fee $0.85 per credit ($12.50 maximum per enrollment); student activity fee $6.25 per credit ($25 maximum per enrollment); a telecommunications fee of $100 per term; and a health and wellness fee of $15 for an enrollment less than 12 credits and $35 for enrollments of 12 or more credits.

Visit www.esc.edu/Tuition for more information on all tuition and college fees.

The SUNY Board of Trustees is analyzing out-of-state tuition rates. Please consult our website at www.esc.edu/Tuition for the most up-to-date information.

Note: Tuition and fees may be subject to increase by action of the SUNY Board of Trustees.

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**Learning Centers**

**Center for Distance Learning**

113 West Ave.
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
800-847-3000

**Center for International Programs**

111 West Ave.
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
800-847-3000

Other locations and programs:
- Athens
- Lebanon
- Panama
- Prague
- Thessaloniki
- Tirana
- Turkey

**School for Graduate Studies**

111 West Ave.
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
800-847-3000

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**Niagara Frontier Center**

3427 Union Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14227-1461
716-686-7800

Other locations:
- Fredonia
  716-673-1200
- Jamestown
  716-338-1370
- Lockport
  716-434-0272
- Olean
  716-376-7511

**Genesee Valley Center**

1475 Winton Road North
Rochester, NY 14609-5803
585-224-3200

Other locations:
- Alfred
  607-587-4140
- Batavia
  585-343-2307
- Canandaigua
  585-394-1110
- Corning/Elmira
  607-962-1421

**Central New York Center**

6333 State Route 298
East Syracuse, NY 13057-1058
315-472-5730

Other locations:
- Auburn
  315-255-2794
- Binghamton
  607-721-8651
- Fort Drum
  315-773-6139
- Ithaca
  607-273-4536
- Utica
  315-793-2684
- Watertown
  315-786-6541
Undergraduate Degrees

- Associate in Arts
- Associate in Science
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Bachelor of Professional Studies

Undergraduate Areas of Study

- The Arts
- Business, Management and Economics
- Community and Human Services
- Cultural Studies
- Educational Studies
- Historical Studies
- Human Development
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- Labor Studies
- Public Affairs
- Science, Mathematics and Technology
- Social Theory, Social Structure and Change

Master’s Degree Programs

- Master of Arts in Labor and Policy Studies
- Master of Arts in Liberal Studies
- Master of Arts in Social Policy
- Master of Arts in Community and Economic Development
- Master of Arts in Learning and Emerging Technologies
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Arts in Teaching
- Master of Arts in Adult Learning

At Empire State College we remove the barriers of rigid schedules and immovable locations, leaving just you … your professor … and your drive to learn …