Earn College Credit While Still In High School
www.ecc.edu/advanced-studies/
What is the Advanced Studies program?
The Advanced Studies Program is an opportunity for high school students to become part-time non-matriculated students at SUNY Erie Community College. Students can enroll in a college course and receive up to 11.5 college credits per semester at reduced tuition. The program is open to all high school juniors or seniors of average or better academic ability. Sophomore students may be recommended by their teacher or school counselor. A minimum of four students must enroll before a course can run.

What is an Advanced Studies course?
An Advanced Studies course is taken during the high school day and is identical to the SUNY Erie course as described in the college catalog. Textbooks, course materials and assessments of student work are the same as those used by SUNY Erie faculty.

Once a student has registered for the SUNY Erie course, it is expected that they will work to fulfill all the requirements of the course. Dropping or withdrawing from an Advanced Studies course is serious. Students must follow the SUNY Erie withdrawal policy and tuition will not be reimbursed.

Who teaches Advanced Studies courses?
Courses in the Advanced Studies Program are taught in the high school by high school teachers who are SUNY Erie lecturers. Your teacher will give you your grade based on homework assignments, classroom participation, projects and exams throughout the year – not just one grade on a final exam.

Will Advanced Studies benefit me if I plan on applying for free tuition?
The Excelsior Scholarship is a great tool to help college students but it is important to remember that Advanced Studies is still beneficial.

• The scholarship covers tuition up to $5,500 at all SUNY or CUNY schools. It does not cover the other costs of college, which include but are not limited to fees, room and board, transportation, textbooks, meal plans and more

• Oftentimes, a textbook could cost more than the tuition of an Advanced Studies course

• To maintain the Excelsior Scholarship, students must earn a passing grade and complete at least 30 credits per year and enroll in at least 12 credits per semester in the program of study

• Credit for Advanced Studies courses is acceptable in many cases, allowing students to only take four or less classes per semester depending on how many Advanced Studies credits are earned

• These requirements are designed to make a SUNY education more affordable while encouraging students to work toward on-time degree completion. A student can lose the scholarship at anytime if they do not meet the requirements

For more information, visit www.hesc.ny.gov/
What benefits do Advanced Studies students receive?

- Earn college credit while completing high school
- Apply the credit toward a program of study at SUNY Erie or elect to transfer the credit to another college
- Experience college level courses while attending high school
- Access to the same facilities and services as other SUNY Erie students including the library (http://libguides.ecc.edu/home), gym, student services and academic advisement with a SUNY Erie ID card

Obtain your SUNY Erie ID card by going to the Security Office at any SUNY Erie Community College campus. Please bring your SUNY Erie ID number and a form of ID. (Get your SUNY Erie ID number from your high school teacher’s class roster or your bill.)

How do I get my grade?

Once the course is completed and final grades have been recorded at the college, go to WebAdvisor.

How to log into WebAdvisor?

Log onto MyECC at www.ecc.edu

- Enter your “login” and “password” with your SUNY Erie username and password and then click “login”
- Your SUNY Erie username is: the first six letters of last name + first initial + middle initial + two digit day of birth + last digit of birth year
- Your initial SUNY Erie password is: the last four digits of Social Security number + two digit birth year
- Resetting your password will change your password for MyECC, WebAdvisor, Angel, SUNY Erie email, campus computers and wireless access

Within WebAdvisor you can:

- View your final grade
- Pay a bill
- Register for classes, if you become a SUNY Erie student after graduation.

Contact the SUNY Erie ITS HelpDesk at 716–851–1835 if you have questions.

Are Advanced Studies courses transferable?

Most colleges will accept courses with a grade of C or better. Students may transfer the course credit to SUNY colleges and most two- or four-year colleges and universities. Students are encouraged to contact the college of their choice to ensure that the course will be accepted. A SUNY Erie Community College transcript request form must be completed in order to forward grades to other colleges.

What is a transcript?

A transcript is a written record of your grades.

How do I request a transcript?

Transcripts are available through the Registrar’s Office on all three campuses. Student copy (unofficial) transcripts are free and can be printed from your Web Advisor account or pick up a copy at the Registrar’s Office.

Students requiring official transcripts must submit a signed request in writing and pay a $5 processing fee. Checks made payable to SUNY Erie Community College. Students must include the complete address of where the official transcript is to be mailed. Please allow seven days for processing official transcript requests.

All mailed transcript requests should include:

- ID or Social Security number
- Student’s complete name
- Approximate dates of attendance

Visit www.ecc.edu then go to the Admissions and Financial Aid section and look for “Transcript Request Form” under Transcripts and Records.

Request a transcript from any campus:

City Campus
121 Ellicott St., Buffalo, NY 14203

North Campus
6205 Main St., Williamsville, NY 14221

South Campus
4041 Southwestern Blvd., Orchard Park, NY 14127
When do I pay for my Advanced Studies course?

A bill will be sent to you (not your parents) in November for fall classes and March for spring classes after you submit your registration form. You will have 30 days to pay. Payments not received by the due date indicated on the bill will be charged a $50 late fee. A third bill will be mailed with another $50 late fee if payment is not received by the due date on the second bill. If a balance remains on the account, students will no longer be eligible to receive college credit for the course(s) until the account is paid in full.

What payment methods are available?

Cash, check, money order (payable to SUNY Erie Community College) or credit card (Visa, MasterCard or Discover). Make your credit card payment in person, by phone or by using the online payment feature on WebAdvisor. Please have the cardholder’s name, card number, card expiration date, and student’s social security number ready when making a payment.

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How do I apply for Advanced Studies courses?

Complete the Advanced Studies online application (new students) and registration form (all students) at:

www.ecc.edu/advanced-studies/

Turn in your completed registration form to your teacher or school counselor. Be sure to include your social security number and signatures of both you and a parent or guardian on the registration form.

If you are not a resident of Erie County, you are required to provide the college with an out-of-county certificate each year. The affidavit and application for certificate will be provided on the Advanced Studies application or it’s available on the Advanced Studies website. It is your responsibility to complete the form, have it notarized, and submit it to your county for processing of your residency certificate. Otherwise, you will be charged double tuition.

How do I officially withdraw from an Advanced Studies course?

If you decide to withdraw from an Advanced Studies course, you must contact the Coordinator of Advanced Studies for permission. You will NOT be reimbursed for your tuition, if you withdraw from a course.

“Taking this course helped prepare me for college.”