



*University at Albany Commencement.*



*EOP Navigators Tylasia Weaver and Jayden Santiago welcome new scholars to SUNY Genesee Community College summer program.*

# EOP TRANSFER STUDENT RESOURCE GUIDE



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# PLAN NOW FOR TRANSFER SUCCESS:

## A GUIDE FOR SUNY EOP STUDENTS WHO SEEK TO EARN A BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Congratulations! You have graduated from a community college or are nearing graduation. Here is what you need to know to transfer into a bachelor's degree program at a four-year SUNY college or university.

Remember "Once EOP, Always EOP," so you will maintain your Educational Opportunity Program status when you transfer to an upper-division undergraduate program. As an EOP student, you will continue to have access to academic advisement, unlimited tutoring, personal and career counseling, mentoring, skill development, modest financial support to cover non-tuition expenses and a shared sense of community.

EOP counselors at both the sending and receiving institutions will help you navigate the transfer process and make a smooth transition.

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# QUESTIONS EVERY EOP TRANSFER APPLICANT SHOULD ASK



*EOP graduate Alejandro Bonilla earned an AAS and BFA degrees in illustration at the Fashion Institute of Technology.*

## ACADEMIC PLANNING & TRANSFER ADMISSION

What is the college's transfer admission requirements?

Does my major have specific admission requirements?  
How will my credits transfer specifically for my major?

How many more credits will I need to complete my degree?

When should I submit my transfer application?

Do you offer EOP?

What services will I receive as an EOP transfer student?

What study abroad options are available?

What is the best way to visit the campus?

## FINANCIAL AID

What financial aid is available and how do I apply?

Do you offer scholarships specifically for transfer students?

## STUDENT LIFE & ACTIVITIES

How will I meet other transfer students?

What resources are available for transfer students?

What student clubs and organizations are on your campus?

## HOUSING

Is housing available? How do I apply?

Is there a separate residence hall exclusively for transfer students?

Do you provide help with off-campus housing?

# GENERAL EOP TRANSFER CHECKLIST



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As an EOP student, it is important to start planning the transfer process early. Please follow the checklist below. This will ensure a smooth and seamless transition. Remember early and consistent action is important to help you achieve your educational goals. You can do this!

## BE SURE TO:

Strive for a competitive GPA.

Make a list of SUNY campuses in which you are interested in applying.

Notify your EOP Counselor about your intention to transfer and inquire about specific requirements.

Review your DegreeWorks on your student portal account to stay on track for graduation.

Visit campus websites for information on Admissions/Open House Events.

Make a connection with the transfer admissions counselors on your list of colleges of interest.

Create a plan for completing your transfer application and submitting supporting documentation, (i.e. transcript, personal statement/essay and letter of recommendation.)

**IMPORTANT: Indicate on your application that you are applying as an EOP Transfer Student.**

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) Application as a transfer student.

Become familiar with the SUNY General Education Requirements relating to transferring credits- <https://www.suny.edu/attend/get-started/transfer-students/campus-requirements/>

Research Scholarship Opportunities. You can start at <https://www.fastweb.com/>

Complete the EOP Transfer Verification Form with the assistance of the EOP Director/Counselor and the EOP Exit Interview Form.

Inform your current EOP Director of your final admission decision.



*Jennifer Ofodile graduated with a 4.0 GPA in biochemistry from SUNY Oswego. She was one of nine EOP students to receive the prestigious 2019 Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence.*

**CONGRATULATIONS ON CONTINUING YOUR EDUCATION!**

# COMMUNITY COLLEGES CHECKLIST



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If you are a community college EOP student and plan to transfer once you have completed the associate's degree, there are steps you should take each semester to support a smooth transfer experience. Early and consistent action is important to help you achieve your educational goals.

## FIRST SEMESTER

- Inform the EOP Counselor that you plan to transfer
- Ask about the EOP services available as a transfer student
- Explore and declare a major as soon as possible
- Make a list of possible transfer institutions that have your academic major of interest
- Determine the classes you will need to complete in order to transfer
- Determine the grade point average requirement that will make you a competitive applicant
- Work hard to earn good grades!!!**

## SECOND SEMESTER

- Revisit the colleges on your transfer list with the EOP counselor
- Make sure you are on track to fulfill your graduation requirements
- Learn more about the colleges on your transfer list. If possible, visit the campus or register for a virtual tour
- Communicate with the transfer advisors at the colleges on the transfer list. Make the advisors aware of your interest. Ask questions.
- Work hard to maintain good grades!!!**

## THIRD SEMESTER

- Inquire about financial aid as a transfer student
- Find out when transfer applications are normally due
- Understand the transfer application document requirements.
- Know which credits will transfer, find out about the colleges' credit transfer policy
- Make sure you are on track to fulfill your graduation requirements
- Develop a personal statement or essay
- Request letters of recommendation
- Explore scholarship opportunities
- Work hard to earn good grades!!!**

## FOURTH SEMESTER

- Submit your transfer application as early as possible
- Be sure to indicate that you are applying as an EOP transfer
- If you plan to live on campus, submit housing and meal plan applications
- Request that your official transcript be sent to colleges where you have applied
- Complete the FASFA (Free Application for Student Federal Aid)
- Try to visit the colleges before you make any commitments
- Make a connection with the EOP director at the campus to which you plan to transfer
- Ask your current EOP director to complete the EOP Transfer Verification Form
- Work hard to earn good grades!!!**

# OTHER SUNY RESOURCES

## EOP Campus Contacts

The Educational Opportunity Program operates on 49 SUNY campuses, including 20 community colleges.

## Transfer Students

Bigger Dreams Realized Transfer Students. SUNY will take you where you want to go. Whether you are working on a second degree, advancing your career or just looking for a change, we'll help you reach your goals.

## Course Equivalencies

Course equivalencies are tables of courses that are transferable among institutions. In order to receive credit at your SUNY transfer campus for a course completed at another institution, that course must first be determined to be "equivalent" to a course offered at your SUNY transfer campus.

## Academics

Certificate programs consist of courses, typically offered through Community Colleges, that lead directly to employment after a one-year program of study. Associate degree programs (including AAS, AS, AA, AOS), which usually take two years of study, prepare students for employment or for transfer into a bachelor's program at a four-year campus. Associate degrees are offered at Community Colleges.

## SUNY Transfer Paths

SUNY has created Transfer Paths that summarize the common lower division requirements shared by all SUNY campuses for similar majors within most disciplines.

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