

HOW STUDENTS LEARN AT SUNY EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE

At SUNY Empire State College, students choose flexible study options that enable them to pursue a degree in a manner and place that is compatible with their other responsibilities. For an associate and bachelor's degree, students may study with a faculty mentor at one of more than 30 locations across the state, online or both. Many students blend different modes of learning such as:

- Guided independent study where students work one-to-one with a faculty mentor in-person, online or by phone.
- Online courses that include access to faculty, fellow students and other online resources from anywhere in the world.
- Study groups where students participate in periodic small group meetings with other students.
- Residencies that explore topics in depth in a group setting.
- And cross registration where students take some classes at other accredited colleges for a more traditional classroom experience.

This combination of approaches offers working adults with commitments to family and community a personalized, flexible, convenient way to earn a degree.

SUNY Empire Online (<https://www.esc.edu/online/>)

SUNY is an award-winning leader in online learning and meets the demands of students looking to complete an entire undergraduate degree online or take online courses in combination with on-site study. Students interested in pursuing a degree online can work with faculty to design customized degree programs to fit their individual educational and career goals. Our online courses enable flexible study options without ever requiring the student to step foot on campus. SUNY Empire students have access to the college's extensive course offerings and academic support services, and have the opportunity for one-to-one interaction with course instructors and faculty. With online learning, you study at a time and place that's convenient for you, and you can access courses online 24/7 to complete assignments. Course materials include textbooks, supplemental media and internet-based resources. Writing assignments, discussions and projects comprise the majority of the ways your learning is assessed. Online instructors facilitate interactive course discussions that keep you engaged and connected. Your peers, instructors, coursework and academic support services are available to support your success.

International Distance Learning

SUNY Empire's distance learning options provide international students the opportunity to study at a well-respected American college. Wherever you live in the world, you can earn a degree online.

International distance learning at SUNY Empire has enabled students in more than 30 countries to continue their education. Since the fall of 1996, the college has served students via distance learning in Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Caribbean Islands, Chile, Costa Rica, Egypt, England, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Nigeria, the People's Republic

of China, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates and Venezuela.

On-site classroom attendance is not required for international students studying from a distance. International students have the flexibility to customize their degree programs based on individual interests and educational goals. Faculty and staff will guide international students through the degree planning process and course selection. Mentors provide academic support to international students each step of the way.

Additionally, online writing, math and library resources are easily accessible and available to students at any time. Trained support staff are ready to assist with any technical questions, library searches and in finding reference material.

SUNY Empire State College is accredited by:
Middle States Commission on Higher Education
3624 Market St.
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Founded in 1971 as a part of the State University of New York, SUNY Empire State College was designed to meet the needs of adult learners. The college is one of the 13 arts and sciences colleges in the State University of New York (SUNY) system. For more information about international distance learning opportunities, please visit our international students web page (<https://www.esc.edu/admissions/international-students/>) or phone 00 + 1-800-847-3000.

Nondegree Study

Resources and space permitting, the college allows students to enroll in credit-bearing studies or courses as nondegree or nonmatriculated students. Financial aid is not available for nonmatriculated study. Also, students who ultimately wish to earn a degree from Empire State College are advised to limit nonmatriculated study, as the studies may not be appropriate to a future degree program.

For more information on nondegree study visit our Nondegree Study web page (<https://www.esc.edu/degrees-programs/nondegree-study/>).

If you have additional questions about registering for courses in the School for Undergraduate Studies as a nondegree student please email begin@esc.edu or phone 800-847-3000, ext. 2259.

If you are interested in registering for graduate-level courses as a nondegree student visit our Graduate Nondegree Study web page (<https://www.esc.edu/degrees-programs/nondegree-study/graduate-nondegree-study/>).

If you have additional questions about registering for courses in the School for Graduate Studies as a nondegree student please email grad.services@esc.edu or phone 800-847-3000 ext. 2429.