

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (EOP)

What is EOP?

The **Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)** provides assistance through mentorship, academic programs, financial assistance, counseling/advising, and other campus support services to those who are first-generation college students, and/or from low-income and educationally disadvantaged backgrounds.



- A New York State resident for 12 months prior to enrollment
- Be a first-time full day student (no prior college)
- Be a high school graduate with a C average (72-84 or have a (General Equivalency Diploma) or TASC Test Assessing Secondary Completion)
- Demonstrate potential for completing a college program
- In need of financial assistance within income guidelines

SUNY Ulster's Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

SUNY Ulster's Educational Opportunity Program provides academic support and financial aid to students who show promise for mastering college-level work. Offered primarily to full-time students who are New York State residents, EOP accepts a limited number of students who qualify academically and financially for the program. The primary goals of EOP are to facilitate the recruitment, enrollment, retention, and graduation of its students. This is accomplished by providing EOP students with an array of educationally related support services.

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Counseling and Academic Advising

Each student in the EOP program is assigned to an academic counselor while attending SUNY Ulster. They are expected to meet with their academic counselor regularly for individual counseling/advising.

Support Services

Free tutoring is available for most academic courses. Students will have access to individual tutors. The Learning center is the place for every EOP student to strengthen skills needed to succeed in college. The Learning Center is located in John Vanderlyn Hall on the 2nd floor.

Income Guidelines

The table below lists financial eligibility requirements for EOP admission for students entering the 2018-19 academic year. Any subsequent changes to these guidelines will be posted here. In order to be determined economically disadvantaged, a student's household income must not exceed the amount shown for its size or the student's circumstances must conform to one of the exceptions indicated.

Educational Opportunity Program Economic Eligibility Guidelines Academic Year 2019-20

Household Size (including head of household)	Total Annual Income in 2017 Calendar Year
1	\$22,459
2	\$30,451
3	\$38,443
4	\$46,435
5	\$54,427
6	\$62,419
7	\$70,411
8	\$78,403

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$7,733 for each additional person.

INCOME GUIDELINES DO NOT APPLY IF:

- The student's family is the recipient of Family Assistance or Safety Net payments through the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance; or through a county Department of Social Services; or Family Day Care payments through the New York State Office of Children and Family Assistance;
- The student is in foster care as established by the court;
- The student is a ward of the state or county.