

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (EOP)

WHAT IS EOP?



The acronym (EOP) stands for Educational Opportunity Program, which was officially recognized at Binghamton University in 1968.

EOP's purpose is to fulfill New York state's commitment to provide opportunity and access to higher education for economically disadvantaged students who possess great potential to succeed in college.

During the Civil Rights Movement in 1967, then first-year Assemblyman Arthur O. Eve, 141st Assembly District, gave further force to the principles of access and opportunity by developing the appropriation bill that gave birth to the EOP.

The primary goals of the 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.

Students accepted to Binghamton University under the auspices of the EOP participate fully in all campus academic and social activities and are held to the same standards as all other students at the University.

Binghamton University's highly successful EOP is committed to providing opportunities to its students so that they may reach their full potential, with a focus on academic excellence, cultural awareness and social responsibility. Through personal attention and academic and cultural support, EOP gives students the tools they need to graduate and pursue their graduate school and career aspirations.

EOP ELIGIBILITY

Qualifying for admission to the Educational Opportunity Program is based on two criteria: a candidate's academic preparation and the financial resources of a candidate's family. Both take into account factors that have placed some individuals at a disadvantage in terms of academic readiness for college, and a family's ability to pay for college.

To be eligible for admission to the EOP, you must:

- possess a high school diploma or a General Equivalency Diploma (GED);
- be a New York state resident for 12 months prior to enrollment;
- be non-admissible under regular admission, but demonstrate potential for successful completion of a college program;
- be in need of financial assistance within established income guidelines; and
- apply using the SUNY application available at <http://www.suny.edu/student>.

For more specific information regarding student economic eligibility and income guidelines for the Educational Opportunity Program, please refer to the State University of New York Information for Prospective Students' website: www.suny.edu/student/academic_eop.

EOP SUPPORT SERVICES

BINGHAMTON ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (BEP)

Students admitted to the EOP are required to attend a pre-freshman summer academic skills enhancement program that sharpens the student's academic skills and intellectual development and prepares them for the rigors of full-time college enrollment. The Binghamton Enrichment Program (BEP) also serves as additional orientation as it familiarizes students with the University campus and helps them make a smooth transition from high school to college. The BEP provides academic and social experiences that model an academic semester and offers a wide range of activities and opportunities for successful college life. The BEP is mandatory for all freshmen in the EOP, and

they must successfully complete the BEP as defined by program administration in order to attend Binghamton University.

PERSONAL COUNSELING AND ACADEMIC ADVISING

Each student in the EOP is assigned to an academic counselor for all his or her undergraduate years at Binghamton. They are expected to meet with their academic counselor at least three times a semester for individual counseling/advising, and once a semester they must attend an all-program "town-hall" meeting. EOP academic counselors offer students personal, financial, academic and career counseling; they are available to students on a walk-in basis or by appointment.

EOP CAMPOS/ROBESON TUTORIAL CENTER

All EOP students have access to our Tutorial Center. Located in the Bartle Library Building and equipped with computers, textbooks and reference materials, it is where students go to write term papers, engage in long-distance learning experiences, as well as access e-mail and the Internet.

Free tutoring is available for most academic courses. Students may request individual tutors and/or use walk-in tutors in the most popularly requested courses like math, science and writing. The Tutorial Center is the place for every EOP student to strengthen skills needed to succeed in college.

A tutor may be the solution when a student:

- wants to get off to a good start in a course;
- has a paper, math problem or assignment, but doesn't know where to begin;
- is preparing for an exam and may need help; or
- is not satisfied with exam results.

COURSES

Courses are offered during the summer, fall and spring to help students improve their skills in studying, writing and mathematics. Students are also given a "career track" course, which gives them the opportunity to take a course in their desired field of study to become familiar with the discipline. For instance, students have taken courses in social sciences/humanities, management/business, nursing, science, mathematics, engineering and applied science, and human development.



BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

Binghamton is recognized widely as "the premier public university in the Northeast" (*Fiske Guide to Colleges*, 2009) and "a public Ivy" (*Greenes' Guide*, 2006). Binghamton students are constantly being immersed in new challenges, new ideas and new cultures. Our 11,500 undergraduates and 3,000 graduate students are from 100 different countries, so our students can expect to learn as much from their fellow students as they do in the classroom.

Binghamton's EOP is one of the most successful programs of its kind in the nation. Our students like it, they stay, they graduate and they go on to some of the nation's best graduate schools. Then they get recruited by some of the nation's top employers.

Binghamton's EOP has graduation rates higher than most other colleges and higher than the national graduation rate! What does that mean

to you? That at Binghamton, you are going to get all the services and support you need to be successful at one of the nation's best public universities.

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