

### Prepare for Tomorrow Today with Early Start

Students that participate in programs, such as Early Start, accelerate the time it will take to complete their bachelor's degrees. In 2007, the United States Department of Education reported that students save 1.2 semesters of college by taking advantage of dual enrollment programs.

In addition, students in dual enrollment programs generally show improvement in their grade-point averages and are more likely to go to college, where they then are more likely to graduate from college, especially when compared to their academic peers. Studies performed by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's Early College High School Initiative (ECHSI) found that students who enrolled in dual credit programs and entered the program below grade level graduated with an average of 30 college credits and outperformed their peers.

The Early Start Program is part of the Southern University at New Orleans' continued commitment to the Greater New Orleans community as both an educational leader and partner.

Get moving in the right direction with an Early Start at SUNO!



# ARE YOU READY TO GET STARTED?

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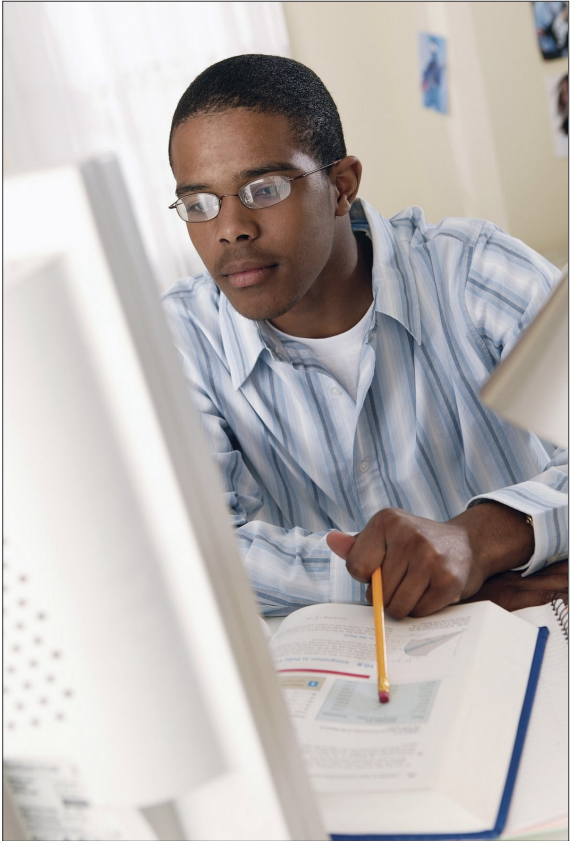
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# Early Start Program

Start Your College Career Now!





## Early Start Program Opportunities For high school students

### *What is Early Start?*

The Early Start Program is designed to offer college credit courses to 11th and 12th grade students who meet the requirements as mandated by the Louisiana Board of Regents. Students who have successfully completed required high school courses, passed LEAP and GEE and have demonstrated the maturity necessary to matriculate in a university setting will be recommended by their counselors and approved by the principals for admission into the program. The Early Start Program may offer an alternative to students who have two or more electives to complete their school day.

### *What courses are available?*

Enrichment and developmental courses are offered for 12th grade students who are on track to complete the Louisiana Core 4 Curriculum. All other course offerings are subject to student demand and the individual discretion of participating high schools. Please see your school's Early Start coordinator for more information.

### *What does Early Start cost?*

SUNO's early start program is offered at a low cost to eligible students.

### *How many credits can I earn?*

A dual enrolled student may earn up to 6 credit hours per semester beginning in their junior year of high school allowing a participating student the opportunity to earn as many as 24 hours of university-level credits prior to formal admission to a university.

### *How do I get started?*

Interested students should contact their high school counselor for information regarding the process for admission to the Early Start Program at Southern University at New Orleans.

Counselors review student records to determine eligibility. Eligibility requirements are set to all high schools with the Greater New Orleans Metropolitan Area.

Once a student has been deemed eligible for participation by a counselor or their designee, he or she will be provided official documents that must be signed by a parent or legal guardian indicating approval. All official documents must be submitted to high school counselors.



## REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

### General eligibility requirements:

- ◆ 15 years old and currently enrolled in the 11th or 12th grade.
- ◆ PLAN or ACT assessment scores on file.
- ◆ Permission by high school and parent/guardian to participate.
- ◆ Student in good standing at enrolled high school.
- ◆ Ability to receive dual credit for high school & college.

### College-level course eligibility:

- ◆ On track for completing LA Core 4 Curriculum.
- ◆ Minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of **2.5**
- ◆ Minimum PLAN Composite score of **20** or minimum ACT Composite score of **20** or SAT equivalent.
- ◆ Sub score of at least 18 in English.
- ◆ Sub score of at least 19 in Mathematics.

### Enrichment/Developmental course eligibility:

- ◆ On track for completing LA Core 4 Curriculum.
- ◆ Minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of **2.0**
- ◆ Minimum PLAN Composite score of **15** or minimum ACT Composite score of **15** or SAT equivalent.
- ◆ 12th grade student.