

## Early College Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### What is Early College?

The Early College Programs, (Dual Enrollment/Early Admission/ Accelerated Dual Enrollment) at State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota (SCF), allow qualified high school students to enroll in selected college courses to satisfy high school graduation requirements and the associate degree. Students interested in Early College (dual enrollment) courses should initiate the enrollment process with their high school counselor and/or home school liaison, as high school graduation requirements must be verified prior to registration. Most college costs are waived.

### What Is Dual Enrollment?

Dual Enrollment enables qualified public, private, homeschool, and PEP students to enroll in selected college credit courses offered by SCF. Credits earned count toward both a college degree and a high school diploma. Students may enroll in up to 11 credit hours per semester in Fall and Spring and up to 6 credit hours during Summer.

### What Is Early Admission?

**Early Admission** is a form of dual enrollment wherein qualified public, private, homeschool, and PEP senior students enroll at SCF on a full-time basis not to exceed 15 credit hours for Fall and Spring and up to 6 credit hours during the Summer. Students must register for a minimum of 12 credit hours.

### What are the qualifications?

#### Qualified students must meet the following criteria:

- 3.0 unweighted high school GPA (Dual Enrollment/ Early Admission), 3.3 unweighted high school GPA (Accelerated Dual Enrollment).
- Qualifying placement test scores in Reading and Writing and/or Math.
- Approval of high school counselor or home school liaison
- Parent/guardian approval
- Enrolled in a school or organization which has a formal Articulation Agreement with SCF for the Early College Program.

Students who earn *less* than a "C" in a course or withdraw or are withdrawn from a course **will not be eligible** to participate in the following dual enrollment semester.

All Early College Documentation Must be Submitted by:

- Spring Deadline - **December 1<sup>st</sup>**
- Summer/ Fall Deadline - **May 15<sup>th</sup>**

**\*\*No exceptions after the deadline**

### **Required Documentation:**

- Early College Application
- Qualifying test scores
- Early College Contract
- Online Orientation
- County Letter (homeschool only)
- PEP Verification (PEP students only)
- Registration

### **What Is Accelerated Dual Enrollment?**

The Accelerated Dual Enrollment Program (ADE) is a form of dual enrollment through which eligible public high school students in grades 11 and 12 enroll at SCF on a full-time basis. This accelerated option allows the student to concurrently complete high school and college credits by attending classes at SCF. This program provides students with the opportunity to simultaneously earn an Associate's in Arts degree. This program is available to Manatee and Sarasota County public school students only.

### **ADE required materials:**

- Completed Early College Application
- Passing scores in Reading, Writing, and Math within the last two years of application to the program. If taken at SCF, scores are not required to be submitted. Scores must be submitted at the time of application.
- Successfully completed high school English I, English II, Algebra I and passed Algebra I end-of course (EOC) or a comparative score on the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (state assessment requirement), Geometry with passed EOC and passed Grade 10 ELA state assessment or ACT/SAT with concordant score.
- Strongly encouraged to have completed high school World History and HOPE prior to beginning the program.
- SCF Online Orientation. Link can be found in the welcome email provided by SCF.
- Early College Contract on file with SCF.
- Schedule & attend mandatory first semester class planning with an SCF academic advisor. This can be done by visiting [www.scf.edu/advising/](http://www.scf.edu/advising/). Please ensure your qualifying test scores are on file with SCF before scheduling an academic advising appointment.

### **Are the Early College programs right for everyone?**

Not necessarily. The Early College programs provided an opportunity to take challenging courses and accelerate educational opportunities. Students who successfully complete Early College (dual enrollment) courses will save time toward their college degree. However, the amount of work necessary to succeed in college level courses may be much greater than in high school courses. In addition, **Early College (dual enrollment) courses become a part of a student's permanent college transcript** and will impact eligibility for financial aid and admission to other postsecondary institutions. Students should consider future plans when deciding if taking Early College (dual enrollment) courses is right for their situation.

### **Where do I get my parking decal and student ID?**

Students must bring a photo ID and student ID (G#) to obtain a parking decal and SCF student ID card. Bradenton 941-752-5550 Bldg. 14, Rm 127 - Venice 941-408-1550 Bldg. 500, Rm 504 - Lakewood Ranch 941-363-7155 Bldg. 2 MTSC, Rm 105