

Early College Programs Summary

What is Early College?

Early College programs at State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota (SCF) allow qualified students to enroll in select college courses. Credits earned count toward the associate in arts (AA) degree and high school graduation requirements. Early College students are not charged for tuition, certain fees, or the cost of required instructional materials.

What is the Difference between Early College and Dual Enrollment?

Dual Enrollment refers to a specific Early College program. At SCF, dual enrollment is the program in which students take college courses part-time. Please see below.

Early College Programs

Program Types	Eligibility Requirements
<u>Dual Enrollment (DE)</u> : up to 11 credit hours (part-time)	3.0 unweighted high school GPA College level test scores required in Math and/or Reading and English.
<u>Early Admission (EA)</u> : 12-15 credit hours (full-time); for <i>seniors only; Fall and/or Spring semester</i>	3.0 unweighted high school GPA College level test scores required in Math and/or Reading and English.
<u>Accelerated Dual Enrollment (ADE)</u> : <i>Public Schools only</i> ; 12-15 credit hours (full-time); for <i>rising juniors only; Fall start only</i>	3.3 high school GPA College level test scores required in Math, Reading, and English.

Academic Expectations

Early College Programs give students the opportunity to take challenging courses in an accelerated environment. The amount of work necessary to succeed in college level courses may be much greater than in high school courses. Professors will provide students with a syllabus that outlines the expectations for the semester. Credits earned through Early College programs become a part of a student's permanent college transcript and may impact eligibility for Admissions and Financial Aid to other postsecondary institutions.

- Students are expected to abide by the SCF student handbook and the [SCF Academic Calendar](#).
- Students must maintain a 3.0 high school unweighted GPA and an SCF term GPA of 2.0.
- DE and EA students who earn grades of D, W, or F are not eligible to take dual enrollment courses the following semester.
- Early College students (DE, EA, ADE) are not allowed a second attempt on any SCF course. Students must retake a course as a personal enrichment student and pay all tuition and associated fees.

Early College Programs Enrollment Process – *No exceptions after the deadlines (Fall - May 15th and Spring - December 1st).*

- Step 1: Early College Application
- Step 2: Online Orientation
- Step 3: Submit Qualifying Test Scores
- Step 3a: County letter/scholarship fund (PEP) verification
 - Homeschool Students: Must reside in Sarasota or Manatee County.
 - PEP Students: Must reside in Sarasota or Manatee County. Must be registered with a Scholarship Funding Organization (SFO), not their school district.
- Step 4: Submit Early College Contract
- Step 5: Register for Classes
- Step 6: Get Instructional Materials

Qualifying Test Scores

- SCF accepts the test scores listed in the table below. Test scores are valid for two consecutive years beginning from the date the test was administered.
- PERT testing may be taken only once per semester and twice per calendar year regardless of testing location.

Area	PERT	PSAT and PSAT10	Digital PSAT and PSAT10	SAT	Digital SAT	PreACT	ACT	Accuplacer (Next Gen)	CLT	CLT10 (Grades 9 and 10)
Reading	106	24	490	24	490	22	19	256	Sum of 38	Sum of 37
Writing	103	25	490	25	490	18	17	253		
Math	114	24	480	24	480	22	19	261	16	16

AP/CLEP/IB/AICE scores

- Students must submit official scores/transcripts to Transcripts@sf.edu.
- Scores must be in the system for students to register for certain courses.
- Scores must be sent through the testing organization.
- Scores are not used as qualifiers for entrance into Early College Programs.
- Please allow 2-4 weeks for processing.

Dual Enrollment Courses Taken at Other Institutions

- Students must submit an official transcript from the other institution.
- Dual enrollment course credit will not be accepted from a high school transcript.
- Course credit must be in the system for students to register for certain courses.
- Please allow 2-4 weeks for processing.

Important Information about Course Registration

- Students may register for in-person, online, or GoLive courses on any campus (Bradenton, Venice, Lakewood Ranch).
- Students should only register for full-term (16-week) courses.
- Students should only register for a summer course if their schedule allows time to successfully complete the course. Summer courses are condensed and require a huge time commitment.
- EA and ADE students MUST have 12 credits minimum and 15 credits maximum.
- Students are responsible for their own registration each semester via MYSCF and for knowing when courses start and end.
- **Students are responsible for dropping courses they don't plan to attend prior to the deadlines posted in the [Academic Calendar](#).**
- Students should be familiar with the [SCF Academic Calendar](#) and must abide by all dates and deadlines.
- Students must provide a detailed schedule to their high school counselor and notify them of any schedule changes.
- Students must provide an official SCF transcript to their high school each semester.

Parking Decal & Student ID

The Office of Public Safety will issue a free parking decal and student ID to every student. Students must bring a government issued photo ID to obtain an SCF ID. Students should be prepared to provide their G00#.

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| • SCF Bradenton Campus | 941-752-5500 | Student Union, Building 14, Room 127 |
| • SCF Venice Campus | 941-408-1550 | Student Union, Building 500, Rm 501 |
| • SCF Lakewood Ranch Campus | 941-363-7155 | Building 2 (MTSC), Rm 105 |

Contact Information

Many questions can be answered by visiting the Early College webpage www.scf.edu/earlycollege. The Office of Early College can be reached via email at earlycollege@scf.edu or by phone at 941-752-5422.

***Students must meet all eligibility requirements to participate in SCF Early College programs. SCF deadlines are final and will not be changed.**

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