

EOP Virtual Freshman Summer Academy 2021

Frequently Asked Questions

Am I required to participate?

Yes. If students have been accepted to Buffalo State College as a student enrolled in the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), you will need to participate in the EOP Virtual Freshman Summer Academy

How long is the Academy?

The EOP Virtual Summer Academy is a three-week online program runs from **Friday, July 9th through Friday, August 6th, 2021**. All students must participate the entire four-week Academy.

What does the EOP Summer Academy cover?

The Virtual EOP Summer Academy is **FREE** and will provide each student with a \$300 Summer EOP Allowance Stipend that can be accessed quickly through Direct Deposit. The Direct Deposit Form provided by the college can be accessed [HERE](#)

Students will earn up to 5 credit hours for summer courses. In addition, EOP will provide **FREE** tutoring and personal and professional development workshops. Please note the program **DOES NOT** cover any of the expenses listed above for the Fall semester.

Is this an academic program only?

No. This includes an EOP Orientation, workshops, weekly meetings with counselors and Peer Engagement Mentors, and networking opportunities planned as part of the summer schedule. A summer academy with outlined activities will provided the week prior.

Is there anyone to help guide me?

YES. In addition to our professional staff, we hire and train upper-class student leaders as Peer Engagement Mentors who serve as guides and Mentors to assist students with making the transition from high school to college. Many of them completed the summer academy and are leaders and role models on campus. These student leaders attend a one-week training program and help guide incoming freshmen as they begin their college career.

What is my Banner ID?

Students have received their Banner ID number with their college acceptance letter. Students will use their Banner ID to look up their financial aid package, student class schedule, etc. More information can be found at <https://rite.buffalostate.edu/new-student-setup.html>

Can I work during the EOP Summer Academy?

Being part of the Academy is a full-time commitment! We encourage students refrain from working, as the daily schedule is packed with schoolwork, activities, workshops. We know this is a significant sacrifice for many of our students. However, we hope to ease the potential burden by providing a small stipend and providing the Academy **FREE** for all participants.