

SEOP



UNIVERSITY ACCESS PROGRAMS (UAP) SOUTHERN EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (SEOP)

SEOP was created in 1972, with the belief that students' success is determined by their motivation regardless of personal circumstances, they can graduate with the assistance of a caring, supportive community of educators.

SEOP was the first program of its kind in the state of Connecticut and served as a model for similar initiatives at other universities. Thousands of students who participated in SEOP in the last five decades have successfully graduated from Southern and have been positive contributors to their local, state, national and international communities. SEOP is a signature program within Southern's University Access Programs (UAP) office.

SEOP offers two components, Summer Academy and Academic-Year Initiates, to help students:

- Make a successful transition to Southern.
- Develop a solid foundation for continuous success during their first year.
- Attain continuous academic and personal success through graduation.
- Complete their degree prepared for career advancement and/or graduate study.



Students who enter the university through SEOP participate in a five-week, residential Summer Academy prior to their first semester at Southern. The Summer Academy serves as a foundation for students' success at Southern.

Students who experience the SEOP Summer Academy receive success coaching and mentoring from a UAP Advocate, earn six college credits, connect with peer academic support and mentoring, and participate in enrichment opportunities. Such as career exploration, growth mindset, wellness, financial literacy, and leadership development opportunities that prepare them for their academic journey at Southern and in their communities.



For more information on the SEOP Program,
please visit www.SouthernCT.edu/uap
contact UAP at (203) 392-6814.



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Students who take advantage of this opportunity will acquire a major educational advantage because they:

- Embark on their college careers confidently, having experience adjusting to rigorous college coursework.
- Earn six college credits that will save educational costs and can accelerate the completion of their degree.
- Develop relationships with faculty, staff and students who support their success and sense of belonging in their first year.
- Cultivate critical thinking, complex reasoning and writing skills, which prepare them to excel in future courses.
- Become familiar using resources and support networks at the university.
- Join a community of scholars who will enhance their educational experience at Southern.



SCSU President Joe with students

ADMISSION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Priority is given to applicants from historically underrepresented backgrounds. Undocumented students please complete the AACTUS rather than the FAFSA.

To be eligible for the Southern Educational Opportunity Program (SEOP), an applicant must:

- Be a high school graduate or have a state-approved equivalency diploma or its equivalent.
- Not meet the general admissions criteria for the university.
- Complete the Common Application and select Southern Connecticut State University.
- Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) **Federal School Code 001406** and qualify as low-income according to the federal guidelines.

The SEOP Selection Process consists of the following steps:

- **SUBMIT** the Common Application and select Southern Connecticut State for an Admission's review of academic eligibility.
- **COMPLETE a FAFSA** application to be reviewed by Financial Aid for income eligibility.
- **RECEIVE** a letter from Admissions referring you for SEOP.
- **ATTEND** an informational SEOP Preview Day to learn more about this opportunity.
- **SCHEDULE** an interview with a UAP staff member.

If selected to participate in the SEOP Summer Academy, students are notified of their acceptance along with program details.

For more information on the admissions and selection process for SEOP, visit SouthernCT.edu/admissions or contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at admissions@SouthernCT.edu or (203) 392-5644.



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