HEOP FACT SHEET

HEOP is a community. There are people dedicated to helping you reach your goals and pushing you outside of your comfort zone. Perseverance and passion describe the HEOP family. – Shaniece Frank, Alumna, Lang ’15

The Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) reaches out to students in two unique undergraduate programs of study at The New School: Parsons School of Design for those interested in the study of art and design, and Eugene Lang College for those pursuing liberal arts study.

Parsons School of Design is a pioneer in its field. Parsons unique approach explores relationships between design, society, culture and technology. In addition, it provides students with a rigorous professional education. Classes are taught by faculty members who are established artists and designers and representative of the cultural diversity of New York City. HEOP students are enrolled in programs granting a professional Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. Majors include: Architectural Design, Communication Design, Fashion Design, Fine Arts, Illustration, Interior Design, Photography, Product Design, and Design and Technology.

Eugene Lang College is a small interdisciplinary liberal arts college which focuses primarily on the humanities and social sciences. Lang welcomes students who are driven to ask questions, to make their own choices and to assume personal responsibility for their education. Students discuss issues in small seminar classes of about 15 students. Writing and in-class discussion are the primary mediums of discourse and individual programs are enriched by internships and study abroad opportunities. Traditional disciplines such as Psychology, English, Sociology, Economics, Science and Creative Writing are embedded in Lang’s interdisciplinary concentrations: Literary Studies, Interdisciplinary Science, Culture and Media, Environmental Studies and Urban Studies. HEOP provides academic support and financial assistance to students who do not meet traditional admissions criteria, but shows promise for mastering college-level work. Students who are accepted to Parsons or Lang through HEOP are provided the following services to help students attain individual success:

PRE-FRESHMAN SUMMER: All students admitted to the program participate in an intense six week summer program as preparation for the academic and/or fine arts challenges they will encounter during the freshman year. Studio and liberal arts courses, counseling and workshops help students begin to prepare for and anticipate these demands. Upperclassmen serve as mentors to the incoming class and help to structure students’ summer experience. Various enrichment activities take place throughout the summer to add balance to the academic load.

TUTORING: Tutoring is a proven aid to academic success and is available to all students. Sessions take place in group and individual formats and are available from the college, academic departments, or directly through the HEOP office. Freshmen and other students experiencing academic difficulty are required to attend regular tutoring sessions.

COUNSELING: All students receive personalized, one-on-one academic and career counseling. Counseling session’s help students explore avenues for growth within the University, identify individual strength and ensure a healthy adjustment to college-level work. Students also receive ongoing support and guidance in making decisions about their major, internship opportunities, financial aid, post-graduate study or work, or other topics. In addition, group workshops are held monthly to develop study skills and share strategies for academic achievement.

FINANCIAL AID: Students are provided with full need financial aid packages designed to meet the cost of education through a combination of grants, loans and work study. In addition, students receive a stipend for books, supplies, commuting costs and other school related expenses. (over)
ELIGIBILITY:
In order to be eligible for admission to the HEOP program at The New School, you must meet all of these requirements:

- Show proof of residency in New York state as determined by the Higher Education Services Corporation and have had no previous college experience (unless transferring from a similar opportunity program such as EOP, SEEK, or CD-College Discovery).
- Be educationally disadvantaged; an educationally disadvantaged student is one who would not normally be accepted under the university’s admission standards for matriculated status in a degree program of study.
- Be economically disadvantaged; economic eligibility guidelines for family income are established by the New York State Education Department, and are listed below.
- Possess a high school diploma or GED.

Transfers: You are an eligible transfer student if you have been enrolled in a similar opportunity program: EOP, SEEK or CD.

INCOME GUIDELINES FOR 2018-2019:

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*Add $7,733 for each additional family member in excess of 7

References to the economic guidelines need not be made if one of the following is true for the student:
- You or your family is the recipient of payments through a NYS County Department of Social Services.
- You are living with foster parents who do not provide support for college and no monies are provided from natural parents.
- You are a ward of the state or county.

HOW TO APPLY:
(First-time college matriculates are invited for the Fall semester only.)
1. Submit an admissions application with Parsons School of Design or Eugene Lang College. Follow the instructions carefully. Indicate on the application that you would like to be considered for HEOP.
2. Complete the HEOP supplemental admissions application and essay. In addition to your application, please submit:
   - Unofficial high school transcript
   - Proof of income (i.e. signed copies of 1040 tax forms; SSI; public assistance)
3. Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon after January 1st. The deadline for filing is March 1st. Ask that your information be forwarded to the college to which you are applying. The New School Title IV code: 002780

Once all documents are submitted, please call our office to arrange an interview. For further information, contact HEOP at The New School (212) 229-8996 or via e-mail at heop@newschool.edu.