You are Here: Welcome to the New York City area

Located in the New York metropolitan area, the American Success and American Honors programs at Union County College provide students with a range of opportunities given its close proximity to New York and safe, collegiate, suburban setting.

Union County College is an accredited, co-educational, two-year college located in Union County, New Jersey. As the first and oldest of New Jersey’s 2-year colleges, Union County College has been serving both career-minded and transfer-oriented students since 1933. The College is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and offers more than 60 programs with degrees in Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, and Associate in Applied Science.

**Mission:** Union County College—Transforming Our Community One Student at a Time

**Vision:** Union County College, with its focus on student success, will be recognized as a national leader within the higher education community in providing quality education.

**Values:** Student Success, Excellence, Student Engagement, Collaboration, Integrity, Stewardship, Community Engagement, Diversity, and Globalization
Things to Do: Attractions, Arts & Entertainment

New Jersey is the ‘Garden State’ and throughout the year you can visit farms and farmers markets to pick fresh fruits and vegetables.

Beaches: Visit the ‘Jersey Shore’! The closest beach on the Atlantic Ocean is less than 45 minutes from campus.

New York City: Enjoy Broadway shows, museums, Central Park, shopping, or just walking around—less than a one-hour train ride.

Philadelphia: Explore the ‘City of Brotherly Love,’ eat an original Philly Cheesesteak, and have fun at Six Flags Great Adventure.

Getting Here

Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) located only 20km from campus, offers nonstop flights to destinations around the world, including many areas of Europe, Asia, Central and South America.

Average Temperatures

Hottest—June to August
Day 37° C; Night 26° C

Coldest—December to March
Day 4° C; Night -6° C
What to Study: Majors and Academic Programs

Choose a direction for a successful future with the variety of academic programs available. Complete an associate degree, prepare for transfer to a university, or boost your current skills.

Popular majors include:

- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Communications
- Education
- Engineering
- Engineering/Sustainability Science
- Fine Arts
- Liberal Arts
- Math
- Mathematics/Cyber Security
- Psychology
- Sociology

FACULTY STATS

- Full-time Faculty: 27%
- Full-time Staff: 73%
- Student Faculty Ratio: 26:1

American Honors courses are taught by full-time faculty only.
Meet the Team

Regional Director—Alyson Krawchuk

Alyson Krawchuk is the Regional Program Director for American Honors and American Success programs, overseeing schools and staff in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Texas, where her main focus is empowering her teams to put students first every day to ensure their big dreams become reality. She holds degrees from Western Kentucky University and Penn State University.

Assistant Director to the Program—Nick Geremia

Nick’s academic journey started by attending a local community college as a non-traditional business student. However, his experiences in community college caused him to re-assess his original path, and with nearly 600 business credits attained, he changed his major to History & Education just one semester prior to transferring to Rutgers.

While at Rutgers, Nick focused his historical studies on the history of the American frontier, while his pedagogical studies focused on diversity in the classroom: how race, gender, orientation and other variables affect the design and implementation of curricula in the classroom. In addition to these studies, Nick was also a copy editor for the Rutgers University World Affairs Review (RUWAR), and a full-time member of the Rutgers United Musicians Guild.

Nick’s experiences at both a two-year and four-year school have provided him with the insight to help American Success and American Honors’ students push themselves toward higher goals and greater achievements in their own academic pursuits!

Advisor—Courteney Palis

Courteney is a native of New Jersey and has always been interested in working with students of all ages. As an undergraduate at New York University, she studied journalism, environmental studies, and creative writing while working as a team leader for Jumpstart, an AmeriCorps program promoting language, literacy, and social-emotional skills in preschool-aged children. Since then she has written for a number of print and online publications, received an MFA in fiction from Sarah Lawrence College, taught writing at SUNY Purchase College, and worked for CityScience, a nonprofit in Brooklyn promoting STEM education. She uses her experience from these various fields with her students to encourage them to explore and find new, exciting paths to their big dreams.
Campus Facilities

There are eight major buildings on the Cranford Campus:
1. Kenneth Campbell MacKay Library that includes the Academic Learning Center, Center for Fine Arts, and Communications.
2. Humanities Building
3. Science Building
4. Nomahegan Building
5. The Campus Center with the Roy W. Smith Theater, dining, gymnasium, Fitness Center, Executive Education (teleconferencing) Center, other facilities for student activities, and bookstore.
6. James R. MacDonald Hall, which contains administrative offices
7. The William Miller Sperry Observatory, which houses 24-inch reflector and 10-inch refractor telescopes, a lecture room, optical shop, computer center, and an astronomy library.
8. Student Development that includes financial aid, international office, registration, advising, and bursar.

What to Wear

Depending on the weather, the dress is casual. New Jersey has all types of weather: rain, sunshine, and snow, so pack an umbrella, boots, a coat and gloves! Some professors will ask students to dress professionally for presentations and special ceremonies.

Miguel
TRANSFERRED TO American University

“In the American Honors program I received the experience and preparation to transfer to American University to pursue my dream of being a senator.”

American Honors alumni
Safety & Security
Union County College is a friendly and safe campus. Campus Security is always visible and supportive. It is important to them to get to know the students so that if there is a problem or a concern, their office is the first place a student will go. Cranford, NJ and the surrounding towns in Union County are small communities where everyone looks out for each other. It is always important to lock your doors and your car at all times and lock away your belongings (backpack, computer, phone). Be aware of your surroundings, and if traveling to NYC, it is best to go with a friend.

Getting Around: Transportation Services
It’s easy to get around town and visit nearby areas. Catch the bus or a train to take in the scenery and get to know your surroundings.

NJ Transit rail: Train system that goes between towns, to Newark airport and New York City
NJ Transit bus: Bus #59 is direct route to campus
Amtrak Station: Newark Penn Station
1 Raymond Plaza W & Market Street, Newark, NJ 07102
Join the Club: Clubs & Organizations

There are many clubs and organizations at Union County College to meet the needs and interests of students. Over 40 student run clubs include:

**Academic Clubs**
- Biology Club
- Business Associates
- Criminal Justice Club
- Education Club
- History Club
- Math Club

**Athletic Clubs**
- Mixed Martial Arts Club
- Tennis Club
- Volleyball Club

**Diversity/Multicultural Clubs**
- Black Heritage Organization
- For Women About Women
- Gay Straight Alliance
- International Student Organization
- Japanese Culture Club
- Model United Nations
- Muslim Student Association

**Student Publications & Media**
- Foreign Student Voice
- Sheaf Magazine
- The Scroll
- UCC Owl Radio

**Special Interest Clubs**
- Art Society
- Architecture Club
- Debate Club
- Fashion Club
- Film Club
- Gaming and Animation Club
- Music Club
- Photography Club
- Soldiers of Poverty
- Union Gamers United
- The Glee Club

Go Play: Athletics

Union County College offers a variety of intercollegiate sports for both men and women.

**Sports include:**
- Men’s & Women’s Basketball
- Men’s & Women’s Soccer
- Co-ed Golf
- Track & Field: Cross-Country
- Baseball
- Softball
- Volleyball
- Cheerleading
- Women’s Bowling
- Men’s Lacrosse
International Student Housing and Accommodations

Housing Options
There are two options available close to Union County College.

Apartments
One or two bedroom furnished apartments include everything you need and are close to campus.

The Crossings At Union Township
• Single or Double occupancy, furnished or unfurnished
• Washer/Dryer in unit
• On-site 24-hour maintenance
• Furnished apartments include linens, TV, dishes, vacuum cleaner, and more.
• Cable included
• Bus stop is .8 mi walk (time to campus is 36 minutes)

Homestay
Live with an American family and enjoy a fully-furnished private or shared room with up to two meals a day and bus transportation to campus. Homestays are generally located within 45 minutes of campus and convenient to public transportation.

Housing Costs ($USD) per month

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*Note: Rent is collected in two week increments and varies based on private vs. shared rooms and meal plan. Homestay application fee: $300.

Lisa
TRANSFERRED TO
University of Maryland– College Park
“My dreams still scare me, but with American Honors I’ve realized that the dreams that scare you are the ones that you should pursue.”
American Honors alumni
Programs at Union County College

American Success

American Success is for international students who want extra advising support and resources to succeed in a US classroom and become competitive transfer applicants to four-year US universities.

At Union County College in the American Success program you’ll get: academic success and robust support, leadership & professional development, an engaged community, and transfer support.

American Honors

The American Honors program is for international students with strong academic and English skills who want a supportive, challenging education experience similar to a traditional university. Start at Union County College in the American Honors program and then transfer to a top US university for their junior and senior years.

At Union County College in the American Honors program, students benefit from: Honors-level academics, access to a transfer network of US universities, Honors advisor, leadership & professional development seminars, and an Honors community integrated with domestic and international students.

Programs Offered & Entry Guidelines

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Students must be 17 years old at time of enrollment and hold a high school diploma in order to apply for American Success or American Honors.

*Students applying for American Honors programs are strongly advised to provide an English language exam result aligning with the above floor scores when submitting their application.
Nuno
TRANSFERRED TO
John Jay College of Criminal Justice

“The transfer seminar taught by my Honors advisor helped me research and focus in on my choice. It especially helped me research scholarships that were available.”

American Honors alumni

Tuition, Fees & Estimated Expenses ($USD)

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The prices and fees above are subject to change. Your Admissions Officer will communicate those changes to you as they become available. Please see page 72 for tuition payment policies and instructions.

*College tuition and fees estimate based on 12 credits per term.

Intake Periods & Deadlines

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