

# Winter Intersession FAQs

## What is Winter Intersession?

A part of the Spring Semester, Winter Intersession is a condensed course schedule of 3 credits, primarily general education classes. A Winter Intersession course will allow you to satisfy requirements for your degree and will help you spring forward to graduation. Students are encouraged to register for one (1) but are advised to register for no more than two (2) 3.0 credit courses during Winter Intersession. **There are 10 session of classes which are condensed and taught in 4 hour class blocks.**

## What courses are offered and when will classes be held?

Essex County College is offering a number of general education courses that meet many degree requirements. View a complete list of available courses at [www.essex.edu](http://www.essex.edu). **Classes meet for 10 sessions: (December 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 & January 2, 3, 4) in the Main building, 2nd Floor.**

## Who might benefit from taking a Winter Intersession course?

There are many students who can benefit from taking a short-term condensed class. Students who are looking to spring forward to graduating on time and need to take a general education class. Students who received a non-passing grade in an offered general education course can re-take a course; since they are already familiar with the course content, they will hopefully succeed in the condensed timeframe. Students who are looking to quickly earn credits in a required general education course, or who are looking to “lighten their Spring 2017 academic course load,” may benefit from taking a Winter Intersession course.

## I’ve never taken a Winter Intersession course, what can I expect?

Winter Intersession classes are being offered weekdays from **December 22, 2016 – January 4, 2017**, in ten (10) class sessions of 4-hour time blocks for each session. The classes are offered in the morning, afternoon or evening. **It is important that students attend ALL classes.** Because of the condensed schedule, missing one class is equivalent to missing almost two weeks of a regular fall/spring semester class. To support your success in the class, a computer lab will be open in the Main building every day classes are in session.

## Who can register for Intersession classes? What about course “prerequisites”?

Continuing students in good academic standing who have met the pre-requisite requirements can register for Intersession courses.

Visiting / Non-matriculated students who have met the pre-requisite requirements can also register, however, they must first fill out an admission application in Enrollment Services and provide transcripts to show pre-requisites are met.

**Course pre-requisite requirements** can be found in the online College Catalog, [www.essex.edu/onlinecatalog](http://www.essex.edu/onlinecatalog)

## Is there a maximum amount of credits I can take during Winter Intersession?

Students are encouraged to register for one (1) but are advised to register for no more than two (2) 3.0 credit courses during Winter Intersession.

## Will an Intersession class count toward my degree?

**Yes**, as long as it fulfills the requirements for your degree or certificate program, it will count toward your degree or certificate. Students who complete their degree or certificate requirement during the Winter Intersession will have a December graduation date. If you are not sure, ask your advisor.

## What are the application deadline dates?

Apply online at [webservices.essex.edu](http://webservices.essex.edu) or in-person at the Enrollment Services Department.

Degree Seeking Students:

- Apply online by December 8, 2016
- Apply in-person by 3:30pm, December 9, 2016

Visiting / Non-Matriculating / Readmit Students:

- Apply online by December 12, 2016
- Apply in-person by 3:30pm, December 20, 2016

## When and where can I register?

- Login to [webservices.essex.edu](http://webservices.essex.edu) to register online, **November 14, 2016 – December 20, 2016**. When you register online, your tuition bill and class schedule is posted in Web Services.
- Register In-person at the Enrollment Services Department, **November 14, 2016 – December 20, 2016 (9 am – 4 pm)**. If you register in-person, you will be given a printed tuition bill and class schedule.

Students who have **hold/restriction** on their records must contact the office that placed the hold on their record and reconcile the situation with that office before enrolling.

## How much will the courses cost?

Students will be billed tuition by credit in accordance with the college tuition and fee schedule. Additional information about tuition and fees is available online at <http://www.essex.edu/bursar/tuition/>

| Enroll in: | In-County  |            | Out-of-County |            |
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| 3 credits  | 3 x 159.50 | = \$478.50 | 3 x 279.00    | = \$837.00 |

## Once I register, when do I have to pay for the Winter Intersession courses?

If you register for Winter Intersession ONLY, **full payment is due by December 20, 2016**.

If you register for Winter Intersession AND Spring I 2017 classes by December 20, 2016, you can combine both terms and choose the Payment Plan option which requires a minimum payment of 1/4 of the total bill and a \$50 plan enrollment fee. Payments can be made online through Web Services or at the Bursar's Office.

## If I register and decide not to attend courses for Winter Intersession, what should I do?

If you decide not to attend Winter Session after registering, you must officially **drop the class by December 23, 2016**, in order to receive a full refund. No refund will be issued after this date.

If you stopped attending without officially dropping the class, your instructor will report you as a 'No-show' and you will be responsible for the tuition and fees. **Not attending classes does not constitute a class drop.**

## Can I audit a course during Winter Session?

Students who are interested in taking a course for audit should inform the class instructor or program coordinator by **December 26, 2016**.

## Can a student receive financial aid for Winter Intersession?

**Yes**, however, a student must be registered for both the Winter Intersession AND the Spring I 2017 Semester in order to qualify for financial aid for the Winter Intersession.

If you are awarded aid for the Spring I 2017 your financial aid award will be used to cover your Winter Intersession course(s). A student's combined enrollment (for Winter Intersession AND Spring I 2017) **must be** enrolled **half-time (at least 6 credits)** and the student must be meeting all of the general requirements for federal and state aid eligibility.

## What can I do if I don't have financial aid available for Winter Intersession?

Students must complete and file a FAFSA at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov) to be considered for aid. If you have not filed your FAFSA, you must do so immediately, but, be prepared to pay your own tuition and fees. Remember, you must be registered for both the Winter Intersession AND the Spring I 2017 Semester in order to qualify for financial aid for the Winter Intersession. Three to five (3-5) days after you file your FAFSA, you must go to [myecc.essex.edu](http://myecc.essex.edu) to check to see if your file is complete. If you have been required to submit documents to the Office of Financial Aid, you must submit all missing information immediately. You must allow 6-8 weeks processing time for the office to determine your eligibility status.

## Will I be eligible for a Book Voucher?

Yes, if you are registered for both Winter Intersession AND Spring I 2017 classes. Book vouchers will be available online to students who have been awarded aid and have funds remaining after all tuition and fee charges are paid in full.

Book Vouchers will be available at [myecc.essex.edu](http://myecc.essex.edu) beginning **December 19, 2016**.

Login to [myecc.essex.edu](http://myecc.essex.edu) and click on the Book Voucher tab to the right of the screen to retrieve your voucher. Remember, you will only have a book voucher if you have funds remaining from your award(s) after all charges are paid in full for the Winter Session AND Spring I 2017 Semester.

## Will the bookstore be open? When can I get my books for winter classes?

In addition to the regular hours, the **College Bookstore will be open until 6:30pm on December 22, 2016**.

## **When is the last day to withdraw from a Winter Intersession course?**

The Last Day to Withdraw from a Winter Intersession course to receive a 'W' grade is **December 29, 2016**.

## **When will my grade be posted?**

Grades can be accessed through Web Services starting **January 10, 2017**.

## **What student services will be in operation during Intersession?**

The **College is officially closed from December 23, 2016 through January 2, 2017**, which means that academic support staff departments will not be open during this time. To assist and support the Winter Intersession students, there will be a Coordinator and support staff members available in the Center for Health Science (CHS) building, Main Office (973)877-1868 9:00am – 7:00pm and the Computer Labs (Room 2117A & B) will be open from 9:00am – 9:30pm, each day of the Winter Intersession.