LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

COLLEGE: NEW COLLEGE
SCHOOL: NONE
DEGREE: BACHELOR OF ARTS
OPTION/TRACK: NONE

LIMITED ACCESS PROGRAM: YES - THIS PROGRAM HAS ADDITIONAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AS STATED BELOW.

CAMPUS(ES) WHERE OFFERED/CONTACT: THIS PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE AT NEW COLLEGE OF USF IN SARASOTA ONLY.
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PROGRAM OF STUDY AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Almost one-third of all New College students began their undergraduate careers at other colleges, many at Florida community colleges. New College provides an exciting opportunity for students seeking to continue their undergraduate education in a challenging individualized program in the liberal arts and sciences.

Transfer Credits: Liberal arts and sciences courses are evaluated individually to determine transfer credit. Generally courses with grades of "C" or above that are judged comparable in level and content with New College courses will transfer. Students may receive up to three contracts and one ISP in transfer credit. A statement of transfer credit policy is available from the New College Office of Admissions.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS TO THE UNIVERSITY PROGRAM OF STUDY

INTRODUCTION: WHAT NEW COLLEGE IS ALL ABOUT

As the honors college of the State University System of Florida, New College provides academically motivated students with extensive opportunities for accelerated intellectual growth.

With an 11:1 student to faculty ratio, a small and select student body has greater access to an excellent faculty than typically available in a state university. This environment provides students with individual attention to nurture intellectual development.

Since its affiliation with the University of South Florida in 1975, New College has been able to offer students the best of both worlds: the quality of a small private liberal arts education at the cost of a state university.

TRANSFER INFORMATION

Application Process:
- New College USF Application and fee
- SAT or ACT scores (officially reported)
- High School Transcript(s)
- College Transcript(s)
- Teacher recommendation (from recent academic course)
- Counselor recommendation (from an academic dean or advisor) - an additional academic Teacher Recommendation may be substituted.
- A graded paper from a recent course, preferably English or History
- Statement of reasons for transfer from previous college or university

Admission Decisions:
Success in the New College program requires academic ability and preparation, self-discipline, and motivation. Since the average profile of an admitted student is quite strong, it is recommended that the most rigorous possible course of study be followed. The prospective student should take every opportunity to demonstrate strength through academic records, standardized test scores, recommendations, writing samples, and the interview. No grade point or test score cutoffs are used in making admission decisions. The associate's degree is not a requirement or guarantee for admission. The Admissions Committee evaluates all aspects of the application to assess whether the student is suited to the special nature of New College.

Admission decisions are made on a rolling basis. Fall applications are accepted no later than May 1, with review beginning January 1. Spring applications are accepted no later than December 1, with review beginning in late November. The Office of Admissions reserves the right to close the class earlier than the dates specified if enrollment goals have already been met.

PROGRAM OF STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE B.A. DEGREE

a) Seven Contracts: An academic contract is a semester-long program of study which may include classes, tutorials, and other educational activities.
b) Three Independent Study Projects (ISP): Each ISP is an intensive project carried out during the 4-week January Interterm.
c) Senior Thesis: The final major project in the student's area of concentration.
d) Oral Baccalaureate Examination: An oral defense of the senior thesis before a faculty committee.

Transfer students must complete at least two years in residence at New College in order to be eligible for a New College degree. This would necessarily include: four contracts, two independent study projects, a senior thesis, an oral baccalaureate examination.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR: 4-1-4 Year

Two four-month semesters (fall and spring)
One four-week Interterm (January)
There is no summer session.
THE ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

In order to allow room for individual interests and talents, the New College curriculum is more flexible than that of most colleges. Students are encouraged to combine areas of study to suit their particular goals. They may select from a wide array of courses offered each semester, and arrange individual or group "tutorials" that stem from particular academic interests. The following is a list of areas of study offered by the College's three academic divisions, as well as some interdisciplinary and interdivisional programs.

HUMANITIES--Art History; Classics; Fine Arts; Language - French, German, Russian, Spanish, Latin, Greek; Literature; Music; Philosophy; Religion

NATURAL SCIENCES--Biology; Chemistry; Mathematics; Physics

SOCIAL SCIENCES--Anthropology; Economics; History; Political Science; Psychology; Sociology

INTERDISCIPLINARY AND/OR INTERDIVISIONAL PROGRAMS--Environmental Studies; Gender Studies; Medieval and Renaissance Studies; Public Policy; Urban Studies.

CAMPUS LIFE

New College is a co-educational, residential college. It attracts a diverse student body from across the United States, as well as several foreign countries. Its location on a 140-acre bayfront campus in Sarasota puts students in close range of cultural and recreational activities. Facilities include a $6 million library, a Conference Center/Auditorium, an indoor fitness center, and a fine arts complex.

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

New College is able to offer students a top quality education at very low cost because the institution receives support from both the public and private sectors.

Federal and state need-based financial assistance programs are available to New College students. In addition, about 60 percent of the incoming students receive achievement-based scholarships.

REFERENCES

*Changing Times* lists New College as one of the "Better-Known Gems" in higher education, noting "New College . . . is one of the most challenging schools in the country . . . "

Thomas Sowell, in his book, *Choosing a College*, states, " . . . the academic success of New College students--a higher percentage go on to Ph.D.'s than do students at Yale or Stanford--suggests that some very serious and responsible thought goes into their individual programs . . . ."

*The Insider's Guide to the Colleges* 1990 Edition reports that "(students) seeking a decidedly intimate, intense learning atmosphere that calls for a great sense of personal initiative and responsibility . . . will find New College tough to beat."

Richard Moll in his acclaimed book, *The Public Ivys*, recognizes that being the recipient " . . . of one award after another underscores the fact that New College is indeed an elite 'private' college at a low public price."

*USA Today* ranked New College 28th in its list of the 52 choosiest colleges.

*Money* magazine's *Money Guide to Best Colleges Buys* (1996 Edition) ranked New College the #1 Best Buy in the nation for the third year in a row. The editors evaluated more than 1,000 "colleges."

In "Best buys in top colleges,“ *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine* (October 1991) selects New College as one of 19 colleges offering "Better quality at a better price."