

Frequently asked questions * Science Success Fast Track

What is an STS seminar?

It is a one credit seminar that will provide an overview of careers in the sciences, opportunities to meet distinguished faculty and smooth the transition into Rutgers. This course is mandatory for all SAS transfer students. However, you will be enrolled in a special section of the class that will focus on the needs of science and math majors.

Who are the professors teaching the STS seminars?

The seminars will be taught by Dr. Kathleen Scott, Assistant Vice President for Instructional Support and Professor of Cell Biology and Neuroscience or Dr. Michael Beals, School of Arts and Sciences Vice Dean for Undergraduate Education

Michael Beals received his BA and MS in Mathematics from the University of Chicago, and his PhD from Princeton University. He joined the Rutgers faculty in 1981 as an Assistant Professor, and was promoted through the ranks, becoming Professor II of Mathematics in 1996. He has also won the highest teaching awards of both the School of Arts and Sciences and of the University.

Dr. Kathleen Scott earned her bachelor's degree in Human Biology at Brown University and her doctorate in biology at Yale University. She has served on the Rutgers faculty since 1978. She is the Director of the Math and Science Learning Center and Rutgers Science Explorer, and Principle Investigator of two NSF-funded programs, the Graduate Teaching Fellows Program, "Building a Learning Community in Mathematics and Science through Educational Partnerships" and "RU STEPed Up for Success," a program to recruit and retain students in the sciences and mathematics.

I already applied for on campus housing so can I still apply to the Science Success Fast Track Living-Learning Community in Winkler Hall on Busch Campus?

Yes. We will notify housing of your enrollment in residential learning community and your housing assignment will be adjusted.

If I am a student living on Douglass, Cook or Livingston can I still apply to the Science Success Fast Track Non-Residential Program?

Yes! You can live in any residential hall and still participate in the non-residential program.

Are there any special requirements for this program?

To be eligible for Science Success Fast Track, you must be planning to pursue a major in the Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, Engineering, Food Science, Applied Sciences, Mathematics or Computer Science.

Why should I join the Science success fast track?

- Meet other transfer students!
- Enrichment activities with faculty, alumni, and upper class students who will share information about scientific innovation and career options!
- Take a one-credit Students in Transition Seminar to ease into Rutgers!

Is there a fee for joining this learning community?

There is no fee for joining this learning community! You will get all the added benefits of the Science Success fast track at no extra cost!

Are there extra course requirements for this learning community?

No. The only requirement is the STS seminar, which all transfer students are required to take.

Are there extra programs I would be required to attend?

There will be a special orientation in the fall one day prior to regular new student orientation that you will have to attend.

What is the time commitment?

With the exception of the special orientation in the fall, there is no extra time commitment for the program.

How does joining this program impact my transfer experience?

Pursuing a degree in the sciences is hard enough without the added struggles of transferring to a new university. This program is specifically targeted to students who wish to pursue science and math degrees by exposing them to resources at Rutgers University. You will meet people of the same interests and have access to additional resources for science majors. This program will undoubtedly enhance your transfer experience at Rutgers!

When will I know if I have been accepted into the Science Success Fast track program?

Your application will be reviewed and confirmation of placement into the program will be by July 15, 2009. E-mail rulc@echo.rutgers.edu with questions.

For additional information about the Science Success Fast Track program please visit:
<http://rulc.rutgers.edu/science.shtml>

