Camino Program

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Program Details

The Camino Program at Manhattan College is a two-year associate degree program in general studies designed to provide academic support and resources to native Spanish-speaking students. Students in this program reinforce their English skills while acquiring a degree. Students benefit from tutoring, study groups, and academic counseling to help them succeed at Manhattan College.

Camino students follow a 15-week semester. See the undergraduate calendar. (http://catalog.manhattan.edu/undergraduate/undergraduateacademiccalendardayandevening/)

Upon successfully graduating with an associate degree, students have the opportunity to transfer into a bachelor's degree program at Manhattan College.

Financial Aid

Camino students receive assistance in applying for federal and state aid to study in the Camino Program. In most cases, students who are eligible for full aid will study in the program tuition-free.

Students not eligible for full federal and state aid may need to apply for a loan and establish a payment plan with the College to meet tuition and fee costs.

Program Goals

- Develop English language proficiency in both written and oral communication
- Gain the ability to work effectively with groups and independently
- Conduct research, drawing on and documenting a variety of academic sources and synthesize findings in a coherent and organized manner
- Evaluate the impact of multicultural, religious, and ethical perspectives in decision-making
- Identify and evaluate the social aspects of workplace issues and utilize problem-solving skills.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Camino Program is to provide native Spanish-speaking students with an associate degree while improving their oral and written English language proficiency. The program is committed to providing a curriculum inspired by the Lasallian core principles of quality education, social justice, leadership, and equity. The program will achieve this by collaborating with diverse faculty, administrators, and staff who reflect the student body composition and are committed to justice for diverse students and communities.
Advisement

As part of our commitment to Camino students, everyone is assigned an advisor upon entering the program. The program adapts the "intrusive advising" model. The model follows an action-oriented robust, year-round schedule that includes academic support, emotional and motivational counseling, employment counseling, and transfer guidance.

Credit Transfer Advisement and Evaluation

Graduates of the Camino program may apply for a bachelor’s degree in over 100 different majors offered at Manhattan College. In tandem with program advisors and college admissions, the Camino staff help to support program graduates in the application process for programs they are seeking to pursue.

Camino students earn 60 credits in General Studies. The advantage for Camino students who want to apply for a bachelor’s degree at Manhattan College are:

- The School provides all students with individualized credit evaluations based on the student’s academic interest and standardized credit agreements.
- Advisors work with individual schools at the program level to pre-approve all courses before enrollment. The student understands how many credits they can transfer into the bachelor’s degree of their choice.

The advising process supports graduating Camino students in continuing their education or pursuing their career endeavors and will assist in the following ways before and after graduation:

1. Completing financial aid applications, writing transfer essays, appealing financial aid awards, and obtaining letters of recommendation.
2. Researching professional, academic, and career opportunities to support student’s goals during their Camino experience.
3. Assisting students with the application process for the transition to a bachelor’s degree program at Manhattan College.

The decision to accept the transfer of credits from the Camino program to other degree programs at Manhattan College is made by the school’s academic leadership to which you are applying. In making these decisions, the school’s administration will consider the applicability of your pre-approved credits for your selected program of study. While all 60 Camino credits are applicable, all credits may not be compatible with the degree you select based on program requirements.

Camino Curriculum

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