Welcome to Dean College

Thank you for your interest in the Arch Learning Community. Now that you have been accepted to Dean, in order to be considered for enrollment in the Arch Learning Community, candidates must complete the attached form. In addition, candidates who are not accepted into the Arch Learning Community will be counseled on other academic support options available as students at Dean College.

The Arch Learning Community

The Dean College Arch Learning Community is designed for students with diagnosed learning disabilities and/or other learning challenges such as attention and memory difficulties, who would benefit from additional academic support while taking part in a traditional college curriculum. Through individual and group academic coaching, smaller sized college courses, and specialized academic advising, students will work within the program to acquire the necessary skills to be successful in a college curriculum. We believe students will become active participants in their education and take greater responsibility for their individual role in the learning process.

Curriculum

Students may choose to enroll in the Arch Learning Community for one to four years depending on their individual needs. The first year of the program includes the following curriculum and academic supports:

**FALL SEMESTER**
- Three (3) Arch designated courses. These courses are smaller in size and are taught by faculty committed to the Arch Learning Community mission. The unmodified curriculum is designed so students are pursuing full college-level coursework.
- Pre-semester Arch Orientation Program and a Student Success Seminar.
- Three (3) hours of Personalized Learning Services (academic coaching) each week.
- Arch-specific academic advising through the Dean College Learning Center.

**SPRING SEMESTER**
- Two (2) Arch designated courses.
- Three (3) hours of Personalized Learning Services (academic coaching) each week.
- Student Success Seminar.
- Arch-specific academic advising through the Dean College Learning Center.

Enrollment Requirements

Candidates will be considered for enrollment in the Arch Learning Community based on the following criteria:
- Acceptance to Dean College.
- A documented learning disability. Testing must be recent (within the past three years), be conducted by a qualified evaluator, and include aptitude and achievement tests. All testing must be forwarded to the Dean College Disability Services Coordinator for evaluation.
- Full scale IQ determined by testing through assessments such as Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale – Third Edition, Woodcock Johnson III Tests of Cognitive Ability, or Stanford Binet IV. Ideal Arch candidates are students who have a discrepancy between measured intelligence and achievement that is directly related to their diagnosed disability. A full scale IQ of 90 or above is strongly preferred.
- The ability to live independently in a college campus environment.
- Interview with the Director of the Arch Learning Community or designee. Presence of a parent/guardian is strongly recommended during the interview.

Successful Arch students possess the desire to understand their academic challenges and participate actively in the program to develop individual learning strategies, including utilization of programmatic and campus resources.

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For more information about the Arch Learning Community contact:

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Arch Learning Community Fees

Due to the significant learning supports offered through the Arch program, a fee of $3,500 per semester will be assessed to students enrolling in the Learning Community. This fee is taken into consideration when calculating financial aid awards.
Dean College Arch Learning Community Enrollment Form

Please complete this form, detach and return it with the requested documentation within the next 30 days to the Learning Center at Dean College to be considered for enrollment in the Arch Learning Community. Once this information is received, a representative of the Learning Center will contact you to discuss scheduling options for the required Enrollment Interview.

Name

Address

Street ____________________________ City, State, Zip ____________________________

Email ____________________________ Phone (____) ____________________________

Date of Birth ____/____/____ High School(s) Attended ____________________________

Please attach the following documentation (Assessments must have been completed in the past 3 years.):

◊ Aptitude/Cognitive Ability (WAIS, WIAT, Woodcock Johnson Cognitive test)
◊ Academic Achievement (Woodcock Johnson III Achievement Test)
◊ Behavioral assessment such as: BASC 2, Connors Rating Scale, Vanderbilt
◊ Current IEP or 504 or list of current accommodations received.

Send to: Dean College Learning Center, 99 Main Street, Franklin, MA 02038, or fax to 508-541-1829

Please answer the following. Use an additional sheet of paper if necessary:

Briefly describe your learning challenges and how they impact your life both inside and outside school.

Why are you seeking acceptance into the Arch Learning Community? How do you think it will help you reach your educational goals?

Qualified candidates will be contacted for an interview at one of Dean College's Arch interview days. Acceptance to the Learning Community is contingent upon acceptance to Dean College. Acceptance to Dean College does not guarantee acceptance to the Arch Learning Community.