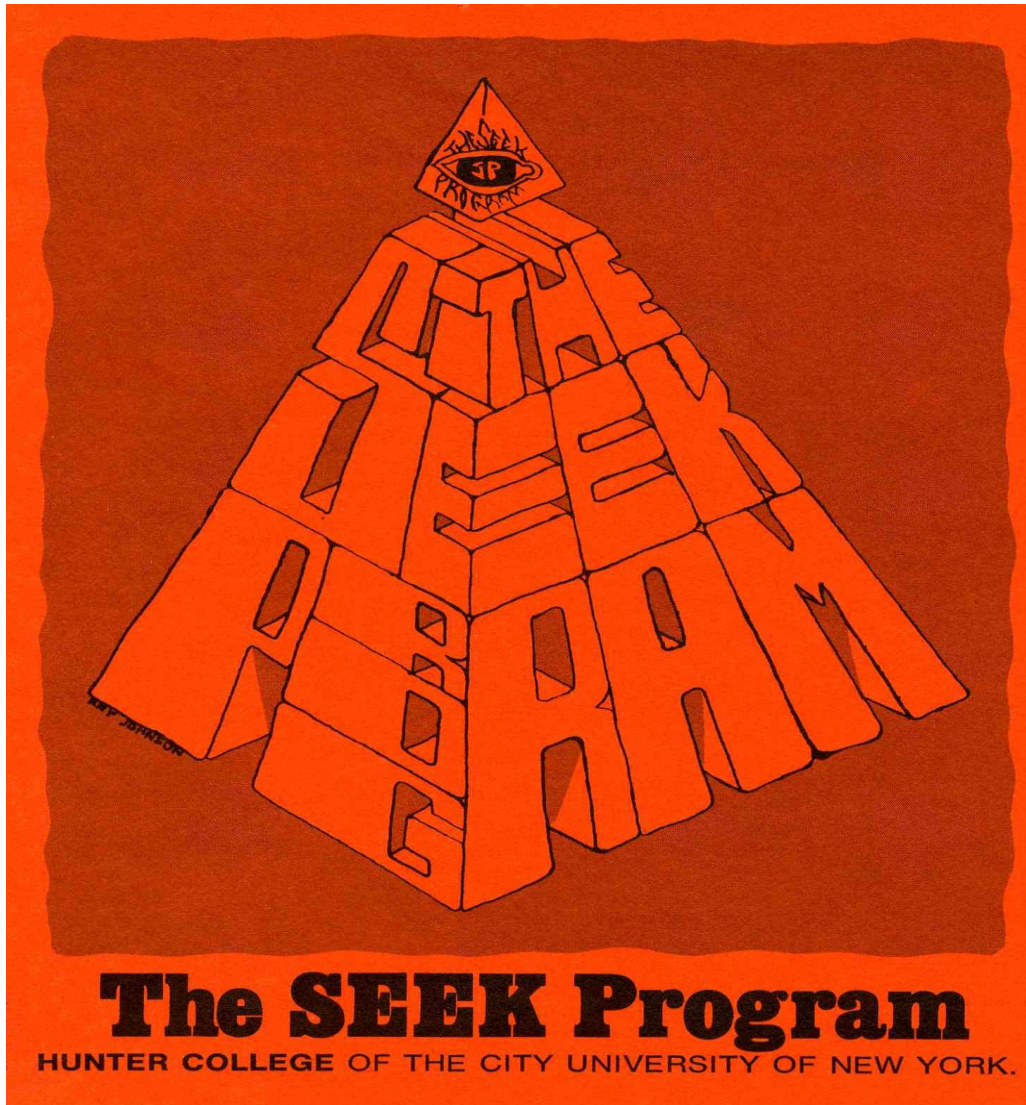


**The Academic Skills Department/SEEK Program
of Hunter College, 1966-1996, 2011-2012
Finding Aid**



Archives and Special Collections



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GENERAL INFORMATION

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records of the Academic Skills Department/SEEK Program at Hunter College document the establishment and growth of an educational program which sought to acclimated non-traditional students to the rigors and demands of college life. Initial enrollees of the SEEK Program were primarily working class African-American and Puerto Ricans from New York City high schools. Many of the SEEK students lacked appropriate reading/writing skills to undertake a rigorous undergraduate course of study. The SEEK Program at Hunter College sought to rectify these academic deficiencies by offering applicants remedial courses, counseling, and financial assistance. The primary goal of the program was to encourage and support non-traditional students to obtain baccalaureate degrees.

The establishment of the Academic Skills Department/SEEK Program in September 1969, along with the Department of Black and Puerto Rican Studies (renamed Africana and Puerto Rican/Latino Studies), spearheaded change in the curriculum, faculty, and student body of Hunter College. The arrival of non-traditional students on campus during the late 1960's and 1970's compelled Hunter College to respond to a new constituency with distinct and specific educational needs.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

Series I – Administration

Series I documents academic and fiscal plans, activities and events, budgets, by-laws, correspondence, memoranda, and newspaper articles and clippings. The folders are arranged alphabetically.

Series II – Publications

Series II consists of publications that from the central office of the SEEK Program of C.U.N.Y. and from the SEEK Program at Hunter College. The publications are arranged alphabetically by title.

Series III – Reports

Series III consists of reports that document student registration, projected student academic performance, a self-study, descriptive statistics, budgeting, etc. The reports are arranged chronologically.

Series IV – Miscellaneous Materials

Series IV consists of a surveys, statistics, and general materials that are arranged alphabetically.

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	5	By-Laws, 1982
	6	Correspondence, 1968 - 1970, 1972, 1975, 2011
	7	The Hunter College SEEK Program, 1969 - 1970
	8	Memoranda, 1967, 1970 - 1972
		Newspaper Articles & Clippings
9		"The City University of New York (SEEK Center)." <i>AARP Bulletin</i> (Spring 1974): 67- 81.
		Farber, M.A. "Bowker Changes Stand on 7 SEEK Lectures." <i>The New York Times</i> , September 3, 1970, n.p.
		"Hunter Note: 125 Seekers Find Honors." <i>Daily News</i> , March 9, 1972, n.p.
		Inhaber, Ricky. "SEEK Students on Dean's List Are Honored." <i>Hunter Envoy</i> , March 10, 1972: 1, 11.
		Ruane, Libba. "SEEKING To Educate the Neglected." <i>NewsHunter</i> , May 1975: 4 - 5.
		Rotter, Neil. "SEEK Students Get Majority Control." <i>Phoenix</i> February 25, 1969: 1, 12.
		"10% of Hunter's SEEK Students Make Dean's List or Honor Roll." <i>The New York Times</i> , March 9, 1972, n.p.
		"Tilden J. LeMelle Discusses Ten Year Old SEEK Program" <i>NewsHunter</i> , September 1979, n.p.

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1	10	<i>Newsletter</i> , November 15, 1993
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	13	<i>SEEK News</i> , ca. 1984
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	15	<i>SEEK Times</i> , Summer, 1984

SERIES III – REPORTS

1	16	Reports and Proposals on SEEK Program Hunter College, 1966 - 1988 Report on Spring Registration in SEEK Program, February 20, 1967 Annual Report SEEK Program. The City University of New York, 1967-1968 prepared by Leslie Berger Report of the SELF Committee, July 1968 Expectations of SEEK Students and Regular Matriculates in Senior College: September 1968 Entering Class, November 1, 1969
2	1	An Analysis of the First Semester Performance of SEEK Program Students of the September 1968 Entering Class, November, 1969 First Semester Performance of SEEK Students and Regular Matriculates: September 1968 Entering Class, January 15, 1970
	2	Descriptive Statistics on Freshmen Students, Fall 1972 SEEK General Plan, 1972 - 1973
	3	Hunter College of The City University of New York Department of Academic Skills/SEEK Program, n.d. Potential Predictors of Academic Performance of SEEK Freshmen, ca. 1973 General Plan for the SEEK Program of The City University of New York, 1973 - 1974

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2	4	Hunter College of The City University of New York Department of Academic Skills/SEEK Program Self-Study Report, April 19, 1994
	5	Open Letter to the Hunter College Community and Friends, November 14, 1994 Revision of the Guidelines for the Structure and Operation of the SEEK Program of the City University of New York, May, 1994 Response to the Draft Report of the SEEK Department Evaluation Prepared by the Provost's Office. Submitted by Prof. Maria Rodriguez, Ms. Fredericka Liggins, and Ms. Sandra Granizo-Cruz, December 5, 2011 Testimony presented by: Dr. Maria Rodriguez, Associate Professor, Before the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York Concerning the Hunter College Administration's Resolution to Abolish the Department of SEEK (Calendar Item 3.F), February 21, 2012

SERIES IV – MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS

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	7	Survey of Community Agency Experience with the SEEK Program, June 1969
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