

Adriana (0:03):

Hi, my name is Adriana.

Zach (0:05):

And I'm Zach.

Adriana (0:06):

And we're here with Suffolk Votes. If you have any questions or want to reach out to us, feel free to look at any of our social media. We're on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook at Suffolk Votes, or you can visit our website [suffolk.edu/suffolkvotes](http://suffolk.edu/suffolkvotes) or feel free to email us at [communityengagement@suffolk.edu](mailto:communityengagement@suffolk.edu).

Zach (0:33):

What is Suffolk Votes? We are a nonpartisan program through the Center of Community Engagement that helps register students to vote in class. Nonpartisan means that we do not associate with a particular political party. However, we do encourage that all students on campus vote. If you're interested in becoming a Suffolk Votes Ambassador, it is a great way to gain leadership, public speaking, and organizing skills. You'll be able to meet other like-minded students and help share accurate and important information about elections and registration. All Suffolk students, both US citizens and international students, can become a Suffolk Votes ambassador.

Adriana (1:12):

Why vote? This is what we do at Suffolk. For US citizens it is one of the best ways to make your voice heard and elect representatives who represent your interests. In the 2016 general election 83% of Suffolk students were registered to vote. However, only 67% of those Suffolk students actually voted. Suffolk University earned the 2016 and 2018 silver seal student voting rate from the All-In campus democracy challenge. However, our goal here for Suffolk votes is to get 100% of Suffolk students registered to vote.

Zach (1:48):

Who is eligible to vote? You are eligible to vote in US elections if you were a US citizen, meet your state's residency requirements. You could be experiencing homelessness, and also meet these requirements and college students, like all individuals, are entitled to register and vote in the community that they are, that they regard as principal residence. If you're not 18 yet, in almost every state you can register to vote before you turn 18. And if you turn 18 on election day, you can also vote as well. You can see a table of voter registration age requirements by state.

Zach (2:23):

For further questions, you can check with [nass.org/Can-i-vote/register-to-vote](http://nass.org/Can-i-vote/register-to-vote) for any questions about who can and who cannot vote. Additional information on who isn't eligible to vote is non-US citizens, including permanent legal residents, some people with felony convictions, which rules vary by state, some people who are mentally incapacitated, which rules also vary by state, and for president in general elections, US citizens residing in US territories.

Adriana (2:56):

So you may be asking yourself, "Where should I register to vote this year?"

Adriana (3:02):

Here's an infographic to help you decide. If you're an incoming student, will you be moving to a new location to attend your institution? If your answer is yes, you will have a choice about where to register. If you answer no, you should register to vote at your current address. You can register at your campus address once you're permanently present there. Or you can choose to register or remain registered at your prior address if you consider that to be your home.

Zach (3:32):

Register now. You can register online in Massachusetts with a Massachusetts driver's license with the link on screen. Or you can fill out a paper form which you would just have to complete the Massachusetts voter registration form. However, for any other state or territory, you would register with the National voter registration form. Any questions you can contact us at Suffolk Votes, or you can come into Suffolk's Center for Community Engagement in the Sawyer building room 824 from Monday through Friday, from 9am to 5pm, in which we have both Massachusetts and national voter registration forms.

Adriana (4:11):

On the screen, there's two QR codes, one to register to vote in Massachusetts, the other to vote out of state. There's also two links in case a QR code is not working.

Zach (4:33):

Important information about the Massachusetts paper registration form is to fill out particular questions being questions 1, 4, 7, 9, 13, and 14. Question one is usually overlooked due to the capacity of space that it's in. However, it is to make sure that you mark that you are a US citizen. On Question four, this is the address where you will be registered to vote. On question seven is where you fill out your Massachusetts ID number, which could be a license or state ID or the last four digits of your social security.

Zach (5:07):

Question nine Suffolk votes is nonpartisan so we cannot influence anyone to register with our particular political party. So it is for you to decide for yourself. Question 13 and 14 will make sure that you sign and date it. If you fill out these forms and you bring them to Sawyer 824, our Center for Community Engagement, someone from the CCE staff will walk them down to Boston City Hall.

Adriana (5:33):

Some important dates coming up. The last day register to vote for the municipal election is Wednesday, October 13. For the actual election, for the municipal and mayoral election, it takes place on Tuesday, November 2nd. If you're living on campus this semester, here are a few polling locations near you. If you

live at one Court Street or Miller Hall, City Hall is the closest polling location. If you live at 10 West and modern theater or Smith Hall, Wang YMCA of Chinatown is the closest point location to you.

Zach (6:06):

If you want reminders about voting, you can scan the QR code on screen. By scanning this QR code you'll receive reminders from Suffolk Votes about important elections and voting days. Scan the QR code and you will follow a short survey and you'll receive reminders. However, this is not spam, and we will not spam you. However, the QR code is strictly for important reminders.

Adriana (6:30):

If you still have any questions, feel free to reach out to any of our social media, stop by and say hi at Sawyer 824 or email us at [communityengagement@suffolk.edu](mailto:communityengagement@suffolk.edu) Thank you so much.