

00:00 Hello and welcome for today's information session
00:02 for international applicants.
00:04 My name is Raffi Muroy,
00:05 and I am the Director of International Admissions
00:07 here at Suffolk University,
00:08 and I am based on our Boston campus.
00:11 This information session is to sort of give you
00:13 a quick glimpse of what Suffolk is all about
00:15 and what we can offer
00:16 to international applicant as yourself.
00:20 I'm here with my colleague, Tom Biedermann.
00:22 So, Tom, do you wanna introduce yourself very quickly?
00:24 Yes. Hello, my name is Tom Biedermann.
00:26 I am an Associate Director of Admission,
00:28 and I'm based at the branch campus in Madrid, Spain.
00:31 So we are coming to you
00:32 from both sides of the Atlantic today.
00:37 And to begin this presentation,
00:38 we just wanna give you something a little bit more visual,
00:40 so you could take a look at.
00:41 So we're gonna introduce you to a very short video
00:44 that gives you a glimpse of what Suffolk is all about.
00:46 So please take just a minute or so to watch this video,
00:50 and again, give you a sense of who Suffolk is.
00:53 So, here we go.
00:55 (upbeat music)
00:58 <Narrator>There's a place for those
00:59 who refuse to be defined.
01:02 Who are more interested in changing the game
01:04 than playing it.
01:08 Who seek out opportunities, not only for themselves,
01:11 but for the greater good.
01:14 Who see the world in ways others haven't.
01:16 Yeah.
01:18 That place is this place.
01:21 Suffolk University, right in the middle of Boston.
01:24 (upbeat music)
01:30 This is a place people come to from all over the world.
01:33 To learn by doing and learn by living.
01:38 To help businesses connect with their customers.
01:41 To understand humanity's impact on the environment.
01:44 To build bridges between cultures.
01:46 To drive technology in new directions.
01:49 To launch innovative ventures.
01:52 To become leaders.
01:55 At Suffolk, you'll master your major,
01:57 as well as the people skills
01:58 to put it to use in your career.
02:01 You'll go farther, faster in our accelerated paths
02:04 to graduate programs.
02:06 We'll take a global approach to learning
02:08 that opens doors to the world
02:10 and join a powerful alumni network

02:12 that will help you succeed in it.
02:14 We'll gain insights and experience across the university
02:17 and throughout the city,
02:19 supported by mentors and advisors every step of the way.
02:23 So look closely, you'll see there's no place
02:26 quite like Suffolk University.
02:28 It's the place where you belong.
02:31 (upbeat music)
02:38 So as you can see from this video,
02:40 we are located in the City of Boston.
02:43 And Boston, as you can see is a very dynamic city
02:46 that has a lot to offer
02:47 to a young college student as yourself.
02:49 Boston is known for being a hub
02:51 for a lot of different things.
02:52 It is a hub for higher education.
02:54 It is a hub for hospital and biotechnology companies,
02:58 as well as pharmaceutical companies.
02:59 There's also a very big banking and finance industry,
03:02 insurance industry, as well as maybe things like
03:05 a little bit more out of the cutting edge,
03:08 like marketing, sports, entertainment.
03:10 So there's actually a lot that you can offer
03:12 a young student as yourself.
03:14 But by the way, for those of you who may not know,
03:17 Boston is located in the United States,
03:19 it's located right over here in the State of Massachusetts.
03:22 We're probably the largest city
03:23 before you reach the border with Canada,
03:25 and that is where we are located.
03:28 But where is Suffolk specifically located?
03:30 So let me start by introducing you to a macro view
03:32 of where the City of Boston
03:34 and kind of start introducing you to Suffolk.
03:36 So this kind of green area that you see
03:38 in the middle of this picture is the Boston Common
03:41 and Suffolk pretty much surrounds this part,
03:43 this area known as the Boston Common.
03:46 You can see some other areas of Boston,
03:48 like the Prudential Center Tower, the Copley Square area,
03:51 the Charles River, at the horizon of the South Boston
03:57 and East Boston areas,
03:58 as well as the Massachusetts Bay area.
04:00 I'm gonna now zoom in a little bit more
04:02 into the area of Downtown that we are,
04:04 so you can get a better glimpse of where we are located.
04:07 And I love to introduce this picture to everyone
04:09 because it really gives a very accurate description
04:13 of where Suffolk is located.
04:14 So I'm speaking to you from 73 Tremont Street,
04:16 this building right over here,
04:18 which is right in front of Financial District of Boston.
04:20 So again, your classes, your living environment,
04:23 where you're gonna do your internships,

04:25 everything is just right in front of where we are located.
04:27 You can see one of our dormitory facilities,
04:30 Miller Hall located over here,
04:32 as well as Suffolk University Law School.
04:34 So there's actually, again, a lot that we offer,
04:37 because we're right in the middle of Downtown Boston.
04:41 To give you a better glimpse of how we're distributed
04:43 among the city.
04:44 We occupy about 13 buildings in the Downtown Boston area.
04:47 By the way, four of them being dormitory facilities.
04:49 So you have One Court Street over here,
04:53 Miller Hall, 150 Trauma Street,
04:56 as well as the 10 West and Modern Theater facility.
04:59 So five different dormitory spaces.
05:01 And by way, sometimes city schools get the,
05:04 kind of like bad reputation of being too spread out,
05:06 that it's too far to get from one location to the other.
05:09 That's not the case for Suffolk.
05:10 So even though we are, again, kind of have buildings
05:13 mixed within the Downtown Boston area,
05:15 it's not as spread out as people may think.
05:17 So let's say you're into exercising and going to the gym,
05:20 and you wanna go to this building number six,
05:22 the Ridgeway Building.
05:23 And you happen to live in one of these buildings,
05:24 number 12 or 13, which is the Modern Theater facility,
05:29 that only takes about 10 minutes to walk.
05:30 So it's really not as spread out as people may think.
05:34 This isn't a traditional college experience
05:36 and it isn't meant to be,
05:38 with our practical experiential approach to education,
05:41 Suffolk University give students the tools and power
05:44 to make real positive influence.
05:46 Suffolk is a mid-sized university.
05:48 We have about 4,400 undergraduate students.
05:51 And if you include our master's degree and law students,
05:54 that brings it up to around 7,000 students.
05:57 Students come from all over the country and the world,
06:00 and span the spectrum of race, gender identity,
06:03 sexual orientation, political persuasion, income level,
06:06 nationality, and other social identities.
06:09 We love being a mid-sized school,
06:11 not too big, not too small,
06:13 because we feel like we have the best of both worlds.
06:16 Many times, universities are either really big
06:18 or really small, but we're right in the middle,
06:20 which makes us unique.
06:22 It feels like a larger school
06:23 with 70 plus academic programs, division three sports teams,
06:28 and over a 100 clubs and organizations,
06:31 but your average class size
06:33 is still gonna be about 17 students.
06:36 So your day-to-day life has the advantages
06:39 of a smaller size and individualized detention.

06:43 Another thing that defines Suffolk is our diversity factor.
06:47 Suffolk is diverse.
06:49 We have students from around the country,
06:52 from almost every state in the United States,
06:54 and around the world.
06:56 About 17% of our students are from outside the US,
06:59 from almost at 100 countries around the world.
07:02 And for those international students like you,
07:04 we have a number of cultural and affinity groups
07:07 that you can get involved in.
07:09 These groups foster pride and a sense of belonging
07:12 to our community.
07:13 There's the Vietnamese Student Club, the Russian Speakers,
07:17 LatinX Association, Muslim Students Association.
07:20 All these perspectives from around the world
07:23 will broaden your view
07:24 and add to some dynamic class discussions as well.
07:29 Plus, you can study abroad at our partner institution
07:32 in 34 countries around the world.
07:34 You'll probably spend a semester
07:35 or maybe a year at the partner institution.
07:37 And those credits transfer back
07:39 to your Suffolk academic program.
07:42 Maybe a semester abroad doesn't fit with your schedule,
07:44 you still have options.
07:45 You can study abroad for a summer,
07:48 join a week-long faculty led study tour,
07:51 or take a course that includes a travel seminar,
07:53 which would just be for a week.
07:58 In addition, we have our own branch campus in Madrid, Spain,
08:00 which is where I'm located.
08:02 We've been here since 1995.
08:04 We are in the university district of the city.
08:08 There are different study options.
08:09 You can start out as a first year student,
08:12 spend up to two years here,
08:14 and then make the internal transfer to Boston
08:16 to complete your degree.
08:18 You can come as a study abroad student
08:20 after you've started in Boston.
08:22 You'd come for a semester or a year,
08:24 and then continue on in Boston.
08:26 International relations majors can complete
08:28 all four years in Madrid, if they wish.
08:30 There's also a global gateway program
08:33 for students who are in their first year
08:34 to come to Madrid and spend a week here.
08:37 There's a seamless transfer between these campus location.
08:40 Your coursework is in English
08:42 and everything is equivalent between Boston and Madrid.
08:45 There are two housing options.
08:46 If you wanna live with a host family
08:48 or maybe stay in a student residence hall.
08:51 There are organized trips and excursions

08:53 so you can see other parts of Spain
08:55 while you're here as well.
08:57 So let's take a look at a video about Suffolk, Madrid,
08:59 so you can see what things are like here.
09:04 <Announcer>Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.
09:05 Welcome aboard, (indistinct).
09:07 <Narrator>Experience a new global approach
09:09 to learning in Madrid,
09:10 by starting any of Suffolk's 60 majors
09:12 in the College of Arts and Sciences,
09:14 or Sawyer Business School.
09:15 (upbeat music)
09:18 In Madrid or Boston, it's the same university.
09:21 All your coursework is equivalent
09:22 and follows the same liberal arts curriculum.
09:25 At Suffolk, you can define your own experience.
09:28 (upbeat music)
09:32 <Narrator>Spend up to two years or even complete
09:34 your international relations major in Madrid.
09:37 Enhance your knowledge by focusing on experiential learning,
09:41 classes in museums, and science field trips.
09:43 (upbeat music)
09:46 Learn by doing, learn by living.
09:49 Studying here in Madrid gives me another point of view
09:52 of the world, another point of view of different economy.
09:56 <Narrator>Add to your program in English
09:58 and take classes in Spanish
09:59 through Suffolk Madrid's partnership
10:01 with Universidad CEU San Pablo.
10:04 What I learned here will power my success
10:06 for years to come.
10:08 (upbeat music)
10:12 <Narrator>Connect with people from all around the world.
10:14 Take the challenge to do something different.
10:17 Experience diverse perspectives,
10:19 and immerse yourself in a new culture.
10:22 Expand your studies
10:23 and open your world around every corner.
10:26 (upbeat music)
10:34 <Narrator>We look forward to welcome you soon to Madrid.
10:39 (speaks in foreign language)
10:40 Make your way to Suffolk, Madrid.
10:46 Academically speaking,
10:47 Suffolk is divided into three main areas.
10:49 There are over 70 degree programs to choose from
10:51 in the College of Arts and Sciences
10:53 and the Sawyer Business School.
10:54 Plus, there's a law school.
10:56 So you can major in one area and minor in another,
10:59 or double major in two different areas.
11:01 For example, you can major in psychology,
11:04 which is in the College of Arts and Sciences,
11:06 and minor in marketing, which is in the Business School.
11:09 Or you can major in business analytics

11:11 and minor in social media.
11:14 You can participate in one of our interdisciplinary programs
11:17 like our bachelor's of law major,
11:19 which is actually taught by our law school professors.
11:22 You can also take an undergraduate and master's combination.
11:25 So you can earn both degrees in less time.
11:29 There's a lot of connection between these academic units
11:31 of the university,
11:32 so you've got lots of options to choose from.
11:35 It's also important to keep in mind
11:36 that you're admitted to the university as a whole,
11:38 so you don't need to apply
11:40 to a specific program or department,
11:42 you've got all these options available to you.
11:47 It's not just what you learn in the classroom,
11:49 we take what you're learning and apply it to the real world.
11:52 Our educational approach can be divided
11:54 into three main pillars.
11:56 The first is Experiential Learning.
11:58 We take the theory that you're learning in class
12:00 and apply it to the real world.
12:01 For example, if you're going into political science
12:03 or international relations,
12:05 you can get an internship at the Massachusetts State House,
12:07 which is five minutes away from where we're at.
12:10 Or go to the Washington Center in Washington, D.C.
12:12 and see what things are like on the international level.
12:16 If you're going into business,
12:17 see what the office culture is like at the Fortune 500 firm,
12:21 which is right down the street from where we're at.
12:24 The next pillar is what we call Soft Skills.
12:27 Soft skills are especially important
12:28 as artificial intelligence and machines
12:31 take over a lot of jobs.
12:32 But there are skills that are difficult for a robot to learn
12:35 like creativity, collaboration, adaptability,
12:39 and emotional intelligence.
12:41 All these skills will help you become successful
12:44 in your future career.
12:46 And you'll be improving them while you study at Suffolk.
12:50 And the third pillar is our Global Perspective.
12:52 With students from around the world,
12:54 as well as opportunities to study abroad,
12:56 you've got lots of global perspectives options there.
12:59 Plus, you've got our own branch campus in Madrid, Spain.
13:04 And that approach to education is laying the groundwork
13:07 for our graduates to enter the workplace,
13:09 go on to graduate school.
13:11 As you can see here, 99% of our 2019 graduates are employed
13:16 or in graduate school within nine months of graduation.
13:20 So they're getting the skills they need to apply the theory
13:24 and that hands-on learning to their future profession.
13:29 So as you can see, Suffolk University cares deeply
13:32 about the return on investment

13:34 and the outcomes available for you.
13:36 So we have a whole division of the university
13:38 dedicated to career experiences and outcomes.
13:41 And for that, we have funded and created
13:43 that Center for Career Equity Development Success,
13:46 which has a multi-prong approach
13:48 to all of the different types of experiences
13:50 that you're gonna need in order to lead
13:52 to that success ratio that Tom just mentioned.
13:55 So, yes, there's internship resources.
13:57 There's job fairs and networking events,
13:59 there's career counseling.
14:00 There's making sure that your resume and cover letter
14:02 are well suited.
14:04 Making sure you know
14:05 about all these different job search tools,
14:07 but also making sure that you connect with alumni.
14:10 A lot about your success and what's gonna happen with you
14:13 is knowing the right people at the right time.
14:15 So maybe being able to make those networking connections.
14:18 Making sure that you are connecting
14:20 with the alumni we have out there.
14:21 And making sure that you take full advantage
14:23 of the City of Boston.
14:24 Making sure that you are actually there
14:26 at the right moment and at the right place
14:27 to sort of land that dream job
14:29 or that dream or career opportunity.
14:31 So that's something that we care deeply about.
14:33 Suffolk is, we have a phrase here that we call the,
14:36 "We are elite, but not elitist."
14:38 That there are many paths to a Suffolk degree.
14:40 And there's many ways that you can accomplish that.
14:42 And I think an attestation of that
14:43 is all the different recent accolades that we've received
14:46 throughout the different number of publications
14:48 that kind of attach to the quality of education
14:51 that is available over here.
14:52 Which is of course,
14:53 the main purpose you will be looking at an institution,
14:55 like Suffolk University.
14:57 So if you are interested, let's talk a little bit
14:59 about the admissions process now,
15:00 which also is important for those of you
15:02 who may be considering submitting an application,
15:04 which we highly encourage you to do so.
15:07 Please note that we are a common application school,
15:09 so you can apply of via the common application,
15:11 but we have our own application,
15:12 the Suffolk University application.
15:14 Which one we prefer?
15:16 Honestly, whatever's most comfortable for you
15:18 and whatever makes most sense for you.
15:20 I'll be really honest with you,

15:21 most guidance councils in most high schools
15:23 are gonna prefer that you actually use
15:24 the common application.
15:25 So feel free to kind of follow their wants or their desires,
15:30 and use the common application.
15:31 We obviously would need to see your high school transcript
15:34 through your first quarter or first term senior grades.
15:37 But before that, we need to see
15:39 at least the last three years of your high school education,
15:41 whatever that may be.
15:42 Now, some of you may be in countries in which high school
15:45 is maybe only three years.
15:47 So we certainly will adapt to those individual needs.
15:49 But overall, we would like to see a transcript
15:51 that contains the last three years of your academic grades,
15:54 plus your senior grades available.
15:56 This document has to be in English.
15:58 And if it's not issued in English,
15:59 then you would have to submit a translation
16:02 that accompanies that document.
16:04 In terms of testing, we are known as being testing flexible
16:08 for international students.
16:09 And I'll talk about that in the next slide,
16:10 in a little bit more detail.
16:12 But, testing flexible means that we only need one test
16:15 and that is to prove your English proficiency.
16:17 And again, we're gonna talk about that in just a second.
16:19 To complete the application process,
16:21 you also need a recommendation letter, ideally, one.
16:23 But you can also submit two or three, it's up to you.
16:26 And you can also, if you're interested in our Art School,
16:29 that will be graphic design, visual arts,
16:31 and interior design, you do need a portfolio
16:33 of 10 to 15 pieces of original artwork.
16:36 So I promise you, I was gonna talk a little bit
16:38 about English being testing flexible.
16:40 So, what that means is that there's many different options
16:43 in which how you can prove English proficiency to us.
16:46 By the way, if you've decided to take the SAT
16:48 and you wanna take the SAT,
16:50 please note that at least a 520 on the EBRW score
16:53 means that you're English proficient.
16:55 So you can certainly submit the SAT,
16:57 but we do not require it.
16:58 You don't have to submit an SAT if you don't want to,
17:01 as an international applicant.
17:02 You do have to submit then again,
17:04 a proof of English proficiency.
17:05 Many times students submit the traditional exams,
17:07 like the TOEFL or the IELTS exam.
17:09 We also accept the Duolingo exam,
17:11 and we've been accepting it for over five years now.
17:15 Maybe you're in a bilingual program,
17:16 like, you're taking AP English,

17:18 or you've done the IB Program,
17:19 or you're in the British IGCSE or AS Level programs.
17:23 Those are bilingual programs
17:24 that obviously means you are pretty English proficient,
17:28 so there is a way that you can actually apply
17:30 without submitting any testing, whatsoever.
17:32 So flexibility, that's what the word means.
17:35 Having different options, having different paths,
17:37 in which you can actually prove
17:38 your English proficiency to us.
17:41 Our approach to admissions is holistic.
17:43 Meaning that we look at you as an individual,
17:45 and we look about your individual circumstances,
17:47 and we take a look at all the elements of your application.
17:50 And that leads to a number of different approaches,
17:52 or different types of admissions
17:53 that we may be able to offer you.
17:55 So you have regular admissions,
17:56 which is the bulk of our applicants,
17:58 the middle 50% of our applicant pool,
18:00 which come with the details
18:02 that we list over here in the slide.
18:05 You also might be of highly qualified applicants
18:07 and you might want an access to our Honors Program,
18:10 which is our most competitive program.
18:11 It's the upper 30% of our applicant pool.
18:14 So that gives you the sense
18:15 of how we can treat your application.
18:17 And maybe you're a student who had a bit of a challenge
18:19 to your first year.
18:20 So maybe your GPA is not as strong as you may want it to be,
18:23 but you have a very strong upper trend.
18:25 So for students in that transition time,
18:27 we have our SU Advantage Program.
18:29 Or maybe you're an applicant who is in that category,
18:32 but also has some issues with English
18:36 and not being quite there at the proficient level.
18:38 We actually still have a way to admit you
18:41 through our INTO English Language and Pathway Programs,
18:44 in which you actually will be doing
18:45 a degree seeking program,
18:46 but you also do some remedial English
18:48 to sort of compliment that first year transitional period.
18:51 So that's what we mean that we have
18:52 a holistic approach to admissions
18:54 and a number of different pathways
18:55 into how we can admit you to Suffolk.
18:58 You might be wondering about
18:59 what scholarships are available.
19:01 Well, all applicants, regardless of their nationality,
19:04 are automatically eligible for a merit scholarship.
19:08 This is primarily based on your courses and grades
19:11 along with a holistic evaluation of your application.
19:14 The highest scholarship goes to the top students,

19:16 and it can cover over 50% of the tuition fee.
19:20 Unique to Suffolk is our Suffolk Tuition Promise.
19:24 Students who maintain at least a 3.6 GPA
19:27 after their first year, will receive this Tuition Promise,
19:30 in which the annual tuition increase will not be applied.
19:34 After a student is enrolled for at least one semester,
19:37 they're eligible to apply
19:39 for other scholar programs on campus,
19:41 such as the Trustee Ambassador Program,
19:44 Orientation Scholars, and Tutoring Scholars.
19:46 These positions are part-scholarship and part-stipend.
19:50 You can all also earn Advanced Placement
19:52 with 28 points or more on the IB diploma,
19:55 you can earn sophomore standing.
19:58 That's one year of university done before you even start.
20:02 You can also earn credit with A-Level exams.
20:06 With three A-Level exams, we can award transfer credit,
20:09 that's equivalent to one year of coursework as well.
20:13 Here are the application deadlines.
20:15 There's an early action round with a November 15th deadline,
20:19 and a regular decision round with a February 15th deadline.
20:22 Keep in mind that the early action decision is non-binding.
20:26 Some universities have an early decision program,
20:28 which requires you to sign a contract
20:31 that you will attend that institution if you're admitted.
20:34 Suffolk is more flexible and allows you the option
20:36 to decide later, if you wish.
20:40 If you have any questions along the way,
20:42 you've got our contact information here,
20:44 if you wanna get in touch with the admission counselor
20:46 who handles the applications that we receive
20:49 from schools in your particular country.
20:52 If you make a trip to Boston,
20:54 you can sign up for an in-person tour,
20:56 we'd love to show you around.
20:58 We also have a couple virtual options as well.
21:00 You can take a virtual guided tour
21:03 with a student ambassador,
21:04 so you can ask questions along the way
21:07 or take the virtual tour anytime you'd like.
21:11 We hope this info session has been helpful for you,
21:14 both Raffi and I thank you for joining us today.
21:17 We'll sign off for now,
21:19 and we look forward to reading your application soon.