

TechCore is a **cohort program**. This means that you will be participating in a **learning community** of other students who have made a commitment to the program. Additionally, you are not just taking courses for credits but there are **other program components** in which you will be expected to participate. The program is new in fall of 2020, so this list is subject to change and be expanded, but this will give you an idea of what to expect.

### TechCore cohort participants will be expected to:

1. **Follow the course sequence** as laid out in the program overview and website. This means that in the fall of 2020, everyone will be taking the following courses together:
  - a. Math 48A: Precalculus (Mon through Thurs, 10am – 12:15pm)
  - b. CS 3A: Object-Oriented Programming Methodologies in Python (M/W, 1:30 – 3:20pm)
  - c. CNSL 72: Stress, Wellness, and Coping (asynchronous, online)
2. **Attend a program orientation in September** before school starts. The date is still to be determined. *Note: since Foothill College is set to be online for the fall, the orientation will also be online on Zoom.*
3. Attend regular **cohort sessions** for community building and staff and peer support.
4. **Attend a monthly session** on issues around diversity in tech. These sessions will include guest speakers and interactive activities and discussions to delve into issues such as racism and bias in programming, diversity in the tech workplace, and careers in tech. *Note: as long as Foothill College is online, these sessions will be on Zoom. Once Foothill College goes back to in-person classes, these will convert to in-person sessions.*
5. **Have a one on one check in** with a program staff – either the SLI Director or a Foothill College counselor – about how program participation is going, how your classes are going, and other topics for your academic and professional growth.
6. **Be in regular communication** with program staff. This would be through emails or other modes of communication that are set up through TechCore. This is yet to be determined.
  - a. **This includes reading regular update emails** that will come from the program staff about events, activities, or other requirements related to the program.
7. **Complete any program-specific evaluations and feedback surveys.** Since this is in the first year, we will be seeking your feedback to make program adjustments and improvements along the way. Your participation in these processes will be crucial to the program's growth and development.

In addition to the above expectations, **paid internships** will be available for students during the first summer. These are not required but will be made available for interested students.

*\* If you are not a full participant of the cohort, then all the above would still apply except for item #1.*

If you have any questions about these expectations and the program overall, please contact Sophia Kim, the Director of the Science Learning Institute which oversees the TechCore program. You can reach her at [kimsophia@fhda.edu](mailto:kimsophia@fhda.edu). Find out more at [www.foothill.edu/sli/techcore](http://www.foothill.edu/sli/techcore).