Degree Requirements under the QC Core Curriculum

As one of the senior liberal arts colleges at CUNY, Queens College offers a rich curriculum in the academic divisions of the Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences, Mathematics and Natural Sciences, and Education. All students at Queens College must complete general education requirements and a major area of study (called the major). General education gives students the opportunity to study a broad range and variety of subjects, while the major offers students the chance to explore a particular discipline in depth. General education courses are called the QC Core Curriculum; these courses all meet the requirements of the University’s Pathways Transfer System.

To obtain a bachelor’s degree at Queens College, students must complete a minimum of 120 credits (approximately 40 courses, minimum 45 credits must be completed in residency at QC) that include both a major and the QC Core curriculum.

The QC Core
The QC Core consists of 14 courses, a minimum of 42 credits, and contains three parts: the Required Core, Flexible Core, and College Core/College Option. Courses cannot fulfill more than one Core requirement.

One course, English 110, satisfies the College Writing I requirement. In all other areas, students may satisfy Core requirements by choosing courses from approved lists. Students are also required to complete two Writing Intensive (“W”) courses, which may be taken within the QC Core, a major, or electives.

I. Required Core (4 courses)
   - College Writing 1: English 110 (EC1)
   - College Writing 2 (EC2)
   - Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning (MQR)
   - Life and Physical Sciences (LPS)

II. Flexible Core (6 courses)
    No more than two courses in any discipline (department) or interdisciplinary field.
    - World Cultures and Global Issues (WCGI)
    - U.S. Experience in its Diversity (USED)
    - Creative Expression (CE)
    - Individual and Society (IS)
    - Scientific World (SW)
    - An additional Flexible Core Course

III. College Core/College Option (4 courses*)
    - Literature
    - Language
    - Science
    - An additional Core course (Excluding College Writing and MQR courses)

*Transfer Students
As a transfer student, the number of courses required to complete the College Core/College Option, which corresponds to the Pathways “College Option”, depends on how many transfer credits you have and whether or not you have taken courses from the College Option of another senior college.

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Transfer Students from a CUNY or non-CUNY baccalaureate (4-year) program

| Students with no College Option credits from a senior CUNY college: | 4 courses / 12 credits  
• 1 Literature; 1 Language; 1 Science; and 1 Additional Core |
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| Students with 3 credits of the College Option from another senior CUNY college: | 3 courses / 9 credits  
• 1 Literature; 1 Language; and 1 Science |
| Students with 6 credits of the College Option from another senior CUNY college: | 2 courses / 6 credits  
• 1 Literature; and 1 Language |
| Students with 9 credits of the College Option from another senior CUNY college: | 1 courses / 3 credits  
• 1 Literature |
| Students who have fully completed the College Option at another senior CUNY college: | None |

### Multiple Transfer Students

- Students who began at a 4-year baccalaureate program are required to complete 12 Queens Core credits. Any College Option courses taken in a baccalaureate program will count towards the Queens Core requirement at QC.
- Students who began at a 2-year associate program may have to complete 6, 9, or 12 Queens Core credits depending on their status when they first transferred from the associate program.

Transfer students should consult with an academic advisor at the Academic Advising Center (Kiely Hall 217) to verify their individual College Core/College Option requirements.

Transfer students from other CUNY colleges may have completed any or all of the Required Core or Flexible Core. These courses will appear on the student’s CUNYfirst transcript. Transfer students will also receive credit for designated College Option courses previously completed at other CUNY baccalaureate colleges.

Once a student matriculates at Queens College, all remaining College Core/College Option requirements and at least one Writing Intensive ("W") course must be satisfied by courses taken at Queens College.

- Students who transfer with an AA, AS, or AAS degree must complete two College Core courses: one Literature and one Language course.
- Students who transfer with 31 or more credits of college-level work must complete three College Core courses: one Literature, one Language, and one Science course.
- Students who transfer 30 or fewer credits of college-level work must complete four College Core courses: one Literature, one Language, one Science, and one additional course as listed above.
- Students transferring from one CUNY baccalaureate college to another must receive credit for courses they have completed in the Required Core, Flexible Core, and College Core.
- Students who hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited and recognized institution will be deemed to have automatically fulfilled the Required Core, Flexible Core, College Core/College Option, as well as Writing Intensive requirements.

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