CLASS OF 2024!
Welcome to the Queens College Community.
F20 Virtual Freshman Advising Presentation
Welcome to the first experience of your college career!

- Attending college is a big deal! Know that you are not alone in this venture and we are here to help!

- This virtual presentation is designed for you to learn about Queens College and prepare for your new educational environment and academic journey.

- Our goal is to help you acclimate to the College’s academic and co-curricular programs and introduce you to resources that will ensure your academic success.
Overview

- Academic Advising at Queens College – A Shared Model
- Overview of your QC Bachelor’s Degree
- The QC in 4 Program – Plan. Earn. Complete!
- Important QC Academic Policies & Procedures
- Essential Information for your transition to QC
- Must Have Electronic Accounts – “CAMS,” “CUNYFirst” and “QMail”
Academic Advising – A Shared Model

Your Academic Advisor  
in The Academic Advising Center
- General Education Requirements
- Major exploration, requirements, and educational planning
- College Policies & Procedures
- Curricular & Co-Curricular Experiences
- Referrals to Academic & Campus Resources

Your Faculty Advisor  
in the Respective Academic Department
- Detailed Understanding of the Academic Discipline
- Departmental Policies & Procedures
- Course Content and Academic Discussions
- Conversations and Mentoring about Affiliated Careers
- Undergraduate Research & Future Graduate Studies Goals
Your QC Bachelors Degree

QC Core Requirements

QC BACHELOR’S DEGREE
120 credits
45 residency credits
2.0 minimum GPA

Major Requirements

Electives
- Minors
- Internships
- Dual Majors
- Study Abroad
Your QC Bachelor’s Degree

QC Core Requirements (Pathways)

Cannot use Pass / No Credit Grading Option for any courses applying to Pathways

Courses can be found:
- Pathways Course Offerings – INSERT LINK TO FALL 2020 LIST HERE
- Academic Advising website: www.qc.cuny.edu/qcdegereerequirements
- General Education at Queens College website: gened.qc.cuny.edu
Your QC Bachelor’s Degree

The Required Core

QC Core Requirements (Pathways)

Cannot use Pass / No Credit Grading Option for any courses applying to Pathways

Please note: Students with an AA or AS degree from any domestic US accredited institution are exempt from the Required Core.

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<td>English 110</td>
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Your QC Bachelor’s Degree

The Flexible Core

QC Core Requirements (Pathways)

Cannot use Pass / No Credit Grading Option for any courses applying to Pathways

No more than two courses in any discipline (department) or interdisciplinary field.

Please note: Students with an AA or AS degree are exempt from the Flexible Core.

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<td>An Additional Flexible Core Course</td>
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Your QC Bachelor’s Degree

College Option

QC Core Requirements (Pathways)

Cannot use Pass/ No Credit Grading Option for any courses applying to Pathways

All College Option courses must be completed in residency at Queens College.

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<td>Science</td>
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<td>1 Course (Chosen from LPS, Flexible Core, College Option, or Synthesis Course)</td>
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Students must complete two Writing – Intensive “W” courses. At least one "W" must be completed in residency at QC. English 110 is a prerequisite for all "W" courses. “W” courses can often overlap with General Education categories, as well as some majors and minors.
Your QC Bachelor’s Degree

The Major

QC Major Requirements

- Cannot use Pass / No Credit Grading Option for any course applying to Major.

- Majors vary in the number of credits and courses required.
- The number of credits in a major can range from 31 credits to 92 credits.
- Some majors have entrance requirements/an application process.
- Most majors have maintenance and graduation criteria.
- See our Four Year Academic Maps for details:
  www.qc.cuny.edu/academicprogrammaps
Learn About Majors!

Major → A subject of academic study chosen by you as your field of specialization

100% sure of your major? GREAT!
Undecided? THAT IS COMMON. Let us help you!
Changed your mind? NO PROBLEM. We can help guide you!

Things to Know About Majors!

- Everyone completes a minimum of one major. We have over 100 from which to choose!
- Visit the Center for Career Engagement and Internships website for a skills assessment and career diagnostic test. Learn about the possible career connections to our majors.
- Through the QC Core Pathways Requirements, you have the opportunity to explore many different areas.
- For a comprehensive list of majors, see the Advising Center’s website.
  - Some majors may have specific admissions and/or maintenance criteria.
- For timely graduation, you are advised to choose your major by your Sophomore year (at the latest).
- Don’t be afraid to ask for help in choosing a major!
Academic Program Maps

Explore your chosen area/s of study and review the term-by-term course outline and completion requirements. Be sure to consult with your advisor to set the best path for you.

www.qc.cuny.edu/academicprogrammaps
There are programs that have pre-requisites, entrance criteria, and/or application requirements. Discuss with your advisor.

- **BFA in Studio Art** (not BA)
- **Business Administration** (Corporate Finance, International Business, or Actuarial Studies)
- **Biochemistry**
- **Chemistry**
- **Communication Sciences and Disorders** (Speech Pathology)
- **Dance**
- **Design**
- **Drama/Theatre**
- **Elementary/Childhood Education**
- **Music** (Aaron Copland School of Music)
- **Neuroscience**
- **Nutrition and Dietetics**
- **Secondary Education**
In order to graduate you must complete a minimum of 120 credits.

- Depending on the size of your major, you may have a small or a large number of elective credits to fulfill.
- This area of the degree is a great opportunity to further develop your knowledge and skills set by supplementing your studies with practical experiences such as internships and study abroad.
QC in 4 is a partnership between YOU and Queens College. It is a commitment empowering you to achieve your goals and GRADUATE IN 4 YEARS!

You are automatically enrolled!
Why QC in 4?

- Start **Graduate studies** faster!
- Begin your **career** sooner!
- **Save money** on tuition costs/loans—don’t run out of financial aid!
- Be part of the 90% of Queens College students who graduate **debt-free**!
- Stay **focused** and **motivated**!
- **Guarantee** your degree!
- Get **support**: Know that there is a safety net and Queens College has your back!
How Will I Graduate in 4?

Plan

- Review the Academic Program Map for your major and strategize with an advisor on how you will complete your degree. **Planning and meeting with an Academic Advisor early and regularly is KEY! Advising is mandatory—not optional!**

Earn

- Stay on track earning **at least 30 credits each year** and visit your Academic Advisor to make sure all of the credits you’re earning are counting towards your degree.

Complete

- Successfully complete all required coursework for your degree in four years and we’ll see you at graduation!
Graduate In 4 Years!

- To graduate in 4 years you need to **Take 15 credits** a semester (Fall | Spring).
  - Discuss winter and summer options with your advisor.

- **120 credits = CLASS OF 2024!!!!**
  That is: 4 years = 8 semesters x 15 credits *(approx. 5 courses per semester)*

- There are **FOUR SESSIONS** an academic year:
  - **Fall Semester** - starts end of August through mid December
  - **Winter Semester** - first three weeks of January
  - **Spring Semester** - end of January through end May
  - **Summer Sessions** – starts June through August – 4 separate sessions. Take up to 15 credits.

- **2.0 GPA (C average)** minimum GPA *(Grade Point Average)* required to maintain good academic standing. **AIM HIGHER THAN THE MINIMUM!**
  Majors often require higher averages.

- **STAY ON TRACK!** Do not drop, switch, or withdraw from coursework unless you have first discussed with an academic advisor. There can be academic and financial implications.
In the Confirmation Email – You were directed to review the QC in 4 Commitment Form that outlines student eligibility and responsibilities, plus QC responsibilities and program benefits. Please fill out the QC in 4 Google Form.
Fall 2020 QC in 4 Workshops

- Workshops will be held in September, October and November: all freshmen must attend before the can enroll for the spring semester.
- Receive advisement for the winter and spring 2021 semesters.
  - Learn how to look up classes and register in CUNY First.
  - Access your Degree Works to select courses and learn to utilize this tool for planning.
  - Get information about your major and its requirements.
- Emails inviting you to register will be sent in September. Sign up early to start planning for 2021 and beyond.
FYE is a unique first-year academic support program that ensures new students thrive at Queens College.

**FYE Communities** consists of two paired courses that fulfill Pathways and/or major requirements that all students need to graduate. For example, some FYE communities consist of English 110 and a General Education course.

- FYE Communities cross the curriculum to embrace the arts, sciences, and humanities. Feel free to choose something new that may or may not be required for your major. Explore and take courses of interest!

- FYE will also support you through its [Peer Mentorship Program](mailto:fyi@qc.cuny.edu)

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**First Year Experience**  
fyi@qc.cuny.edu  
Honors Hall Room 5 | 718-997-5567
Stay on Track towards your QC Bachelor’s Degree

Stay on track.

Take 15 credits a semester and you will be on track to graduate in four years. And if you’re a full-time, in-state student, you can take 15 or even 18 credits each semester for the same cost as 12 credits.

Ready to register for additional classes? Get started by reviewing your academic plan with an advisor.
Complete Your File!

Submit final transcripts and score reports to the Undergraduate Admissions Office. Visit their website for information on virtual document submission of:

- Advanced Placement (AP) scores 3 – 5
- Non – CUNY College Preparatory Coursework
- High School Transcript and Proof of Graduation
- College Level Examination Program (CLEP)
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- A – Levels

CUNY College Now courses and credits (but not grades) will automatically be applied to your QC record.

Undergraduate Admissions Office
Admissions@qc.cuny.edu | Live Chat
Jefferson Hall, Room 105 | 718-997-5600
Get a head start on your Queens College experience and make faster progress towards earning your degree by registering for an online course or two this Summer 2020 at Queens College!

**2020 Summer Session Dates**

- **Summer Session 1** – (Four Weeks) | June 1 – June 24
- **Summer Session 2** – (Four Weeks) | June 29 – July 22
- **Summer Session 3** – (Six Weeks) | June 29 – August 6

CUNY’s Summer 2020 course offerings will be exclusively conducted via a distance education format; however, indicated dates and times may be adhered to.

- For session information, please refer to the [Summer Session](#) webpage.
- For Summer tuition information, please refer to the [Bursar’s website](#).
- [Click here](#) for Freshman Registration Instructions!
Graduate With Honors!

**General College Honors**
- Requires a minimum 3.5 GPA.
  - Keep In Mind: Most graduate schools accept a minimum of 3.0 GPA
- Complete a minimum of 45 credits in QC
- Pass/No Credit (P/NC) grades are not counted towards the 45 local credits

**Departmental Honors**
- Check with academic department(s) for specific requirements

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**College Honors**
- Cum Laude (3.5-3.749)
- Magna Cum Laude (3.75-3.899)
- Summa Cum Laude (3.9-4.0)

For more information contact:
Office of Honors & Scholarships
Honors Hall, Room 16
718-997-5502 | qc_honors@qc.cuny.edu
Financial Aid

- Maintain full-time credit load. Target **15 credits** per semester/30 per academic year.
- Courses taken must apply towards degree requirements.
- Do not repeat courses taken previously. Discuss with an advisor first.
- Maintain acceptable GPA (minimum 2.0) & demonstrate *Satisfactory Academic Progress* (SAP), which is credit completion.
- Last day to add course(s) for Financial Aid Certification – *Tuesday, September 1, 2020*
- When in doubt, speak with an academic or financial aid advisor.

Financial Aid – QC HUB

QCHUB@qc.cuny.edu
Dining Hall, Room 128 | 718-997-5102
The Excelsior Scholarship, in combination with other student financial aid programs, allows students to attend a CUNY college tuition–free.

In order to apply, students must meet eligibility requirements, including:

- Be residents of New York State
- Plan to attend a CUNY or SUNY college or university in pursuit of a two-year or four-year degree
- Have a family federal adjusted gross income of $125,000 or less for 2019-20 file
- Be on track to graduate on time with an Associate’s Degree in two consecutive years or a Bachelor’s Degree in four consecutive years

Please visit [www.hesc.ny.gov/excelsior](http://www.hesc.ny.gov/excelsior) for more information.

Note: To apply for the Excelsior Scholarship you will need to complete the 2020-2021 FAFSA and TAP application.

**VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR APPLICATION DEADLINE**
The Billing Process

- Once registered, a tuition bill will be generated. You will receive an email to your QC email account (*QMail*) informing you of the bill due date, which is based on your initial date of registration. (Please note: **Tuition Bills are not mailed**).

- **View your tuition bill and applied Financial Aid in your Self-Service/Student Service Center page on CUNYfirst.**

- You are held financially and academically responsible once you are registered for classes. Should your intention change to attend QC, you must drop your classes. Non-payment **will not** drop your classes.

- Late fees will be assessed when adding/swapping courses after the semester has begun.

For payment due dates, liability schedule and payment options, please visit the [Bursar Website](#).
A major difference between High School and College is the expectation of student engagement, planning, and pro-activity!

Visit the Freshman Advising Webpage for important information & tools for your use...beyond today!
### Important Dates

**First Day of Fall 2020 Classes** begins on – **Wednesday, August 26**

**Click here** to access the Important Documents and save it for future reference!
QC Technology: Accounts and Access

Register for classes, view and pay your tuition bill, check final grades, sign-up for CUNY Alert, use Blackboard, DegreeWorks, e-Permit, as well as other services.

Your QC Student Email Account “aka QMail” – Used for all official college correspondences. Note: Same Username and Password as CUNYfirst.

All students entering QC must claim their “QC Username” account through the College’s “CAMS” system. This allows for access to the school’s computers, Wi-Fi on campus, and obtaining your college ID card, as well as other college web-based applications.

Download the QC Navigate App – Schedule an online/virtual appointment with an advisor, see an up-to-date class schedule and your appointments, connect to resources that will help you succeed at QC, and MUCH MORE!!!

Information Technology – Help Desk
Helpdesk@qc.cuny.edu
Dining Hall, 151 | 718-997-4444
Next Steps

- The next step in the enrollment process is to complete the 10 Steps Before Your Virtual Freshman Advising and Registration Session on the Freshman Advising webpage. You will learn about our academic offerings, degree options and campus resources.

- Be prepared for your one-on-one virtual appointment with an academic advisor to create your first semester programming and begin the discussion on your 4-year academic planning.
  - If you have not received an Invitation to sign-up, please contact the New Student phone line at 718.997.5573 and leave a message.

We are here to help make your transition to Queens College smooth and successful, and we look forward to meeting you.