CLASS OF 2025!
FALL 2021 Virtual Freshman Advising Presentation
Welcome to the Queens College Community!

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 self-guided 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.
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QC Bachelor's Degree
- 120 credits
- 45 residency credits
- 2.0 minimum GPA

QC Core Requirements

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Major Requirements
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 –
- Academic Advising website: www.qc.cuny.edu/qcdegreeerequirements
- 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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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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**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>Literature</td>
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<td>Science</td>
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<td>An additional College Option</td>
<td>1 Course (Chosen from LPS, Flexible Core, College Option, or Synthesis Course)</td>
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![Diagram showing the structure of QC Core Requirements](image)
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](http://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

QUEENS COLLEGE

Psychology BA

FOUR-YEAR ACADEMIC PLAN

12  Required Core Credits
18  Flexible Core Credits
12  College Option Credits
36  Major Credits
42  Elective Credits
120  Total

This 4-year academic plan is designed to help students entering Queens College in Fall 2017 or after plan their academic career and ensure that they complete all requirements for graduation in a timely fashion. All other students should consult with their academic and departmental advisors to chart their own 4-year academic plans. Students should note that course prerequisites and co-requisites are strictly enforced, and they should regularly meet with their departmental advisors to identify their specific major/minor requirements and coursework and maintenance criteria (if applicable) for successful completion of their degree.
Majors With Applications Processes and/or Entrance Criteria

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**
Your QC Bachelor’s Degree

Electives

QC General Electives
Can use Pass/No Credit for electives unless dual majors or minors.

- 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*.
Guarantee Your Graduation in Four Years

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 2025!!!!**
  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.
QC in 4 Commitment Form

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.
FYE’s primary objective is ensuring that new students thrive at Queens College. FYE promotes first-year programming that supports students in successfully developing their academic paths.

As a first-year student, FYE is here for you. Make a virtual appointment with a peer mentor who can answer your questions about college life and help you make plans to get the most from your first year.

First Year Experience
fye@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.
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
Summer Session Opportunities
Start College Now!

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 2021 at Queens College!

2021 Summer Session Dates

Summer Session 1 – (4 Weeks) │ June 7 to June 30
Summer Session 2 – (4 Weeks) │ July 6 to July 29
Summer Session 3 – (6 Weeks) │ July 6 to August 16
Summer Session 4 – (10 Weeks) │ June 7 to August 16

CUNY's Summer 2021 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.
- For Summer Aid information – Click here!
- 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

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 August 31, 2021**
- When in doubt, speak with an academic or financial aid advisor.

**QC HUB Financial Aid – Live Chat**
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 2021-22 FAFSA and TAP application.

VIST THE WEBSITE FOR APPLICATION DEADLINE
The Billing Process

- Once you are registered for courses your tuition bill will be generated. You will receive an email to your QC email account (Office 365) 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.
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
Be Sure to Utilize Resources

Explore the College’s Resources & Use Them!

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!
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. Someone will return your call promptly.*

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