Senior Year: Now What???

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The Academic Advising Center
Congratulations, Welcome to Senior Year!

It’s important in your last year to review and think about:

✓ Important dates, deadlines, and procedures for graduation
✓ Services offered by the Center for Career Engagement and Internships
✓ The process of applying to graduate / professional schools
SECTION 1
Queens College Degree Requirements

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

Major Requirements

QC Core Requirements

Electives
Minors
Internship
Dual Majors
Study Abroad
QC Bachelor’s Degree

Have you completed the following:

- Minimum of 120 credits (Transfer students must complete minimum of 45 credits in residency)
- All your Pathways General Education Requirements
- One major
- Minimum 2.0 Grade Point Average

For more information on degree requirements, visit our [website](#).
Double check your degree requirements

DegreeWorks: Your academic planning tool via your CUNY Portal Account

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Credits required: 120  Credits applied: 105  Year: 2020-2021 Undergrad  Cumulative GPA: 3.850

Unmet conditions for this set of requirements:

- 120 credits are required. You currently have 105, inclusive of classes in progress. You still need 15 more.

- GPA Requirement Met
- CUNY Skills Assessment Requirements
- PATHWAYS - General Education Requirements
- Writing-Intensive Requirements
- A Completed Major is Required
Meet with your advisor(s)

Meet with an Academic Advisor

- To review general education requirements
- Schedule an appointment via the Navigate App

Meet with your major / minor advisor(s)

- To review major(s) / minor(s) requirements
- Please check department websites for office hours
Section 2

Important dates, deadlines, and procedures for graduation
Applying for Graduation

**STUDENTS MUST FILE FOR GRADUATION ONLINE VIA CUNYfirst!**

- March 1 (Last day to file for Spring 2024 graduation)
- July 1 (Last day to file for Summer 2024 graduation)
  - April 1 (*For students graduating by the end of summer and wishing to participate in commencement ceremony.)
- November 1 (Last day to file for Fall 2024 graduation)
- January 1 (Last day to file for Winter 2025 graduation)
  - *Winter graduates must file a paper application with the QC Hub.*
Graduation Application

For step-by-step instructions on how to submit your application, visit our website.

Before submitting your application, double check your information!
Change of Graduation Information

- Once you file for graduation, you are prevented from registering for future semesters.
- If you wish to change your graduation date, you must fill out the **Change of Graduation Information Form**.
The Degree Audit Process

- Step 1: You initiate the process by filing for graduation online via your CUNYfirst account on or before the deadline. (System will reflect “Applied”)

- Step 2: Your student record will be reviewed for completion of the college’s general education requirements, pending the completion of the current semester’s coursework. (System will reflect “Program in Review”)

- Step 3: Your student record will then be reviewed for major/minor specific requirements. Once the initial degree audit has been conducted, students will be notified via their Qmail email account only if there is a problem. (System will reflect “Pending Work”)

- Step 4: After grades have been posted to your account and the college’s grading process is complete, a final review of your application will be completed. Only students who have met all requirements for graduation will be conferred. For a list of conferral dates and processing times, please visit the QC Hub/Records Management website. (System will reflect “Degree Awarded”)

For more information regarding the degree audit process, please visit the QC Hub/Records Management website.
SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, May 30

For information regarding departmental events, graduation photos, class rings, yearbook, etc., visit the Queens College Commencement website:  
www.qc.cuny.edu/ce (site to be updated soon)

Contact Information:
Location: Kiely Hall 413
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E-mail: Commencement@qc.cuny.edu
Section 3

Services offered by the Center for Career Engagement and Internships
Applying for Jobs

Visit the Center for Career Engagement and Internships

- Have your resume/CV/portfolio reviewed
- Learn how to develop your “elevator pitch”
- Attend workshops and events on Interviewing Skills and Job Search
- Sign up for CCEI Jobs Database (HIREQC)
- Plan to meet with a Career Educator to discuss career options

To learn more about the CCEI services, visit the Center’s website.
Sample Job Websites and Resources

Office of Career Development and Internships: https://www.qc.cuny.edu/academics/cei/

HireQC: https://queenscollege-csm.symplicity.com/


Buzzfile: www.buzzfile.com

O-Net: www.onetonline.org

Department of Labor: www.labor.ny.gov/stats/

Indeed: www.indeed.com

For additional resources, visit CCEI.
Section 4
Applying to graduate / professional schools
Applying to Graduate School

Start your research with the below search engines:
- Gradschool.com
- Peterson’s
- The Princeton Review

Find out what CUNY has to offer
- Cuny.edu/grad
(Virtual and in person events available)

Speak with Professors / Career Counselors / Advisors
Breakdown of Application

Most graduate / professional school applications will want the following:

✓ Transcript(s): Most programs are looking for a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
✓ Resume
✓ Admission test scores
✓ Statement of purpose
✓ Letters of recommendation (usually 3)
Not there yet?

What if you don’t meet all the admissions criteria?

Consider the following:

- Speak with an admissions counselor at the graduate school
- Take a course as a non-matriculated student
- Complete a second BA
- Look into volunteer opportunities
- Complete pre-requisites at the undergraduate level
- Retake courses for a better grade
- Get work experience
Most Common Graduate Admissions Tests

- **Graduate Record Examination (GRE)** - Tests verbal, quantitative, and analytical abilities. Test is given year-round. ([www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org))

- **Graduate Record Examination (GRE Subject Tests)** - The GRE subject tests assesses your knowledge of a specific area of study. ([www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org))

- **Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT)** - Measures verbal, quantitative, and analytical reasoning. This exam is tailored to the needs of business schools. ([www.mba.com](http://www.mba.com))

- **Law School Admission Test (LSAT)** - Examines reading, writing, and logical reasoning. This exam is taken by prospective law students. ([www.lsac.org](http://www.lsac.org))

- **Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT)** - Evaluates fluency in the sciences. This exam is taken by prospective medical students. ([www.aamc.org](http://www.aamc.org))
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www.kaptest.com
Enter test name, Under “More”, Select “Free Practice” or “Free Events”
Statement of Purpose

Your statement of purpose (aka personal statement) will tell admissions counselors who you are!

✓ Make sure you answer the question(s)
  ✓ Be honest
✓ Proofread, Proofread, Proofread
  ✓ Read it forward for flow and check grammar
  ✓ Read it backwards (word by word) for spelling
✓ Have someone review it
  ✓ Get feedback from a professor, career counselor, or advisor
References

Most graduate / professional programs require 3 letters of recommendation:

- Identify faculty members, administrators, or employers with whom you have become acquainted through classes, extracurricular activities, or jobs.
- Provide recommenders with a copy of your personal statement and resume.
- Give recommenders an appropriate amount of time and materials with clear instructions.

Skills and characteristics graduate / professional schools are interested in include:

- quality of academic work
- intellectual curiosity/future intellectual promise
- integrity/honesty
- social skills
- maturity
- communication skills - written and oral
Keep your eyes on the prize!

YOU’RE ALMOST THERE!
Questions???

Contact Ms. Jamie Guo Feng Lau
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