

QUEENS COLLEGE

Urban Studies Secondary Education BA

FOUR-YEAR ACADEMIC PLAN

12 Required Core Credits

18 Flexible Core Credits

12 College Option Credits

36+27 (SEYS) Major Credits

15 Elective credits

This 4-year academic plan is for freshmen entering Queens College in Fall 2025.

Our 4-year academic plans are illustrative examples of integrated degree requirements and course sequencing for each of the College's programs of study which are designed to ensure degree completion in a timely manner. Students are advised to meet with professional and faculty advisors to tailor their degree maps to their individual interests (academic and career goals), as well as other considerations including course offerings and the incorporation of winter and summer sessions. Course pre-requisite/s and co-requisite/s are strictly enforced, as are entrance and maintenance criteria (if applicable) for the successful completion of the degree.

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Freshman

FALL

English composition I (ECI)	3 credits
Individual & Society (IS)	3 credits
World Culture & Global Issues (WCGI)	3 credits
Creative Expression (CE)	3 credits
Math & Quantitative Reasoning (MQR)	3 credits

Fall total credits **15 credits**

SPRING

English Composition II (EC2)	3 credits
Life & Physical Science (LPS)	4 credits
College Option Language (LANG)	4 credits
URBST 101 (USED)	3 credits
Urban Issues: Poverty and Affluence	
General elective	1 credit

Spring total credits **15 credits**

Sophomore

FALL

College Option Science (SCI)	3 credits
College Option Literature (LIT+W) With Writing Intensive Unit*	3 credits
URBST 105 (USED)	3 credits
Urban Politics	
Scientific World (SW)	3 credits
An Additional College Option	3 credits

Fall total credits **15 credits**

SPRING

URBST Electives	3 credits
(See department for the approved list of elective courses)	
Minor or general electives**	12 credits

Spring total credits **15 credits**

General Education requirements may be taken in any order if the pre-requisite requirement(s) is/are satisfied.

* If a Literature course is taken with a W, it will count towards Literature and one Writing Intensive Unit.

This major is intended for students who would like to become initially certified in Secondary Education (grades 7-12) with a concentration in Social Studies Education. To begin the program, students must first have their major declared in Africana Studies, Anthropology, Economics, History, Latin American Studies, Political Science, Sociology, or Urban Studies.

To qualify for student teaching you must have a minimum GPA of 2.75 in your major if your content area is Economics; for all other content areas a 3.0; a B in SEYS 363, and a 3.0 GPA in SEYS courses.

All SEYS Social Studies Majors must have at least 21 credits of History and Geography (at least two courses of US History and two courses that are NON-US History), one course in Economics and one course in Political Science. Students must also have one block of at least 12 credits in a single Social Science discipline outside of their major. (See Reverse for more details)

All students are required to complete 100 hours of fieldwork prior to Student Teaching I.

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Junior

FALL

URBST Electives (See department for the approved list of elective courses)	3 credits
URBST 200 Methods in Urban Research***	3 credits
SEYS 201W Historical, Social, and Philosophical Foundations of Education	3 credits
SEYS 221 Development and Learning in Middle Childhood and Adolescence	3 credits
Minor or general electives	3 credits

Fall total credits

15 credits

SPRING

URBST Electives	3 credits
URBST 221 Making Public Policy ***	3 credits
SEYS 340 Language, Literacy, and Culture in Education	3 credits
SEYS 363/363W Methods of Teaching Social Studies in Middle and High School	3 credits
ECPSE 350 Foundation of Special Education	3 credits

Spring total credits

15 credits

Senior

FALL

URBST 330/330W (W) Contemporary Urban Theory	3 credits
URBST Electives	6 credits
SEYS 373.2 Student Teaching in Social Studies I	3 credits
SEYS 383 Curriculum and Assessment in Social Studies	3 credits

Fall total credits

15 credits

SPRING

URBST 370/371 Note: this is an internship/service Learning course that places students in a community organization; students must take 370/371 in their final semester.	3 credits
URBST Electives	3 credits
SEYS 373.4 Student Teaching in Social Studies II	3 credits
SEYS 350 Cognition, Tech., and Instruction for Diverse Lear.	3 credits
Minor or general electives	3 credits

Spring total credits

15 credits

***General Electives: Students may complete general electives by taking courses in (most) department/s or programs they choose; however, depending on the course/program, students may need department permission and/or prerequisite course/s. Electives may be used to supplement the chosen major (an English major may want to take a course in French or Italian literature) or to fulfill interest in a different area (a Music major may be interested in the physics of sound). Students are encouraged to use available electives to complete a dual major, minor, pre-requisites for graduate or professional school, or complete and internship, experiential learning and/or study abroad. Students are encouraged to use their available general electives wisely and focus on coursework that will assist them personally, academically and professionally.

*** Some major courses require students to take the prerequisites courses first or departmental permission.

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IF YOUR MAJOR IS HISTORY:

You must take at least:

- 1 Economics Course _____
1 Political Science Course _____

12 credits in A SINGLE Social Science discipline (Choose four courses from ONE of the following areas: Anthropology, Economics, Political Science, or Sociology. We suggest that at least one course have the word "Geography" in the title.)

- 1) _____
2) _____
3) _____
4) _____

(If you chose Economics or Political Science as your 12 credit area, substitute a course in another Social Science field for the Economics or Political Science requirement.)

IF YOUR MAJOR IS AFRICANA STUDIES, ANTHROPOLOGY, ECONOMICS, LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES, POLITICAL SCIENCE, SOCIOLOGY, URBAN STUDIES:

You must take at least:

- 1 Economics Course _____
1 Political Science Course _____

(If you are an Economics or Political Science Major, substitute a course in another Social Science field for the Economics/Political Science requirement.)

You must have 21 credits in History and Geography. Since there is no Geography department on campus, we recommend that you complete a minor in History. The History Department will work with your major department to certify at least one course as having sufficient history content to fulfill the requirement. Your major department may also be developing courses with the word GEOGRAPHY in the title to help you meet these requirements.

____ Yes, I am completing an 18 credit History Minor. The additional course that will bring me to 21 credits in History and Geography is:

- 1) _____

____ No, I am fulfilling this requirement without a History Minor. My four courses in US History and Non-US History/World Studies are as follows:

- 1) US: _____
2) US: _____
3) WORLD: _____
4) WORLD: _____

The remaining 9 credits I need in History and Geography are as follows:

- 1) _____
2) _____
3) _____

(These 9 credits may come from Geography/History courses in your major or another Social Science Department or from the History Department.)

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To be eligible for recommendation for New York State teaching licensure, all candidates must also complete the following:

1. Certification Exams: Educating All Students (EAS) + Content Specialty Test (CST) (in social studies).

Visit for more information:

<https://www.nystce.nesinc.com/>

2. New York State certification workshops:

Child Abuse Identification and Reporting (NYS Mandated Reporter)

School Violence Prevention and Intervention (SAVE)

DASA Training (Dignity for All Students Act)

Visit for more information:

<https://www.qc.cuny.edu/academics/se/workshop-information/>