

Making the Most of Junior Year

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Workshop Goals & Objectives

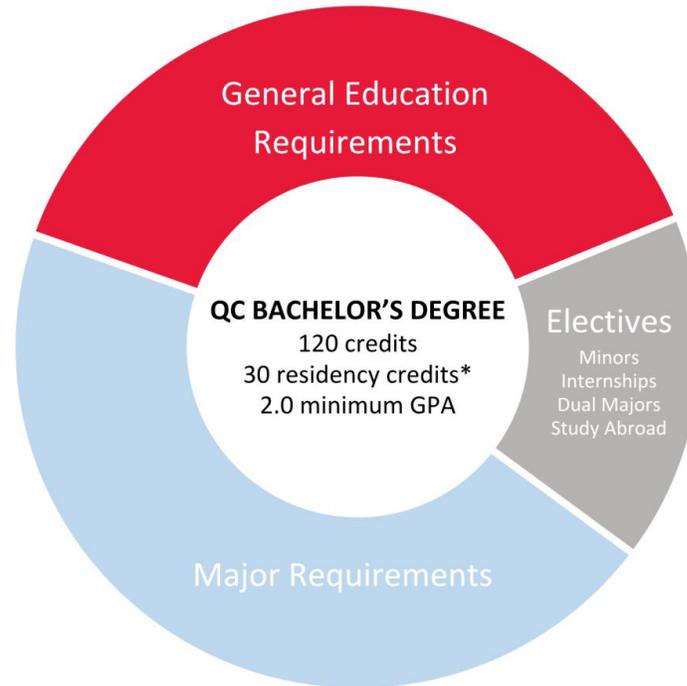
Review and learn about:

- ✓ General Education requirements
- ✓ Ways to enhance your resume
- ✓ Career resources
- ✓ Graduate / professional schools



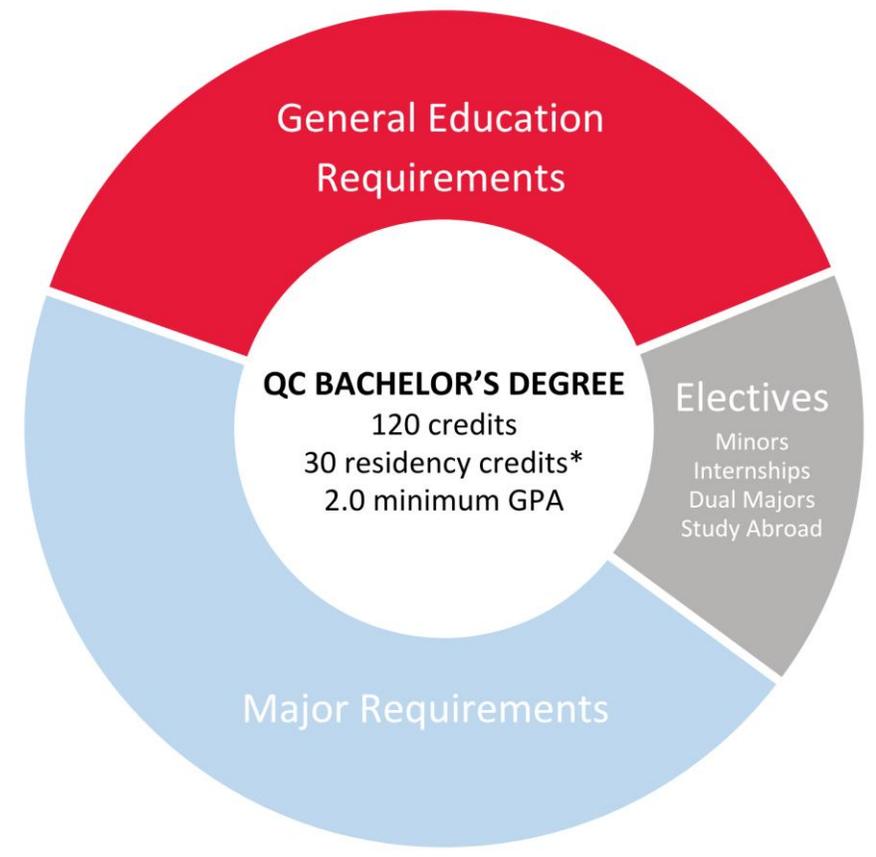
SECTION 1

Queens College Degree Requirements



QC Bachelor's Degree

- ▶ Minimum of 120 credits (Transfer students must complete minimum of 30 credits in residency)
- ▶ 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

Format
Student View

Degree progress

98%

100%

Cumulative GPA
3.342

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Requirements Credits

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Degree: Bachelor of Fine Arts IN-PROGRESS

Credits required: 120 Credits applied: 197 Year: 2020-2021 Undergrad Cumulative GPA: 3.342

- ✔ 120 credits are required for your degree
- ✔ A minimum of 30 credits must be taken in residence
- ✔ GPA Requirement Met
- ✔ PATHWAYS - General Education Requirements
- ✔ Writing-Intensive Requirements
- 🕒 A Completed Major is Required

DegreeWorks :
Your academic
planning tool
via your CUNY
Portal
Account



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

Summer / Fall Registration



JUNIOR REGISTRATION DATE



Starts week of March 16



**Check your CUNYfirst for enrollment date and time.*

Section 2

Making the Most of Junior Year



Build your resume

Internships / Service Learning / Volunteer Opportunities

- Gain experience (both personal and professional development)
- Test out a field
- Apply knowledge learned in the classroom to the workplace

Study Abroad

- Experience another culture
- Practice / enhance your foreign language skills
- Personal growth

Professional Associations / Campus Clubs and Organization

- Get involved
- Network, network, network

Where are the opportunities?

Internships / Volunteer Opportunities

Visit the Center for Career Engagement and Internships
Frese Hall 213

<https://www.qc.cuny.edu/academics/cei/>

Service Learning

Visit the CUNY Service Corps at Queens College
Kiely Hall 134A

<https://www.qc.cuny.edu/academics/ee/service-corps/>

Study Abroad

Visit the Study Abroad Office
King Hall 203

<https://www.qc.cuny.edu/academics/sa/>

Clubs / Organizations

Student Union LL 23

<https://www.qc.cuny.edu/sl/>

Section 3

Services offered by the Center for Career Engagement and Internships



Applying for Jobs and Internships

Visit the Center for Career Engagement and Internships

- ❑ Have your resume/CV/portfolio reviewed
- ❑ Attend workshops and events on Interviewing Skills and Job Search
- ❑ Sign up for CCEI Jobs Database ([Handshake](#))
- ❑ Take the [Focus 2 Career Test](#) (it only takes 20 minutes!) and explore [career maps](#)
- ❑ 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/>

Handshake: <https://qc.joinhandshake.com/login>

Occupational Outlook Handbook: www.bls.gov/ooh/

Wayup: www.wayup.com

idealist: www.idealist.org/en

LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com

Vault: <https://cunyqc.vault.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

(Attend CUNY Grad Week: cuny.edu/grad-week/)

Check out Queens College programs

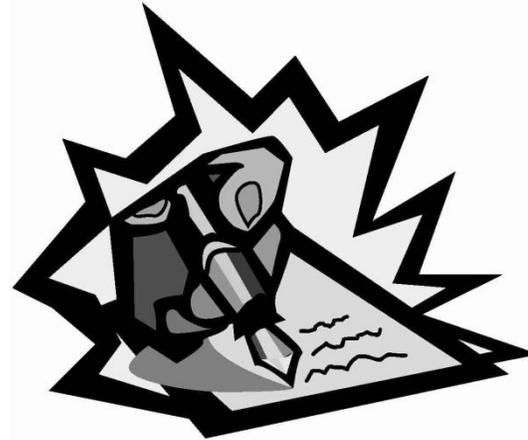
- www.qc.cuny.edu/ga/graduate-programs/

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
- Do 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)
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE Subject Tests) - The GRE subject tests assesses your knowledge of a specific area of study. (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)
- Law School Admission Test (LSAT) - Examines reading, writing, and logical reasoning. This exam is taken by prospective law students. (www.lsac.org)
- Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) - Evaluates fluency in the sciences. This exam is taken by prospective medical students. (www.aamc.org)

FREE Practice Exam

Want to know where you stand?

Schedule a FREE Practice Test and Sign up for FREE workshops!

www.princetonreview.com

Select “Graduate” tab, Choose your exam, Select “Free Tests and Events”

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:

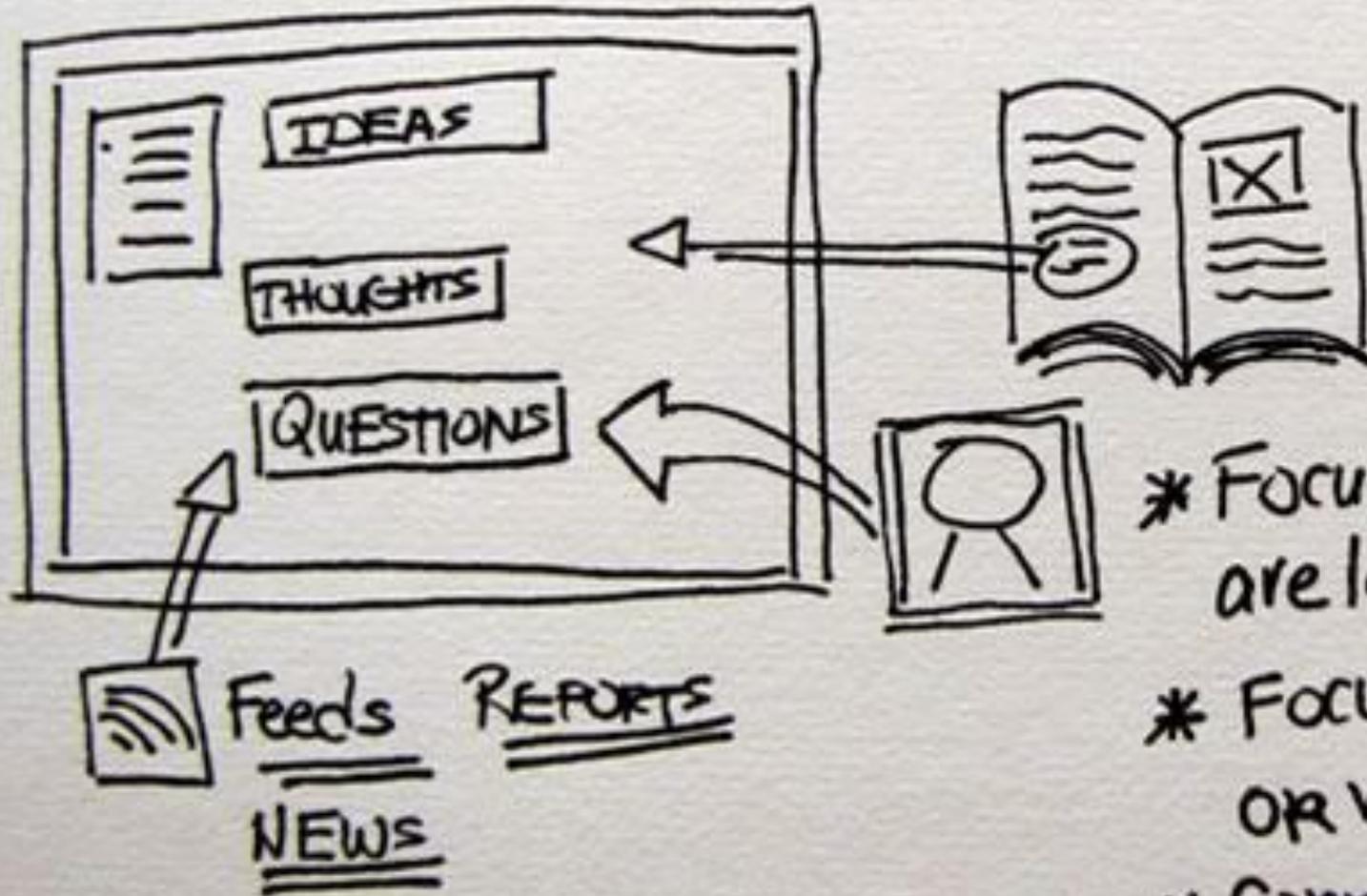
- ▶ Identify faculty members, administrators, or employers with whom you have become acquainted through classes, extracurricular activities, or jobs.
- ▶ Provide recommenders with a copy of your personal statement and resume.
- ▶ Give recommenders an appropriate amount of time and materials with clear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

"WHAT'S NEXT" BOARD (3)

TRACK IDEAS, QUESTIONS → START WITH QUESTIONS



- * Focus On Things that are leading indicators
- * Focus on observations or views on behavior
- * Connect the dots



Questions???

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Make An Appointment

