

# **QUEENS COLLEGE FACT SHEET**FALL 2024 / ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

GENERAL INFORMATION	
Queens College Website	http://www.qc.cuny.edu
Queens College at a Glance	https://www.qc.cuny.edu/ab/qc-at-a-glance/
Academic Calendar	Online Academic Calendar  Each semester lasts 15 weeks. There is one week of final exams:  Fall 2024: August 28, 2024 – December 21, 2024  Spring 2025: End of January 2025 – End of May 2025
Nomination & Application Deadlines	FALL 2024/AY 24-25 DEADLINES: Nomination: Weds., March 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 Application: Weds., March 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2024  SPRING 2025 DEADLINES: Nomination: Friday, October 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 Application: Friday, October 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2024

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Study Abroad Office Website	http://www.qc.cuny.edu/StudyAbroad

### **ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

### **Course Offerings**

Students can enroll in any course while at Queens College as long as they have met the pre-requirements (if any).

Exchange applicants are encouraged to explore the different departments before arrival on the Queens College Website.

When they are finally accepted into the university, they will have access to CUNYfirst and search for classes offered the following semester. There is no guarantee you will be able to enroll in all of your desired courses.

### **Students can only take 4 classes (12 credits)**

- In general, Exchange Students are not allowed to take English "W" courses, as they are very intensive. Exceptions may be made for English majors. This rule does not apply to native speakers.
- Education classes are <u>not</u> guaranteed.
- BALA (Business) may have restrictions on the number of BALA courses one student can take
- Students—with the exception of music students—are also not allowed to take Graduate Courses (700-level Courses).
- If a graduate student would like to study at Queens College, he/she must enroll in undergraduate classes.
- Music students must audition.

**March** - Fall courses are posted on CUNYFirst. **Early November**- Spring courses are posted on CUNYFirst.

<u>Course Search:</u> In order to search classes, students must follow this <u>link</u>.

If the link does not work, try using a different browser.



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Course Offerings (Cont'd)	Institution: Select: Queens College Term: 2024 Spring Term (until 2024 Fall Term is posted, but note that classes change from one semester to the next) → Next Subject: [Select your desired subject] Course Career: Undergraduate
Duration of Exchange	Fall Semester/Spring Semester/Academic Year
Course Load	4 courses per semester = 12 Credits MANDATORY
Grading System	Letter Grades and Grade Point Equivalents A+ 4.0 97-100 A 4.0 93-96 A- 3.7 90-92 B+ 3.3 87-89 B 3.0 83-86 B- 2.7 80-82 C+ 2.3 77-79 C 2.0 73-76 C- 1.7 70-72 D+ 1.3 67-69 D 1.0 60.0-66 F 0.0 below 0-59
Explanation of Grading System	Excellent (A+, A, A-). Very good (B+, B, B-). Average (C+, C). Poor (C-, D+, D). Failure (F).
LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT	MINIMUM SCORES TO BE ELIGIBLE:  TOEFL iBT: 61 IELTS: 6 Pearson Academic: 44 Duolingo: 95  We also accept:  • TOEFL MyBest Scores • TOEFL iBT Home Edition  IMPORTANT: Failure to submit students' language scores with their application documents will greatly delay their acceptance.  We do not accept any other tests, such as Cambridge English.
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NOMINATION & APPLICATION INFORMATION (CONT'D)	Partners should forward our Application Documents to their nominees, and then should submit their nominees' application documents in one email.  We will only be accepting digital applications via email: blanche.zahran@qc.cuny.edu  For each nominee, please email us just one PDF/student that contains all of the application documents in order and one separate JPEG/PNG Portrait Photo/student.  So, if you nominate 2 students, kindly send us 2 PDFs and their JPEG/PNG pictures.  (See Step-by-Step Instructions for more information)
Deadlines for Registration	Students should register for courses <i>immediately</i> after we email them their Registration Information. Courses fill up quickly.  When exchange student finally select classes, the deadline to add/drop courses is as follows:  • Fall/Academic Year: End of August/1 <sup>st</sup> week of September  • Spring: End of January/1 <sup>st</sup> week of February
Enrollment	Around four to six weeks after receiving all the application materials, Queens College will send the visa paperwork and admission information to the home university of the students. Admission information includes the CUNY first Student ID and how to enroll for classes.
Language of Teaching	All courses are taught in English, unless they choose to enroll in Foreign Language courses during the semester.  • Foreign Language Classes Offered:  Arabic, Chinese, French, German,  Modern Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese,  Korean, Latin, Portuguese, Russian,  Spanish



VISA INFORMATION	
Visa Requirements	Students must apply for a J-1 Visa to study at Queens College. When the students have sent all the required materials a part of the application, they will be sent the visa paper work they must take to the American consulate/embassy in order to obtain the Visa. This will be 2-4 weeks after the reception of their acceptance email.
Health Coverage	You must purchase health insurance for your entire stay in the United States before you travel to the United States.
	You can use an insurance company from your own country or an international company.
	Please see "7a. International Insurance Requirements_Updated" & "7b. International Insurance Providers List" for more details.
Health Coverage (Continued)	Here is one suggestion for you: <a href="http://www.isoa.org/">http://www.isoa.org/</a> Please follow these steps: - Apply and pay for health insurance online - If an American address is needed when purchasing insurance, please use the following address: - 64-80 Kissena Blvd Flushing, NY 11367 U.S.A. (This is the address for the Summit dormitory the Queens College on campus dormitory) - Once you have purchased your health insurance, you will receive a bill/receipt. Bring this copy of your paid health insurance bill with you to America.  It must be given to the International Student services Office at Queens College. For your medical insurance- write the following address:  King Hall Rm. 203, 65-30 Kissena Blvd Flushing, NY 11367 U.S.A.
Working in the U.S.	The process of receiving clearance from the U.S. government to work on campus can be lengthy, and most opportunities are for yearlong students.  You can work on campus but you must complete the following:  1. Obtain a letter on letterhead from the department wanting to hire you.



2.	Email the letter and your DS-2019 form
	(Visa Letter) to Patrick O'Connell:
	Patrick.Oconnell@qc.cuny.edu.
3.	Go to the nearest Social Security office
4.	You will receive a social security card in
	two-four weeks

5. More detailed steps <u>here</u>

-The information is designed for F-1 degree seeking students, but it also applies to J-1 students

	ARRIVAL INFORMATION
	Dorm Payment Deadline Around August 18th (To Be Confirmed)
IMPORTANT DATES	Move-In Day (Dorms) Around August 23 <sup>rd</sup> /26 <sup>th</sup> (To Be Confirmed)
	Mandatory Orientation: End of August (To Be Confirmed)
	Welcome Day Tues., August 27, 2024 (To Be Confirmed)
	First Day of Classes: Weds., August 28, 2024
	Last Day to Switch Classes: Monday, September 2, 2024
	Last Day of Fall 2024: Saturday, December 21, 2024
MANDATORY Orientation (Arrive <u>BEFORE</u> this date)	Fall Semester: End of August Spring Semester: End of January
	Students should apply for housing AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
	On-campus housing is first-come, first-served, and <u>not guaranteed</u> .
	Priority is given to Academic Year students. Spring students also have a higher chance of securing a dorm room.
Housing	Our students are usually able to obtain a room, but this also depends on the number of residents in the dorm, so <b>students should be open to off-campus housing, as well</b>
	Once a student receives a contract from the Summit, this means that he/she is guaranteed a room.
	Be sure to let the Summit know that you are only staying at Queens College for Fall 2024 <u>BEFORE</u> signing the contract



- Yearlong students who apply to the dorm must stay there both semesters.
- If you no longer want the room, DO NOT sign the contract.
- Students who sign a contract with the Summit and then cancel are subject to a <u>cancellation fee</u> (at least \$1,000).

Students who sign up for two semesters at the dorm will not be allowed to change housing from on campus to off campus after the end of the first semester.

### On Campus Housing (The Summit Dorms) Academic Year 2023-2024\* Prices:

Shared Double Room: \$6,140 per semester
Single Occupancy Room: \$7,980 per semester

- o \*AY 2024-25 prices are not yet available.
- Dorm prices change every year and are likely to increase in the future.

For more information about our dorms, please consult the following websites:

- https://www.qc.cuny.edu/sa/floor-plans/
- www.qc.cuny.edu/housing

### On Campus Housing Application (HERE)

- Check off "International Student" at the top. This will allow you to insert international numbers.
- Under "Guarantor Information," submit your parents' information. Under "Guarantor Information," submit your parents' information.
- Be sure to read the "Terms and Conditions" carefully.

### **Dorm Payment**

Information on paying for the dorm can be found <u>HERE</u>.

Students can pay in their currency via CUNYFirst. Wire Transfers are also possible.

#### **Off-Campus Housing**

To look for housing off campus, you will need to do an online search.

Here are some off campus housing resources (Queens College is not affiliated with any of these websites):

- <a href="https://www.citihabitats.com/new-york-real-estate/exclusive-buildings/other-queens/the-opal/30">https://www.citihabitats.com/new-york-real-estate/exclusive-buildings/other-queens/the-opal/30</a>
- http://www.nyhabitat.com/new-york-apartment/furnished
- <a href="http://jumpoffcampus.com/">http://jumpoffcampus.com/</a>
- https://www.studenthousing.org/buildings
- http://newyork.craigslist.org/que
- <a href="http://www.zillow.com/homes/Flushing-Queens-New-York-NY\_rb/">http://www.zillow.com/homes/Flushing-Queens-New-York-NY\_rb/</a> (Change from "For Sale" to "For Rent")
- •https://www.trulia.com/for\_rent/40.709079853747,40.756428377198,-74.029749776073,-73.947352315135\_xy/14\_zm/
- <a href="http://streeteasy.com/for-rent/nyc">http://streeteasy.com/for-rent/nyc</a>
- <a href="http://jcsa.com/">http://jcsa.com/</a> (In Japanese)

## Housing (Continued)



	Some of our students have also found housing through Facebook.
Transportation	Students commuting to campus can purchase a monthly Metro Card, which can be used on subways and busses and costs \$132 per month for an unlimited card or \$2.90 per ride. More information <a href="here">here</a> .  Queens College also has a free <a href="shuttle-bus">shuttle-bus</a> that takes students to nearby subway stations.
Exchange Student Activities & Arts & Events Fee	ARTS AND EVENTS FEE (\$200 – Mandatory – Due at Orientation) The Queens College Study Abroad Office brings students on cultural events & excursions within the 5 boroughs of New York City to Broadway Shows, Sports Games, Bowling, Central Park Tours, Lunches, and more. These events give the students a greater understanding of the American culture and allow them to step out of their comfort zones and make friends with local and international exchange students.
Queens College Student Clubs & Activities	There are dozens of <u>clubs</u> for students to join when they are here at Queens College. Here is a link for activities on and off campus for students to engage in student life.
Students with Disabilities	Mission Statement: The Office of Special Services for Students with Disabilities is dedicated to providing supportive services to all students with disabilities by ensuring accessibility to all academic and social activities and to teach self-advocacy for their success at Queens College and leadership roles in society.  If a student needs extra time, or any other services, they should tell
	us at orientation and tell their professors on the first day of classes.  Further information can be found here.
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