

Honors Programs

Queens College’s Honors Programs enhance your education by providing opportunities for faculty mentorship, advanced research, and other individualized projects. Honors at Queens creates a community of learners in which students enjoy small classes that emphasize discussion and projects over lectures. At the same time, honors students have full access to the many resources that a diverse student body and campus like Queens can provide.

- **Honors in the Humanities**, open to students in all majors, emphasizes the use of careful reading, critical writing, and discussion to study the origins of contemporary culture. [qc.cuny.edu/humanitieshonors](http://qc.cuny.edu/humanitieshonors)
- **Freshman Honors Program** is a two-semester program of specially designed liberal arts courses. Students take a sequence in English, history, and philosophy in which the subjects are linked chronologically and thematically. [qc.cuny.edu/freshmanhonors](http://qc.cuny.edu/freshmanhonors)
- **The Transfer Honors Program** is designed for highly motivated and creative students who wish to complete their bachelor’s degree at a college that challenges them to do their best. [transfer.qc.cuny.edu](http://transfer.qc.cuny.edu)

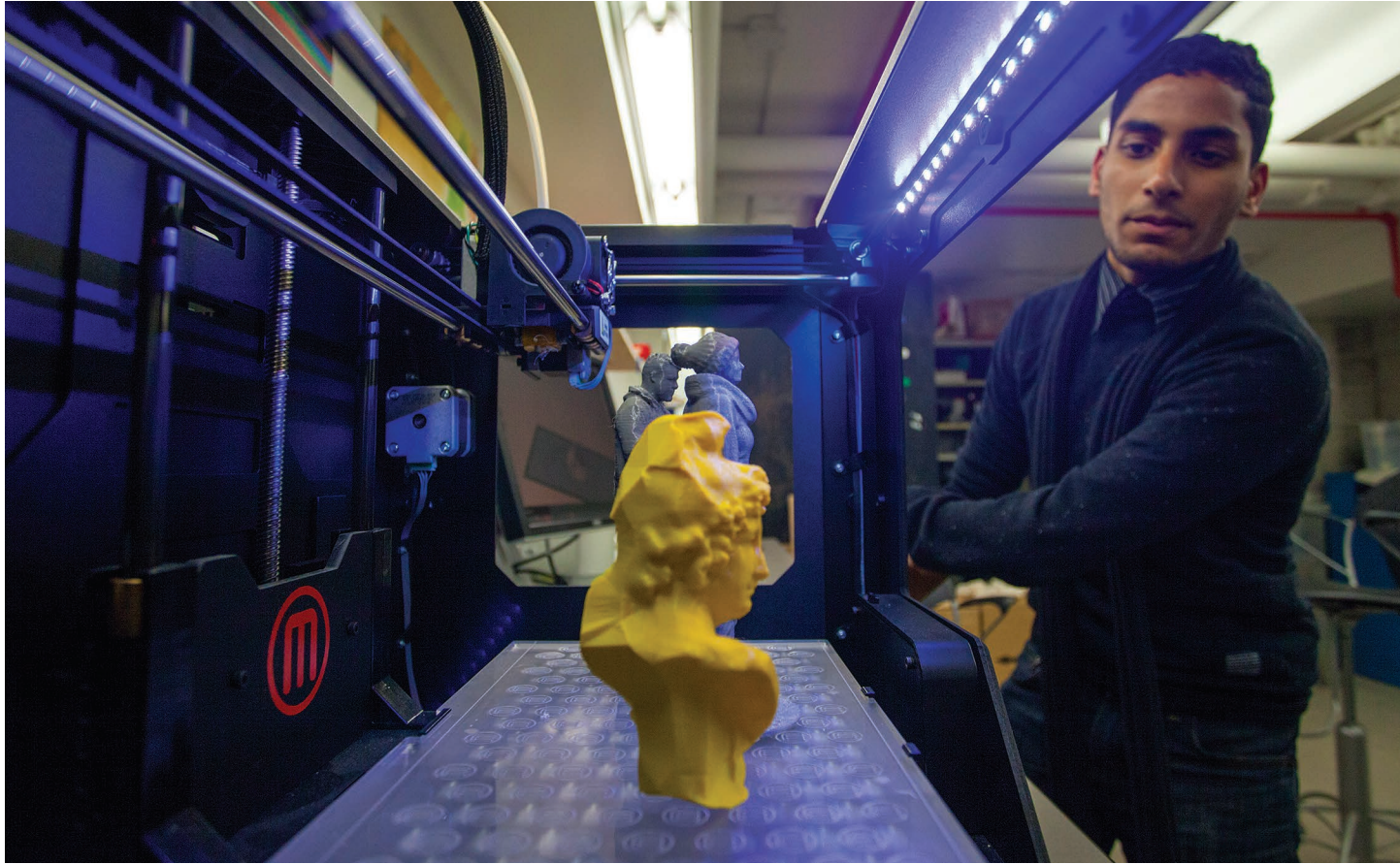
Degrees in the Arts

**Accelerated Master’s Degrees:** Certain Queens College students may be eligible to enroll in an accelerated master’s degree program. Accelerated degrees allow qualified students to begin taking coursework for a master’s degree or graduate certification as an undergraduate student. [accelerate.qc.cuny.edu/undergrad-programs](http://accelerate.qc.cuny.edu/undergrad-programs).

DEGREE PROGRAMS	DEGREE	MINORS	CONCENTRATIONS
Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Bachelor of Arts in Art History</li><li>■ Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art</li><li>■ Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art</li><li>■ Bachelor of Fine Arts in Design</li><li>Bachelor of Fine Arts in Photography and Imaging</li><li>■ Master of Arts in Art History</li><li>Master of Fine Arts in Studio Art</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Animation &amp; Illustration</li><li>■ Art History</li><li>■ Digital Moviemaking and Imagemaking</li><li>Graphic Design</li><li>■ Interaction Design</li><li>■ Studio Art</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Communication Design</li><li>■ Animation and Illustration</li><li>■ Interaction Design</li></ul>
Drama, Theatre & Dance	Bachelor of Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Drama &amp; Theatre</li><li>■ Theatre-Dance</li></ul>	
Film Studies	Bachelor of Arts	Yes	
Aaron Copland School of Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Bachelor of Arts</li><li>■ Bachelor of Music in Performance</li><li>■ Bachelor of Arts in Music Education</li><li>■ Bachelor of Music in Performance with Music Education Certification</li><li>■ BA/MA</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Theory &amp; Literature</li><li>■ Literature</li><li>■ Music &amp; Production</li></ul>	Composition







# Arts

The Queens School of Arts (QSA) is a world-class center of creative expression. The school is home to the Aaron Copland School of Music, and it houses over 20 renowned programs in studio art, design, theatre, dance, and music. QSA is located in New York City in the borough of Queens, the most culturally diverse area in the world. QSA supports excellence in the arts, collaborations between artists, leadership in the arts, and a belief that everyone must be included in the production and appreciation of art.

At Queens College we prepare you to lead in our exciting global society by offering a rigorous education in the liberal arts and sciences. You will graduate with the skills for a lifetime of learning—skills that top schools and the best graduate programs are looking for.

These are all great reasons to find out more about the arts and honors programs offered at Queens College.

## Art

The study of art is at the core of a liberal arts education. Queens College’s varied curriculum, large faculty, and excellent studio facilities support a variety of interests and aspirations. [qc.cuny.edu/art](https://qc.cuny.edu/art)

### Art History

Art history is the study of world art from ancient times to the present. Those who major in this field often go on to careers in galleries, auction houses, museums, libraries, and nonprofit organizations, or teach the subject in elementary and high schools and universities. The skills of close looking and visual analysis developed through the study of art history can also be applied in a wide variety of fields beyond the fine arts.

### Design

Queens College’s Design program combines knowledgeable faculty with industry-standard software and the creativity of a studio-based learning environment. With our three concentrations in communication design, animation & illustration, or interaction design, students can specialize in techniques and approaches that prepare them for a multitude of design-based careers, including graphic designers, software and web developers, illustrators, animators, marketing and advertising specialists, or product designers.

## Photography and Imaging

The Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in photography and imaging prepares students in their pursuit of careers or advanced degrees in fine art, applied photography, and digital imaging. The curriculum incorporates the latest 2-D and 3-D technologies for capturing and outputting images. Students choose among a variety of courses in the practice of photography including traditional/analog and alternative processes, digital, 2-D and 3-D scanning and printing, theory, history, and critical thinking. Students will graduate with a portfolio that can be used to seek or further their careers in the field or apply to graduate school.

Graduates of the program could be considered for positions in photo editing and research, photojournalism, studio portrait and product photography, architecture and fine art photography, commercial and industrial photography, scientific photography, travel and lifestyle photography, photo retouching, 3-D imaging, and digital archiving.

## Studio Art

Students who pursue a studio art major receive a balance of theory and practice, an understanding of the intellectual and technical skills required in the fine arts, and preparation for a creative professional life as an artist. Students hone their skills to create artwork to be sold to museums, galleries, and individuals.

## Drama, Theatre & Dance

The Drama, Theatre & Dance curriculum offers a balanced and rigorous combination of theory and practice that aims to give an understanding of live performance that can serve as a foundation for graduate study and professional work. Each student receives an advisor and hands-on mentorship that helps to develop their individual skills and assist them in planning their post-graduate career path. The small sizes of the program and our classes allow us to give an outstanding overall foundation in the principles of live performance, combined with the intense individual focus usually found in a conservatory program.



The department offers a focus in every aspect of the discipline (including history, literature, acting, directing, stage management, design, and technical theatre) and dance (modern, ballet, tap, Asian and African dance, choreography, and dance education). Each year on our three stages the department presents five main stage productions. These works are selected from modern and classical sources to reflect the issues facing our students and campus communities. There are also opportunities for student actors and dancers to produce and direct independent work under faculty supervision. [qc.cuny.edu/dramatheatredance](https://qc.cuny.edu/dramatheatredance)

## The Aaron Copland School of Music

The music curriculum develops the interdependent skills of performing, listening to, and understanding music, and thus provides the thorough training necessary for graduate study and a career in the profession. [qc.cuny.edu/music](https://qc.cuny.edu/music)

All music applicants must complete an audition and music placement exams before they are admitted to the music program.

### The Standard Music Major

This major is for students preparing for a career as a performer, conductor, composer, arranger, musicologist, or teacher in a conservatory, university, or other institution not requiring state certification.

### The Performance Major

This program is for advanced students in instrumental or vocal performance. Admission is by competitive audition in the student’s major instrument or voice.

### The Music Major with the Music Education Sequence

This major is for students who intend to teach music in public schools or other institutions that require state certification.

### The Performance Major and Music Certification

Students who qualify can take Music Education courses and also obtain New York State Music Teacher Certification. Completion of these two programs normally takes five years.