



THRIVING AT CITY COLLEGE

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Covered In This Presentation:

- Your Academic Record
- Expectations
- Resources
- Advising at The City College
- My Degree
- Conclusion

What you need to know?

What you do with about the points covered during in this presentation will determine how much success you have during your college career

Your Academic Record

- AP Scores
- IB Grades
- College Now
- Transfer Credits

Your Academic Record

- Credits accumulated/Transferred
 - **AP** - If you did **AP** courses, you must let your advisor know
Not all scores earn college equivalent credits, talk to your advisor about a specific, or anticipated score
 - **IB** - If you did **IB** courses, you must let your advisor know
It is important to submit record of all college level courses you have completed
 - **College Now** - If you did **College Now** courses, you must let your advisor know
It is important to submit record of all college level courses you have completed
 - **Transfer Credits** – Submit transcripts of all institutions you have attended
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If you do not tell us, we do not know.

The more credits you have at the beginning of your college career, the fewer courses you have left to take

Expectations

- Difference between The City College and your prior institution
- What is expected of you in college

Expectations

- Difference between H.S. and College
 - Policy
The undergraduate bulletin
=> ([Bulletin](#))
 - Course material
 - Class format & sizes
- What is expected of you in college
 - Communication with instructors and staff
 - Time spent learning independently
 - Use of technology to complement what is done in the classroom
 - *Blackboard, CUNYfirst,*
 - *Calendar, Apps and additional resources*

Resources

- Resources – the onus is on you to make use of all the resources the college offers
 - Instructors
 - Advisors
 - Academic Resources
 - AccessAbility/Disability Services
 - Wellness & Counseling

Resources

- Resources of the college
 - Instructors
 - Advisors
 - Academic Resources
Tutoring and academic support is available
=> ([Academic Support](#))
 - AccessAbility/Disability Services
Students, who are currently registered with AAC/SDS, should reach out to their counselor for questions. If you have any questions, please find more information at the link below.
=> ([AccessAbility](#))
 - Wellness & Counseling
=> ([Services](#))

Advising

- Advising
 - What it is/What is isn't
 - How advising is conducted at CCNY

Advising

- *What it is/What it isn't*
 - Assistance and guidance as you make the choices about your education and progress
 - We advise, you decide
- *How is advising conducted at CCNY?*
 - Students are advised at specific offices
 - Where a student is advised depends on declared major and/or area of interest

Advising

- The structure of Advising at CCNY

- The professional schools*



- The college of liberal arts and Sciences*

- The Division of Humanities and Arts
- The Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership
- The Division of Science
- The Gateway Academic Center

The Professional Schools

The Professional Schools:

- The Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture
- The Grove School of Engineering
- The School of Education

THE PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS OF THE CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK	
DIVISION	MAJORS DEGREES OFFERED
The Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture SSA 133	The School of Architecture offers a B.Arch. Degree
The Grove School of Engineering ST 209/2M7	Biomedical Engineering Chemical Engineering Civil Engineering Computer Engineering Earth Science & Environmental Engineering Electrical Engineering Mechanical Engineering Computer Science
The School of Education (Please note the different areas within Education)	Childhood and Secondary Education NAC 3/223A
Division of Interdisciplinary Studies at the Center for Worker Education	Center for Worker Education The Department of Interdisciplinary Arts & Science 25 Broadway, 7 th Floor
	Early Childhood Education 25 Broadway, 7 th Floor

If you are part of one of the professional schools, then you are advised by that school

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The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

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THE DIVISIONS OF THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES	
DIVISION	MAJORS
<u>The Humanities & The Arts</u>	Art Asian Studies Black Studies Comparative Literature English Foreign Languages & Literature History Jewish Studies Media & Communication Music Philosophy Theatre
To learn more about the Division of The Humanities and The Arts, please click on the link above.	This is also the advising office for anyone interested in one of those fields
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DIVISION	MAJORS
The Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership	Anthropology Economics/Business Management & Administration International Studies Latin American & Latino Studies Political Science Psychology Sociology
To learn more about the Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership, please click on the link above.	<u>Programs & Minors:</u> Skadden, Arps Honors Program In Legal Studies Community Change Studies Legal Studies Public Policy & Public Affairs Women's Studies
NAC 6/293	This is also the advising office for anyone interested in one of those fields

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DIVISION	MAJORS
<u>The Division of Science</u> To learn more about the Division of Science, (City College Academy for Professional Preparation/ CCAPP), please click on the link above. MR 108	Biology Chemistry Earth & Atmospheric Science Mathematics Physics Pre-Medical Studies Program ((2 nd Degree and Post Bac. students only)) This is also the advising office for anyone interested in one of those fields

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[The Gateway Academic Center](#)

To learn more about the Gateway Academic Center (GAC), please click on the link above.

You may reach the GAC Virtual Front Desk via the following link by pasting in your browser:

<https://ccny.zoom.us/j/2126506115>

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For Students Who Are Undecided

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Working on Requirements to Apply to The Grove School of Engineering or The Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture

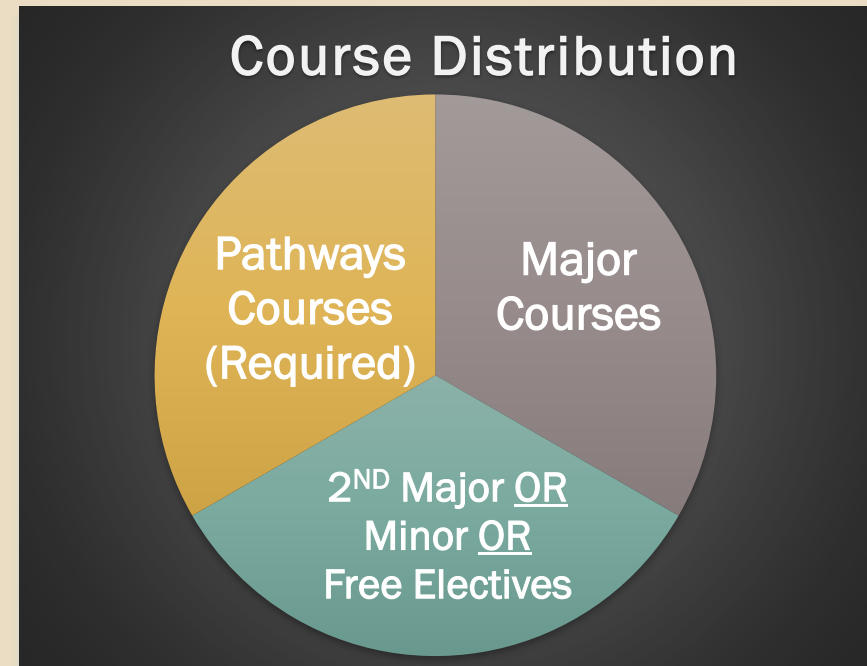
My Degree

- The components/parts of your degree

My Degree

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Engineering
- Bachelor of Fine Arts
- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Science in Education

The major that you have will determine which type of Bachelors Degree you earn



My Degree

- The components/parts of your degree
- Credits needed to graduate
- Categories of courses

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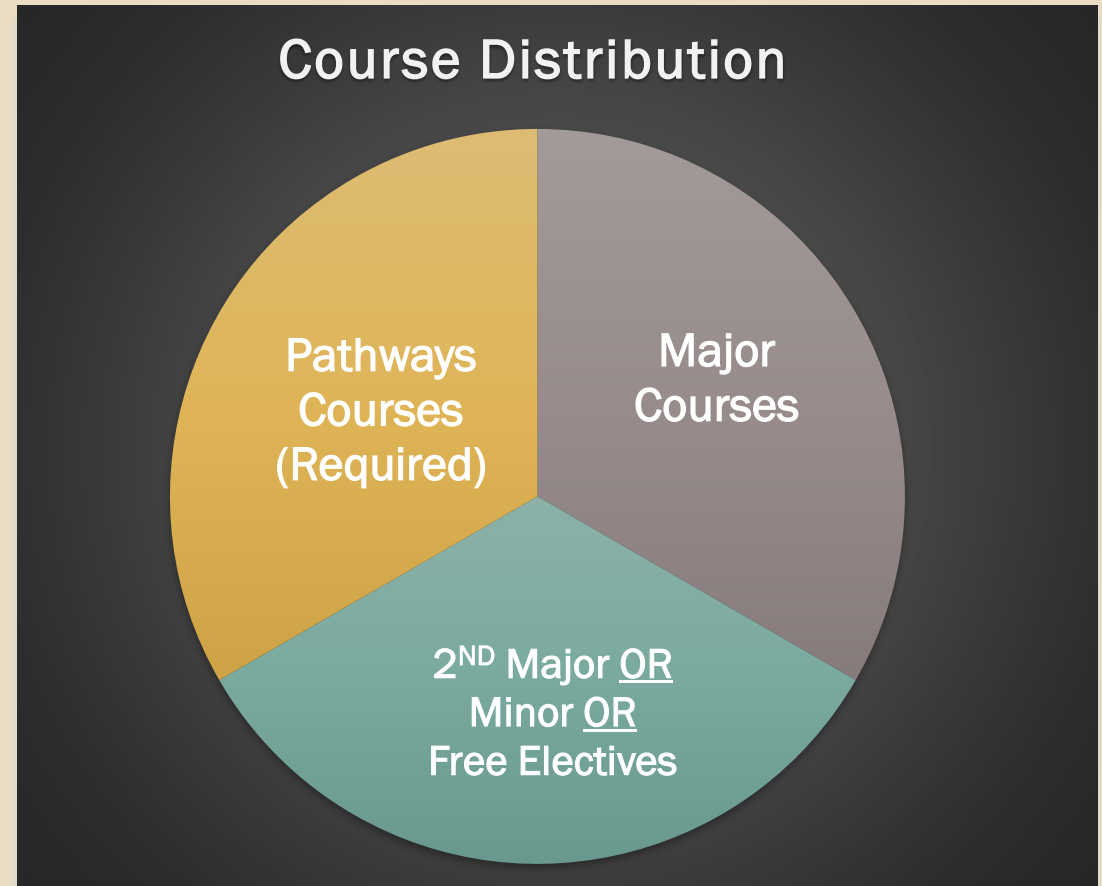
- Other than degrees conferred by the professional schools, all majors require 120 credits to graduate
- To earn 120 credits in 4 years, take at least 15 credits each semester
- All the courses you take must fall into one of the three categories
 - Pathways Courses (Required)
 - Major Courses (cannot graduate without a major)
 - 2nd Major OR Minor OR Free Electives (The required and major courses will not add up to 120 credits to allow you to graduate)

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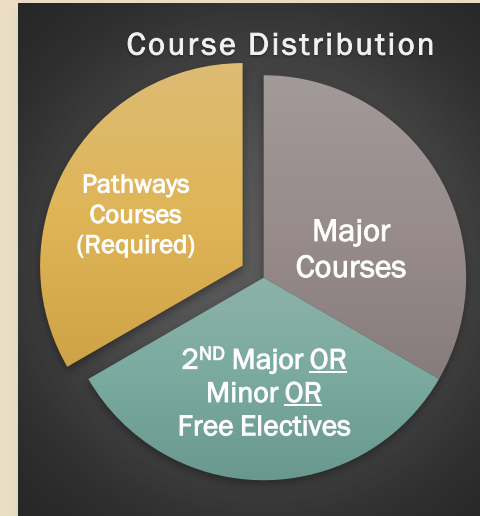
- Your Bachelors Degree



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Pathways (General Education) Checklist

=> [\(Checklist\)](#)

- These courses allow you to have a well-rounded education
- These courses allow you to explore different subjects

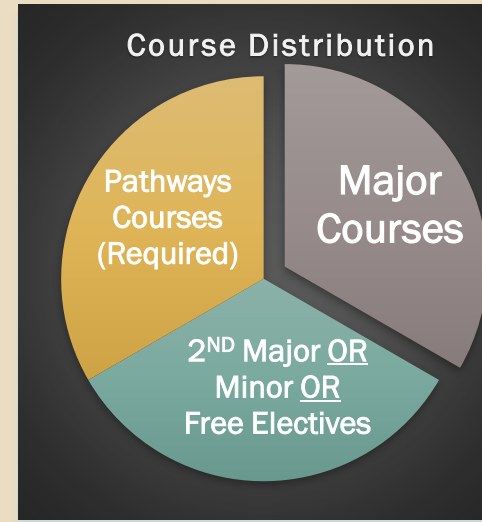
- You need one course from each “Flexible Core.” You may do more than one course in a category, but that does not exempt you from another category.
- Pathways categories/completion of categories transfer between CUNY schools.

The City College of New York		CCNY Pathways Common Core Courses Fall 2020	
3/4/2020		This list does not include Honors and STEM variants	
Required (Fixed) Core			
English Composition I (EC) <i>recommended in the 1st semester of study</i>			
ENGL 11000	Freshman Composition		
FIQWS 10103	Composition for WCGI History and Culture		
FIQWS 10105	Composition for WCGI Literature		
FIQWS 10108	Composition for Individual and Society		
FIQWS 10111	Composition for Scientific World		
FIQWS 10113	Composition for Creative Expression		
FIQWS 10115	Composition for US Experience		
English Composition II (EC) <i>recommended in the 2nd semester of study</i>			
ENGL 21001	Writing for the Humanities and the Arts		
ENGL 21002	Writing for the Social Sciences		
ENGL 21003	Writing for the Sciences		
ENGL 21007	Writing for Engineers		
Math and Quantitative Reasoning (MQR)			
MATH 15000	Mathematics for the Contemporary World		
MATH 17300	Introduction to Probability and Statistics		
OTHER	see bottom of the list for additional courses recommended for BS majors		
Life and Physical Sciences (LPS) <i>recommended in the 4th semester of study*</i>			
BIO 10004	Biology: Human Biology		
CHEM 11000	Exploring Chemistry: Energy and Environment		
EAS 10400	Perspectives on Global Warming		
OTHER	see bottom of the list for additional courses recommended for particular majors		
<i>*BA and BFA students only; BS majors need to consult an advisor</i>			
Flexible Core			
Creative Expression (CE) <i>recommended in the 1st or 2nd semester of study</i>			
AES 23202	Survey of World Architecture I		
ART 10000	Introduction to Visual Arts of the World		
MUS 10100	Introduction to Music		
MUS 10200	Introduction to World Music		
MUS 14500/ BLST 31177	Introduction to Jazz		
THTR 13100	Introduction to Theatre		
URB 20010	Introduction to Urban Studies		
World Cultures and Global Issues (WCGI) - Literature <i>recommended in the 3rd or 4th semester of study</i>			
JWST 11700	The Bible as Literature		
FREN 28300	The Literature of Contemporary France		
SPAN 28100	Masterworks of Spanish Literature I		
THTR 21100	Theatre History 1		
THTR 21200	Theatre History 2		

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Major – Major requirements are specific and must be met as per the policies outlined in the undergraduate bulletin

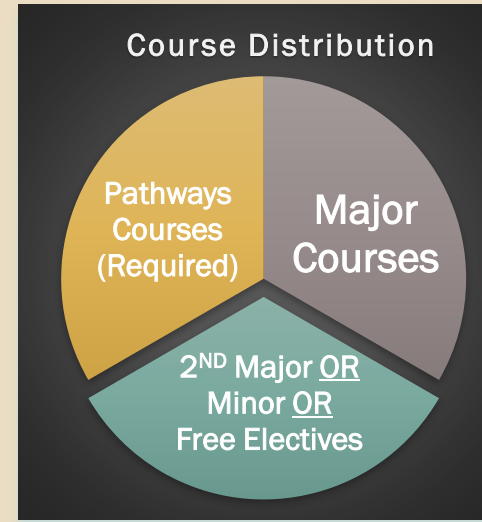
- A required course in one field is likely to not be accepted in another
e.g.: After Pre-Calculus, Biology recommends MATH 20500, but will accept MATH 20100. However, Chemistry requires MATH 20100 and will **NOT** accept MATH 20500
- Never take classes on the advice of a friend. They might mean well, but that does not mean they are correct. What works for them may not necessarily work for you.
- The classes you take depend on the degree/major you are pursuing

* Speak to an advisor for information specific to your major

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2ND Major – In most cases you are allowed to have 2 majors, some combinations are allowed and some are not. e.g.:

- Allowed: Psychology & Biology
- Not Allowed: Mechanical Engineering & Civil Engineering.

Minor – A minor is another field/subject of study that you pursue. It has fewer required courses than a major. You may have a Minor, even two.

Major in Psychology – 10 courses

Minor in Psychology – 5 courses

Free Electives – These are courses that you take that are not associated with a major, a minor nor required in any way except that they add to your total to get you to the number of credits needed to graduate.

Conclusion & General Reminders

Regarding Summer 2020 and Fall 2020 Classes

- Summer 2020 will be exclusively online
- Fall 2020 is yet to be decided
 - To the right are some tips –

Tips for Transitioning to Online Learning

The list on the right was adopted from an email distributed by the Counseling Center

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Letters to Home – Tips for Transitioning to Online Learning (1)

- **Create a Space Exclusively for Work:** If possible, it may be helpful to set up a space in your home that is only used for homework and classes. This can be helpful for creating boundaries around when you are relaxing versus working. If it is not possible to separate spaces, you can try to make the space feel different when you are working by changing the lighting or moving things around so you associate the space with work rather than play.
- **Get Comfortable with the Technology:** Even if you've used programs such as Zoom before, it's always great to re-familiarize yourself with the programs, as many of them include new features with updates. If possible, log in before class starts to test out some features so that while you are in class, you are confident about how to engage and decrease distraction by the technology.
- **Avoid Distractions:** It is easy to become distracted while in an online class or while doing homework, and distractions are sometimes inevitable at home. Reducing distractions by closing out of e-mail and social media and putting your phone on "Do Not Disturb" can help you concentrate on your learning.
- **Communicate with the People You Live with:** If you live with others, share your schedules with one another and your needs around space if possible. Deciding who works where at what time can be helpful to decrease stress around finding somewhere in the home to work last minute.
- **Practice Active Participation in Class:** In order to stay engaged in class and avoid distractions, try to actively participate. It will keep the online classroom more dynamic and you'll likely boost your learning. Make sure to ask questions if you have them!

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Letters to Home – Tips for Transitioning to Online Learning (2)

- **Ask Questions Outside of Class:** Sometimes, things can get lost in translation through technology. If you are confused about your assignments or anything else related to class, try to keep the lines of communication open between you and your professors. Email them if you are confused or want to understand more about assignments and/or course material.
- **Maintain Your Schedule and Set Reminders:** It can be easy to lose track of your schedule and time while at home. Making sure that you're up to date with your schedule and setting reminders can help you stay on track with your schoolwork while you are at home.
- **Reward Yourself:** Offer yourself rewards for getting work done. This could look like watching a show when you've completed your homework or treating yourself to a dessert after a long day. Make sure you're making room for pleasure and enjoyment in your days.
- **Be Patient with Yourself:** Distance learning presents unique challenges and can be more difficult for some than others. Try to be patient with yourself. This is a tough time to be productive and making space for yourself to make mistakes and stumble is vital to getting through this. All we can do is try our best.
- **Rest:** Schedule in time to get a good night's sleep. It is easy to lose track of the hours in a day when you're spending all day at home, and this can have a negative impact on your sleep. Making sure that you're getting a full night's rest can help you have more energy during the day and have a better experience.

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Be Mindful That...

- ...the rigors of CCNY are different from your prior institution.
- ...there is a hard deadline to declare a major if you have 60 credits.
- ...the deadline to declare a major for the Fall 2020 semester is 9/14/2020.
- ...if you do not have 60 credits, you do NOT have to declare a major.
- ...you may track your progress toward your degree by using DegreeWorks

If over the course of your college tenure you realize you want to or need to change your major, it is fine. You are allowed to change your major.

Always talk to an advisor when you are considering such a change to your plans.

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Reminders:

- Submit updated transcripts of all institutions you have attended. If you do not tell us, we do not know.
- If you did AP, CN, IB courses, let your advisor know.
- Know that the rigors of CCNY are different from your prior institution.
- The advising community is here to help and provide guidance.
- Use the resources of the college to thrive. If you are here, you can make it.
- Be advised at the office that aligns with your academic goal/interest.
- Degree requirements (Pathways courses, Major, Minor) are specific and must be completed per specific policies.
- Check your CCNY email address regularly. It is your business address.

Thank you for your attention.

We, the Onboarding Committee and The City College Staff, wish you the best with your studies.