



# NIGHTS AND WEEKENDS

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## ABOUT US

The Evening and Weekend Office at Bronx Community College is a full service, daily drop-in center that provides support and assistance for students enrolled in weekday evening and Saturday and Sunday classes. The office also provides administrative support to BCC adjunct instructors and serves as the referral center and point of contact for all issues relevant to evening and weekend classes, programs and services, including advisement, registration and financial aid.

## FAST FACT

The State of New York is addressing the cost of college education and student loan debt by launching the **Excelsior Scholarship**. This program will enable many New York State residents to attend a CUNY college tuition-free. Recipients of this award must have a family income of \$100,000 or less, file the Free Application for Student Aid (FASFA) along with the TAP application, attend full-time, and complete 30 credits per year. Awardees must also agree to reside exclusively in New York State and not be employed in any other State for a continuous number of years equal to the duration of the award. For more information visit <http://www2.cuny.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/>

## Choosing a Major in College

By **Stephanie S. Marshall**

A college major is a specialized area of study beyond general education. Choosing a major is a very important decision. When you choose a major, you are choosing the trajectory of your academic career. While it is not necessary to choose a major before you begin college, you are required to select a major to graduate. Before you choose a major, do the following:

- List your interests and strengths
- Research a range of majors
- Discuss your major options
- Create a plan

Explore the majors that are offered and brainstorm your interests and strengths. Your decisions should be based on what you like and what will motivate you. If you select a major that you are not interested in, you may not enjoy the classes and this could impact your academic performance. Research a variety of majors by looking at the course requirements. You can locate major and course information on the College website and in the course catalog.

### Majors and Transferring

Another consideration when researching majors is articulation agreements and joint degree programs. An articulation agreement is an arrangement between BCC and a senior college that allows course credit from an associate degree to be applied toward a baccalaureate degree. Some BCC articulation agreements cover studies that steer a student into particular major. One example is BCC's articulation agreement with SUNY Maritime, where students majoring in Business Administration can transfer their credits into the B.S. in International Transportation and Trade. A joint degree program stipulates that following successful completion of the associate degree program and graduation from BCC, students will be automatically accepted into the specified baccalaureate program of the named senior college. For instance, a BCC A.A. in Criminal Justice can take you to John Jay's B.A. in Criminal Justice. Visit the Transfer Planning website for more information at <http://www.bcc.cuny.edu/TransferCounseling/>.

### Majors and Degree Programs

Be mindful that not all majors may fit your schedule. The following BCC degrees can be completed from evening and weekend courses:

- Assistant of Children with Special Needs (Certificate)
- Business Administration: Accounting Option (A.S.)
- Business Administration: Computer Programming Option (A.S.)
- Business Administration: Management Option (A.S.)
- Community/School Health Education (A.S.)
- Criminal Justice (A.A.)
- Dietetics and Nutrition (A.S.)
- Early Childhood Assistant (Certificate)
- Liberal Arts/Sciences: No Option (A.A.)
- Liberal Arts/Sciences: Biology Option (A.S.)
- Liberal Arts/Sciences: Chemistry Option (A.S.)
- Liberal Arts/Sciences: Education Option (A.A.)
- Liberal Arts/Sciences: Psychology (A.A.)
- Licensed Practical Nursing (L.P.N.) (56 Credit Certificate)

### Majors and Advising

Foster a good relationship with your academic advisers and professors. If you discover the major you selected is not what you want, speak with an adviser immediately. You may find that you can complete the degree you started at BCC, but then follow a different major for your baccalaureate degree without losing time or money. Once you have chosen a major, it is time to create a plan. Be sure to register early to ensure you get the classes you want. Decide if you wish to pursue a career after graduation or continue your education. If you are working, you should talk to your supervisor at your job about what options may be available to you. For example, some jobs may offer internships that can applied to your major course of study. Choosing the right major can lead to future opportunities. Visit the career services office on campus to speak to a career counselor. Career counselors can advise you on major options, transferring to another college and job placement, in addition to paid and non-paid internships. You are encouraged to attend college events, such as job and transfer fairs, departmental mixers and job placement workshops offered during the semesters. Career counselors also assist you with creating a resume and interview techniques, which are key components in any job search. When you have chosen the right major, you will be motivated to succeed in college.

**"If you don't turn your life into a story, you just become a part of someone else's story."**

**-Terry Pratchett, novelist (1948-2015)**