CUNY Pathways

Students are advised to check the BCC Pathways web site for course and degree program updates. http://www.bcc.cuny.edu/Pathways/

Starting in Fall 2013, CUNY implemented the Pathways initiative across its undergraduate colleges. Pathways establishes a new system of general education requirements and new transfer guidelines across CUNY—and by doing so reinforces CUNY’s educational excellence while easing student transfer between CUNY colleges.

General Education Requirements

CUNY’s new general education framework is a central feature of Pathways. It lays out requirements that undergraduate students across CUNY must meet. Importantly, it also guarantees that general education requirements fulfilled at one CUNY college will be carried over seamlessly if a student transfers to another CUNY college.

Through the three elements of this framework—the Required Common Core, the Flexible Common Core, and, for students in bachelor’s degree programs, the College Option Requirement—CUNY seeks to provide students with well-rounded knowledge, a critical appreciation of diverse cultural and intellectual traditions, an interest in relating the past to the complex world in which students live today, and the ability to help society create a fresh and enlightened future. The framework allows students to explore knowledge from various perspectives and to develop their critical abilities to read, write, and use language and symbol systems effectively. It also develops students’ intellectual curiosity and commitment to lifelong learning.

The flexibility of the Common Core framework enables each CUNY college to maintain its distinctive character. So, too, does the College Option, which allows colleges to specify 6-12 additional credits of general education coursework that bachelor’s degree students must complete.

Gateway Courses Into Majors

Faculty committees representing several popular transfer majors at CUNY have designated a minimum of three common and transferable courses that will be required of all students in those majors. Students anticipating majors in these fields can begin their coursework at any CUNY college with the assurance that if they transfer to another CUNY college, their prior coursework will count toward their continued pursuit of that major. http://www.bcc.cuny.edu/Pathways/?p=pw-Gateway-Courses-into-Majors

How Credits Transfer

By creating a general education framework that applies to all CUNY undergraduates, and by establishing gateway courses into several popular majors, the Pathways initiative will significantly improve the ease and efficiency of student transfer between CUNY colleges. Courses taken for general education credit, major credit, and elective credit are guaranteed to transfer.

Does Pathways Apply to You?

- If you began studying at BCC in or after Fall 2013, then Pathways applies.
- If you returned to BCC after an absence of more than one semester, then Pathways applies.
- If you are a continuing student who began studying at BCC before Fall 2013, then The choice is yours. You may choose to continue your current academic plan or OPT IN to Pathways. Check with your advisor because changing to Pathways may increase your time to graduation!

Continuing Students

1. Review the courses required in your program and in the Pathways compliant program at the academic advising webpage, http://www.bcc.cuny.edu/AcademicAdvising/AcademicSuccessCenter/.
2. Use the Student Advisement Degree Audit application in the CUNY portal* http://www.cuny.edu/index.html, to review your program requirements. To determine which version of your academic degree program is better for you, use the What If feature in the application. Make sure to select the appropriate major or plan and year (2013-2014) and if you have an option or sub-plan, select the sub-plan and year as well.
3. Consult with an advisor during the advisement and registration period to opt in to Pathways.
4. If you are Opting in, complete the online Opt-In form in the checklist in your Student Center in CUNY first, https://cunyportal.cuny.edu/cpr/authenticate/portal_login.jsp.

Based on your credits...

- If you have 15 credits or less, we strongly recommend that you opt into Pathways.
- If you have between 15 and 30 credits, we recommend that you consult with an advisor to determine if opting into Pathways for the Spring 2014 term is your best choice.
- If you have 30 or more credits, we recommend that you remain in your current program and not opt into Pathways. However, it may be more advantageous to opt in if you have changed your major and have excess credits which could be applied to electives under a Pathways revised program.
Revised Degree Programs

• Accounting (AAS)
• Automotive Technology (AAS)
• Business Administration (AS)
• Community School Health (AS)
• Computer Information Systems (AAS)
• Computer Science (AS)
• Criminal Justice (AA)
• Dietetics and Nutrition Science (AS)
• Digital Arts (AAS)
• Education Associate (AAS)
• Electronic Engineering Technology (AAS)
• Energy Services Technology (AAS)
• Engineering Science (AS)
• Environmental Technology (AAS)
• Human Services (AAS)
• Liberal Arts and Sciences: Biology (AS)
• Liberal Arts and Sciences: Chemistry (AS)
• Liberal Arts and Sciences: Earth Systems and Environmental Science (AS)
• Liberal Arts and Sciences: Physics (AS)
• Liberal Arts and Sciences (AA)
• Liberal Arts and Sciences: Education (AA)
• Liberal Arts and Sciences: History (AA)
• Liberal Arts and Sciences: Human Services (AA)
• Liberal Arts and Sciences: International Studies (AA)
• Liberal Arts and Sciences: Media Studies (AA)
• Liberal Arts and Sciences: Performing Arts (AA)
• Liberal Arts and Sciences: Political Science (AA)
• Liberal Arts and Sciences: Psychology (AA)
• Liberal Arts and Sciences: Sociology (AA)
• Liberal Arts and Sciences: Spanish (AA)
• Liberal Arts and Sciences: Speech Pathology (AA)
• Marketing Management (AAS)
• Mathematics (AS)
• Medical Office Assistant (AAS)
• Medical Laboratory Technician (AAS)
• Nuclear Medicine Technology (AAS)
• Nursing (AAS)
• Office Administration and Technology (AAS)
• Ornamental Horticulture (AAS)
• Paralegal Studies (AAS)
• Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Technology (AAS)
• Radiological Technology (AAS)
• Science for Forensics (AS)
• Telecommunication Tech (AAS)
• Therapeutic Recreation (AS)

Please note that new degree program (e.g., Biotechnology) is not included on this list.