Each student is responsible for completing all requirements as prescribed by the College. With the exception of some accredited programs that require additional credits, a minimum number of 60 credits is required to complete an Associate degree (most Certificate programs require 30 credits).

Degree requirements prior to the implementation of Pathways are indicated according to three categories:

• Core Requirements,
• Required Areas of Study, and
• Specialization Requirements.

Degree requirements since the implementation of Pathways are indicated according to three to four categories:

• Required Core,
• Flexible Core,
• Required Areas of Study, and
• Specialization Requirements.

In addition, to be eligible for an Associate degree, students must maintain a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.0 and complete two Writing Intensive courses.

Each semester a list of Writing Intensive courses is published in the Registration Guide and Schedule of Classes.

Developmental courses (RDL 01 or ENG 02, for example) taken at BCC to remove deficiencies in preparatory work do not have academic credits and do not fulfill degree requirements. Courses required or recommended as a result of placement examinations that are not part of the degree course requirements in a particular curriculum will not count toward fulfilling the requirements of the degree in that curriculum.

At the start of their final semester, students must APPLY FOR GRADUATION (under the “other academic...” menu) in CUNY First to be evaluated for graduation. Students will receive a notice of completion of requirements or a checklist of what remains to be fulfilled. Candidates for the degree must be approved by the faculty for presentation to the president and the Board of Trustees as worthy, meritorious and deserving.

IMPORTANT NOTICE OF POSSIBLE CHANGES

The City University of New York reserves the right, because of changing conditions, to make modifications of any nature in the academic programs and requirements of the University and its constituent colleges without notice. Tuition and fees set forth in this publication (or on this website) are similarly subject to change by the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York. The University regrets any inconvenience this may cause.

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EXPLANATION OF CREDIT

The allocation of credits to courses is based on New York State Department of Education regulations in higher education. Generally, the formula is that one semester-hour of credit is awarded for each 15 hours of course time (lecture or recitation hours) in classes for which considerable out-of-class preparation is required. In classes which do not require the same level of out-of-class preparation such as laboratory or studio hours/classes, clinic hours/classes, or physical or health education classes, a unit of two or three hours may equal one semester-hour.

• rec (recitation) – the traditional recitation-discussion-seminar form.
• lect (lecture) – several sections have been combined into a single group in which the presentation is sometimes accompanied by a demonstration and audiovisual material.
• lab (laboratory) – the class meets in a specially equipped area where students may do individualized work in experimentation with instruments, tools and similar equipment.
• clin (clinic) – supervised, individualized clinical experience in a hospital setting including group and individual instruction.
• studio (studio) – supervised and individualized art studio experience in a group and individual instruction.
Prerequisites and Corequisites

Prerequisites must be completed with a passing grade before the subsequent course may be taken.

Corequisites may be taken simultaneously or before a given course.

The College reserves the right to limit the number of students registered in any course, or to cancel any course for which there is insufficient enrollment, or to make any changes in prerequisites, corequisites, course descriptions, credit allocations, schedule and section offering in the academic year as it may deem necessary for the proper and efficient functioning of the College.

Students who place in ENG 01 and RDL 01 are allowed to register only for the following credit-bearing courses:

ELC 11 (corequisite MTH 06; recommended for Electronic Engineering Technology students only)
ELC 15 (corequisite MTH 05; recommended for Electronic Engineering Technology students only)
HLT 91 and Physical Education courses
KEY 10
KEY 11
COMM 10 (entry into course dependent upon speech screening)
COMM 12 (not open to students simultaneously registered for any ESL courses)
Art studio courses
Music performance courses
Language courses (Level 12 or above, by placement)

Students who place in ENG 02 or RDL 02 may also register for the following credit-bearing courses:

ART 10
ART 11
ART 12
DAT 30
ECO 11
ECO 12
GEO 10
HIS 11
MUS 10
MUS 11
MUS 12
PEA (activity courses)
PHL 11
POL 11
PSY 11
SOC 11

Students who place out of ENG 01 and RDL 01, and meet the corequisite of ENG 02 or RDL 02 may also register for the following credit-bearing courses:

COMM 11
COMM 20
COMM 22
COMM 61
MEST 10
MEDP 93