QC Liberal Arts Core Curriculum (CUNY Pathways) Checklist

Effective with the Fall 2013 semester, all incoming freshman and transfer students will be following the CUNY Pathways general education framework, known at QC as the Liberal Arts Core Curriculum. The following is meant, in conjunction with your academic advisor, to be used as a guide to help students understand what is required of them.

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**QC Liberal Arts Core Curriculum(CUNY Pathways) Requirements:**

**Required Core (4 courses):**

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<td>Mathematical &amp; Quantitative Reasoning (MQR)</td>
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<td>Life and Physical Science (LPS)</td>
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**Flexible Core (6 courses):** Students must take one course in each of the following areas, plus one additional Flexible Core Course. 
No more than two courses in any discipline or interdisciplinary field may be taken.

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<td>Individual and Society (IS)</td>
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<td>One additional Flexible Core Course</td>
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**College Core (4 courses):** Courses taken from approved Pathways course listings. All freshmen are required to take 12 credits of the College Option.

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<td>One Science Course (SCI)</td>
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<td>One additional Core course (Excluding EC-1, E-2 &amp; MQR)</td>
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**Other Degree Requirement:**

- 2 Writing-Intensive (W) courses
  (at least one W must be completed in residency)

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**Graduation Requirement:**

- A Minimum of 120 credits
- General Education Requirements (The QC Core Curriculum and Two Writing-Intensive courses)
- Major Requirements
- At least 30 credits in residency at Queens College and at least 30 of your last 64 credits at Queens College or the CUNY Graduate Center
- A minimum GPA of 2.0 or better

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FYI Playbill
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Edited by: Marilyn Saez
Fall 2017 semester

This “playbill” has been designed for the Freshman Year Initiative Program at Queens College, for the sole purpose of providing valuable and quick information for all incoming freshmen in the FYI program. This brochure has been created with photos provided by the FYI mentors as well as Queens College. For further inquiries on the design or information provided within this playbill, please contact the FYI office at 718-997-5567, email us at fyi@qc.cuny.edu or visit us in Honors Hall, room 05.
Most students begin their freshman year with the Freshman Year Initiative, a unique program that brings entering students together in two courses for their first semester at Queens College. One of those courses will be English 110: College Writing. The other course will fulfill one of QC’s general education requirements. Taking two courses together, students in the community share common experiences and build friendships. In addition to communities, FYI also offers tutoring for students who are seeking help and guidance on English 110 papers.

**WHAT IS FYI?**

**THE MENTOR SUPERVISORS**

**BRIAN SMALL** is a senior majoring in Physics and minoring in Chemistry and Mathematics. Brian is on the pre-engineering and pre-med track. Brian loves being a mentor supervisor because he gets to help freshmen create their schedules and help guide them during the first part of their college experience. Apart from FYI, Brian is part of the Hillel and was part of the Freshman Honors Program. During his spare time, he loves to play basketball, read, and cook. He is a huge Game of Thrones fan and has read all the published books, and also enjoys watching Friends, Scrubs and Breaking Bad.

**MARILYN SAEZ** is a junior majoring in Political Science and minoring in Animation and Illustration. Marilyn enjoys being a mentor supervisor because she can help freshmen with their concerns about college and comfortably adjust to college life. Apart from FYI, Marilyn is a part of the Students’ Empowerment Party (SEP), an e-board member of Feminist Philosophy Club, and a Mellon-Mays Fellow. Her hobbies include record collecting, drawing, learning how to play guitar, and going to rock concerts.

**SAHAR SOLEIMANY** is a senior majoring in English and Secondary Education, and minoring in Psychology. Sahar loves being a mentor supervisor because she believes it’s important for freshmen to know they have someone to guide them along their transition into college, and has been able to get to know a diverse group of people she might not have been able to meet otherwise. Apart from FYI, she is Executive Editor of The Knight News on campus, and was part of the Freshman Honors Program. You can find Sahar either with her nose in a book or spinning at SoulCycle.

**YASH SEHGAL** is sophomore majoring in Finance and Economics. Yash’s favorite part about being a mentor supervisor is providing a lending hand to incoming freshmen. He understands that the first semester of college can be an intimidating one and works to aid freshmen onto the right track. Outside of FYI, he is an active member of the Student Association, where he serves as the Executive Chair of Marketing. During his free time, he enjoys running, watching Grey’s Anatomy, and reading articles from the Wall Street Journal.
WHO'S WHO IN FYI

THE FYI MENTORS AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES

The FYI program is composed of 47 mentors—each with different majors, minors, and class standing—in order to give freshmen a variety of students to interact with. An FYI mentor is a former freshman who knows the ropes and can advise entering students during their first semester at Queens College. These mentors ensure that freshmen are aware of and understand the requirements and resources of the college. Two mentors are assigned to every English 110 class and are available in person and through e-mails to pass along key information that freshman need to know as they adjust to the college. In addition to visiting two English 110 classes, each mentor holds an office hour once a week (in the FYI office: located in Honors Hall, Room 05). The hour is a time in which neither of their English 110 classes are in session, to provide students with vital college-life information and answer questions that have been proposed to them by the students in person or via e-mail.

ABIGAIL RAMHARACK is a senior majoring in English and Communication Sciences and Disorders and minoring in Korean. She volunteered at CARE Adoption Center for Rescued Animals while studying abroad in Seoul, South Korea. During her free time, Abigail enjoys writing fiction, watching documentaries on Netflix, practicing Taekwondo, yoga, and hiking. She also loves going on food adventures.

ALIZA YOUNGER is a junior majoring in Psychology and minoring in Business and Liberal Arts (BALA). What Aliza liked most about being a mentor was the sense of knowing that her bi-weekly visits informed freshmen and genuinely help them with the transition to college. Apart from being an FYI mentor, Aliza is a Student Ambassador and is a part of the Jewish Learning Initiative on Campus (JLIC). Over the summer, she interned for the Shalom Task Force. As a hobby, she spends way too much money while shopping.

ANDRÉA REYES is a junior majoring in Media Studies. A returning mentor, she loves helping freshmen and being available to answer all their questions. Apart from being an FYI mentor, Andrea works in retail at Citi Field. Her hobbies include watching television and movies. She is also a big Mets fan.

ANTOINETTE HEMLLALL is a junior majoring in Economics and Mathematics. As an FYI mentor, she enjoys working with her co-mentors to help freshmen students by answering their questions and talking to them outside of their classes. Apart from FYI, she volunteers at her church by assisting in audio and video needs. As a hobby, Antoinette plays guitar in a band.

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<th>IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS OR DEADLINES</th>
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<td>24</td>
<td>Thursday</td>
<td>Classes Begin</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>Last day to add a course. Financial Aid Certification Enrollment Status Date.</td>
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<td>Sunday</td>
<td>No classes scheduled</td>
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<td>Monday</td>
<td>Labor Day - College is closed - no classes scheduled.</td>
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<td>14</td>
<td>Thursday</td>
<td>Last day to drop without a grade of W. Last day to file for pass/fail option.</td>
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<td>15</td>
<td>Friday</td>
<td>Course withdrawal period begins. A grade of W is assigned to students who officially drop a class. WN grades assigned.</td>
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<td>29-30</td>
<td>Friday-Saturday</td>
<td>No classes scheduled.</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>Monday</td>
<td>College closed - No classes scheduled.</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>Last day to appeal grades other than WU or FN from Spring 2017 semester. Please refer to Undergraduate Catalog for details &amp; procedures.</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>Friday</td>
<td>Course Withdrawal period ends; Last day to drop with the grade of &quot;W&quot; without permission of an Instructor or Chairperson.</td>
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<td>Classes follow a Friday Schedule.</td>
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<td>Thursday - Sunday</td>
<td>College is closed - no classes scheduled.</td>
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<td>Last day to withdraw from second 7 ½ week classes.</td>
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BELINDA VALENTIN is a junior majoring in Media Studies. She believes that FYI communities benefit students and helps them adjust to college life. When she is not mentoring in FYI, she is a member of the Sigma Delta Tau Sorority where she does volunteer work. A few fun facts about Belinda are that she has five guinea pigs and loves naps.

CHARUSMITA MADAN is a junior majoring in Computer Science and minoring in Business and Liberal Arts (BALA). Outside of FYI, she is the founder of three startups. Her hobbies include photography (particularly in travel and food), binge watching on Netflix, and cooking. A fun fact about Charusmita is that she has travelled to 4 out of 7 continents.

DANIELLA MALAYEVA is a sophomore majoring in Psychology. During her freshman year, she liked being in an FYI community because taking classes with the same students helped her branch out and make new friends. Apart from being an FYI mentor, Daneilla is involved in Hillel. Off campus, she volunteers at New York Presbyterian Hospital and is a tutor. Her hobbies include reading and watching her current favorite TV shows: “Famous in Love” and “Quantico”.

DANIEL ALBERT is a junior majoring in Graphic Design and Psychology. Daniel enjoys being an FYI mentor because he loves helping freshmen navigate college and answering all of their questions. Apart from FYI, he is also part of Hillel and JLIC. Off campus, he is an intern for the Hillel Foundation and a volunteer for the National Conference of Synagogue Youth in Northern California. A fun fact about Daniel is that he likes to be called “DA”.

DANIELLE D’ANDREA is a senior majoring in Communication Sciences & Disorders and minoring in Psychology and Student Personnel. A returning mentor, Danielle enjoys the people she had the opportunity to meet and the students she was able to mentor. On campus, she is a peer counselor and an e-board member of the National Student Speech, Language and Hearing Association (NSSLHA). Off campus, she works at H&M and had an internship over the summer. Her hobbies include running, going to the beach, and listening to music.
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DIEGO RODRIGUEZ is a junior majoring in Graphic Design and minoring in Education. As a retuning mentor, he enjoys helping other students as well as being more involved in the campus community. Outside of Queens College, Diego currently works at Crest Hardware in Brooklyn. During his free time, he enjoys drawing and painting.

EMILY VEGA is a sophomore majoring in Psychology and minoring in BALA. As a freshman, what she liked most about being in a FYI community was having friends in the same classes and learning about campus events through her mentors. On campus, Emily is a part of the Big Buddy Program. During her free time, she likes to sing, read, and watch horror movies.

ESTHER HARRIS is a sophomore majoring in Economics and minoring in Honors in the Social Sciences. She enjoyed her FYI community because she connected with and learned from other students in her classes. On campus, she is a part of the Business Club, Hillel, and the Bukharian Cultural Club. Off campus, she works at a law firm and at Chazaq Organization. She considers herself a baking and cooking enthusiast. A fun fact about her is that she was a pianist for 12 years and played at Carnegie Hall.

ESTHER NESS is a junior majoring in Political Science and Sociology and minoring in History. As a freshman, she enjoyed being in an FYI community because it was easy to make friends and connect with professors. On campus, she is a part of the Pre-Law Association, Mock Trial, and Hillel-OU-JLIC. Her hobby is spending way too much of her free time on Netflix.

ESTHER YUABOV is a sophomore majoring in Chemistry. As a freshman, she enjoyed her FYI community because she had the chance to meet new people and become more connected on campus. She still stays in touch with students she met through her community. Off campus, she works at the Central Queens YMCA. Her hobbies include biking, playing guitar, and watching Grey’s Anatomy.

GERMINE MUSEAU is a junior majoring in Political Science and minoring in BALA. Her favorite aspect of being part of an FYI community her freshman year was that she got to meet many students who remain her friends to this day. On campus, she is involved in the Black Student Union, Caribbean Students Association, and Alliance of Latin American Students. Off campus, she is currently working as a Legal Assistant at the Franco Law Firm P.C.

INFORMATION ETHICS 101

“Genius borrows nobly,” ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

What is Plagiarism?

- Plagiarism is the act of using the words, ideas or structure of another author as your own without giving the author credit.
- Whether you copy a sentence from a book, or copy and paste it from a website, if you don’t include a citation, you are plagiarizing.
- Link to the CUNY Policy page is http://web.cuny.edu/academics/information-central/policies/academic-integrity.pdf

What is a Citation?

- A citation (in parentheses or a footnote) states where you got the Information that you are quoting exactly or paraphrasing (stating in your own words).

Why does it matter?

- Your work will build on the work of others. Just make it perfectly clear—using citations—whose work and ideas you are borrowing.

Here are some tips:

- Different academic disciplines use different citation formats:
  * English and the humanities use MLA.
  * Psychology, social sciences and other sciences use APA.
  * History, art, philosophy, and business use Chicago Style.
  * If your instructor doesn’t specify the format, ask.
- Many departments recommend online sources such as,
  * https://owl.english.purdue.edu
  * http://www.bibme.org
  * http://www.citationmachine.net
- If you wrote a paper on the same topic for a previous class, you should not using your own work from another class without clearing it with your professor because that is considered plagiarism!

How can I be sure I’m not plagiarizing?

- Have a mentor review your paper [Honors Hall Room 05, (718) 997-5567].
- Have someone from the Writing Center check your work [Kiely Hall Room 229].
- Have your professor review your paper during his/her office hour.
HOW WILL YOU SPEND YOUR TIME IN COLLEGE? DO THE MATH!

A lot depends on how many courses you are taking, and how demanding they are. (Look over each syllabus to find out.)

If you’re taking 5 courses, you’re spending **15 hours every week** in class.

That’s probably way less than in high school.

But your professors expect you to spend **2-3 hours** studying for every one of those **class hours**. (Again, look at your syllabi.)

So...if you’re taking 5 courses, you’ll need to figure on **30-45 hours every week** keeping up with the assigned work.

**FOR EXAMPLE:**

Got a job? ________ per week

Commuting time? ________ p/w

Plan on sleeping? (We recommend it!) ________ p/w

Enjoy eating? (We do.)

Regular weekly activities (e.g., exercise, sports, religious observation, clubs...) ________ p/w

Hours in class ________ p/w

Study time: reading, writing, research, review ________ p/w

Downtime: socializing, social media, video gaming, bird watching, whatever ________ p/w

**TOTAL** 168 hrs p/w

SOME OTHER HELPFUL TIPS!!!!

- Use your syllabi, Blackboard, and other class websites to keep track of assignments, due dates, and how much of your grade each assignment is worth.

- Try to use a planner, whether it’s digital or old school!

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**HASINA BEDAR** is a junior majoring in Psychology and minoring in BALA. What she liked most about her experience as a freshman in an FYI community was having mentors guide her through her freshman year. On campus, she is a part of the Student Association and Project Sunshine. Off campus, she is a volunteer at NY Presbyterian. Her hobbies include eating, sarcasm, and talking a lot.

**ISAC FRUCHTER** is a senior majoring in Applied Mathematics and minor- ing in Spanish. As a returning mentor, what Isaac loves most about being an FYI mentor is helping freshmen adapt to a college environment and making friends throughout. Apart from being an FYI mentor, he is a Student Ambassador on campus. Outside of Queens College, he volunteers at his local Nursing Home. His hobbies include watching TV, tennis, and swimming.

**ISABELLA CHITTUMURI** is a junior majoring in Applied Mathematics. A returning mentor, she loves to help freshmen the same way she was helped because without FYI, she would not have known as much about Queens College. On campus, she is a part of the QC Swim Team. Off campus, she works as a lifeguard and gives swimming lessons. Her hobbies include playing piano and running.

**JASHANDEEP KAUR** is a junior majoring in Applied Mathematics and minoring in Chemistry on the Pre-Med track. A returning mentor, she enjoys helping freshmen involved on campus because the transition from high school to college can be difficult. On campus, she is the Secretary of Project START! Off campus, she volunteers at NY Presbyterian Queens and interns at New York City Interscholastic Math League. Her hobbies include biking, reading, and drawing.

**JAZLYN NATALIE** is a senior majoring in Geology and minoring in Environmental Science. A returning mentor, she loves being a part of the campus community, where she can help freshmen adjust to college and get to know them through their English 110 classes. On campus, she is a part of the School of Earth and Environmental Studies (SEES) Club and French Club. Jazlyn also volunteers as a Geology/Environmental Science tutor at Queens College. Her hobbies include reading, bike riding, traveling, and hiking.

**JEEON ZAKI** is senior majoring in English and Economics. As a returning FYI mentor, Jeeon enjoys taking on a leadership role and helping freshmen adjust to college. His hobbies include playing poker, basketball, watching Netflix, and discussing literature.
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JENNA PETERS is a sophomore majoring in Biology on the Pre-Med track. As a freshman, Jenna’s favorite aspect of being in an FYI community was that it brought her closer to the students in her class and made it easier to create study groups. On campus, she is a part of MED Life. During her free time, Jenna enjoys running and reading.

KEVIN CAMARILLO is a sophomore majoring in Physics. As a freshman, Kevin enjoyed being a part of FYI because of the welcoming sense of community, which made it easier to adapt to the change from high school to college. When he is not mentoring for FYI, he volunteers at a local organization near his neighborhood. During his free time, Kevin enjoys playing soccer and video games.

MALKA HIRSCH is a senior majoring in Psychology and Applied Mathematics. She is a returning mentor who enjoys helping freshmen make a smooth transition from high school to college and keeping them well-informed about important deadlines and events happening on campus. Aside from being an FYI mentor, Malka is a Student Ambassador and a Psych 107 tutor. Her hobbies include bike riding and ceramics.

MANSI KHURANA is a junior majoring in Neuroscience. She is a returning mentor who enjoys helping incoming freshmen while working as a professional. On campus, she is an active member of MED Life and the Minority Association for Premedical Students (MAPS). Mansi also interned under CUNY Service Corps, where she worked with Health + Hospital/Queens. In the future, she plans to open a community service club at QC that will prompt students to volunteer in various community and cultural based events in NYC.

MICHAEL VITELLI is a sophomore considering a major in Computer Science. As a freshman, he enjoyed being a part of FYI because of the welcoming sense of community, which made it easier to adapt to the change from high school to college. Off campus, Michael works at Jetro Restaurant Depot in College Point. His hobbies include paintball, gaming, billiards, and improvisation. A fun fact about Michael is that he likes to think of himself as a proud “nerd”.

MOHAMMAD NAYYAR is a sophomore majoring in Finance. As a freshman in an FYI community, he appreciated the support he received from his mentors because whenever he needed help, his mentors were always there. During his free-time, Mohammad enjoys playing basketball and loves nature.

STRESS MANAGEMENT

The definition of stress is physical, mental or emotional strain or tension.

Coping With Stress:

Time Management - Having control of your schedule will ease your stress. Plan your responsibilities and commitments at least a week ahead of time so you know exactly when certain tasks need to be completed. (Tip: crossing finished tasks off a list will help enhance feelings of productivity and progress!)

Taking Physical Care of Yourself - Getting enough sleep, eating a well-balanced diet, and exercising daily will give you both a physical and mental boost. Feeling good is the key to dealing with what life throws at you.

Ask For Help - Sometimes, you just cannot handle everything yourself. If you need help, then ask for it! Friends and family can be of assistance, but our campus has trained faculty and staff to be there for you.

Peer Advisement: Frese Hall 1st Floor (718) 997-5419
Counseling and Advisement - (719) 997-5420

Let It Out - Write, talk to someone, vent, engage in a productive hobby, meditate... Find some way to get it off your chest instead of letting it bottle up inside. Keeping your feelings in will only add to your stress. Let it out and you will feel better.
**STUDENT ADVISEMENT DEGREE AUDIT**

**Access Student Advisement Degree Audit:**
1. Go to [www.qc.cuny.edu](http://www.qc.cuny.edu)
2. Click on “login to...” on the upper right corner of the page
3. Click on “CUNY Portal” in the second column from the right
4. Log in
5. Then click Student Advisement Degree Audit
6. Scroll down. The audit will indicate which classes you have completed, which are in progress (IP), and classes are still needed

**“What If” on Degree Audit:**
1. Degree: Choose from the drop down on which degree you would like to receive at the end
2. Academic Year: 2017 – 2018 Undergrad
3. Major: Select the major you are considering (Ex. Philosophy, Mathematics, etc.)
4. Click on “Process What-If”
5. It will show you what courses are needed for that major/minor and as well as your Gen Ed requirement. This will also shows you what courses you took satisfy the requirement and what is still needed.

**QC Core (CUNY Pathway) Offerings:**
1. Go to General Education Office Homepage: [gened.qc.cuny.edu](http://gened.qc.cuny.edu)
2. Select “PATHWAYS” on the navigation to view details about QC Core (CUNY Pathways)
3. Select “COURSE LISTS” on the navigation follow by “PATHWAY Courses” on the next page to view the courses fulfilling PATHWAYS

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**NATHANIEL SAMUELS** is a sophomore majoring in Accounting. This is his first year being a mentor and he loved being a part of an FYI community as a freshman because he met other new students and always had someone to talk to. On campus, he is the president of the Association of Latino Professionals for America (ALPFA). Outside of Queens College, he works at Friendly’s. During his free time, Nathaniel enjoys tennis and loves fish tanks.

**RACHEL WONG** is a sophomore majoring in Communication Sciences & Disorders and minoring in Linguistics. She is a first-time mentor and enjoyed being in an FYI community because of the convenience of having experienced QC students to answer questions about specific classes, registering for classes, and homework. On campus, Rachel is involved with the club, Cru. Her hobbies include playing the piano, flute, guitar, and ukulele.

**RAVEEN KANAGARATNAM** is a senior majoring in Computer Science and Economics. He is a returning mentor who loves helping the incoming freshmen because he feels that he is truly making an impact as an FYI mentor. On campus, he is involved in Student Government. During his free time, Raveen enjoys dancing, reading books and traveling to new places. He also loves puppies.

**ROBYN AWENDSTERN** is a senior majoring in Psychology and minoring in Biology. A returning mentor, she loves being able to give back to Queens College by helping freshmen adjust to a new school. On campus she is a part of OU-SLIC and Med Life. Outside of Queens College, she is a tutor, a Teacher’s Assistant, and a volunteer at Winthrop University Hospital.

**RYAN RAMDEO** is a lower junior majoring in English and Secondary Education. A first-time mentor, Ryan is excited about helping new students with their transition into college. His involvements on campus include being a member of the Sci-fi Club and Animation Club. During his free time, Ryan enjoys playing video games, writing, working out, and reading.

**SALEEMAH SHAZEEEM** is a senior majoring in English and Psychology, and minoring in Biology and Honors in Humanities on a Pre-Med track. A first-time mentor, she hopes to make the college feel welcoming to freshmen. On campus, she is a Student Ambassador and part of the Psychology Honors Society, Psi Chi. Off campus, she volunteers at Presbyterian Hospital Queens in the ER Department. She loves gaining new experiences, cooking, the outdoors, and assisting in events around the city.
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SARA SHENAS is a senior majoring in Psychology and Biology. As a freshman, she enjoyed her FYI community because she had an easy transition into college, made new friends, and got assistance from mentors on how to make a schedule. On campus, she is a Student Ambassador, a member of the Persian Club, and ISA. Off campus, she volunteers at her local library to help elementary students with their homework and visits seniors at the nursing home. On her free time, Sara loves to watch and play basketball.

SARAH DURÉ is a senior majoring in Psychology. What Sarah liked most about being in an FYI community was how her classes were joined together with another class, which made it easier for her to make friends. Aside from being an FYI mentor, she is a Student Ambassador. Off campus, Sarah works with a boy with special needs on Long Island. During her free time, Sarah enjoys painting and listening to music.

SARAH TABER is a senior majoring in Psychology and minoring in Biology. A returning mentor, Sarah enjoys the opportunity to speak to freshmen and pass on information about Queens College. She loves being able to help others in their first year of college. When she is not mentoring for FYI, she works as a Biology Teachers Assistant at HANC and volunteers as an EMT. During her free time, Sarah enjoys playing volleyball.

SHANNA RAZAK is a senior majoring in Psychology and Sociology. A returning mentor, she loves being a friendly face that freshmen can turn to if they need help and meeting many different, intelligent people. On campus, she is a part of MSA and NISA. Off campus, she interned at Zucker Hillside Hospital in the Neuro Psych Center. Her hobbies are writing, listening to music, and doing anything involving Harry Potter.

SHIRA RUBIN is a sophomore who is currently deciding what she wants to major in. The best part of her experience in an FYI community during her freshman year was making new friends. Apart from being an FYI mentor, she is a Student Ambassador. Outside of Queens College, Shira works at Mathnasium of Lynbrook. During her free time, she loves to paint.

SHIRA WANG is a junior majoring in Psychology and Communication Sciences & Disorders, and minoring in HMNS. A first-time mentor, she loved her FYI community because she had a mentor to depend on for asking questions. On campus, she is a part of JLC/Hillel and the Freshman Honors Program. Off campus, Shira volunteers at Bristal, an assisted living center. Her hobbies are singing, shopping, playing basketball, and spending time with family and friends.

Searching for Classes:
1. Search Criteria:
   i. Institution: Queens College
   ii. Term: 2018 Spring Term
2. Class Search Criteria:
   i. Course Subject: Select the department which offering the course you are searching for.
   ii. Course Number: If you know the course you want, enter the course number to find the various sections for that particular course or leave blank to view different courses offered by the department
   iii. To see all the sections that are offered, you need to uncheck the Open Classes Only.
   iv. Career: Undergraduate
   v. Additional Search Criteria:
      a. For Winter session, need to select “winter” under session
      b. You may add additional search criteria to narrow the results to show classes that work best for you.
      Ex: only show classes offered at specific days or times.
3. When you pick a class, write down the 5 digit code in parenthesis for that class section.
4. Add the course into your shopping cart if it fits in with your schedule. It must have a 15 minute gap between your classes.

Viewing Classes:
1. Click on the “Enroll” under the Academics tab after you designated enroll appointment.
2. Then select “2018 Spring Term” then click continue.
3. If you are entering the classes by the code: Enter the 5 digit class code where it says “Enter class Nbr” and click enter.
4. The screen which comes up lets you know if the class is open or closed and allows you to place yourself on the class’ wait list, should the class be closed. It also lets you know about any pre requisites for the class. Click next.
5. This places the course in your shopping cart.
6. If you already have classes in your shopping cart or after you add them through the above method: Click “Proceed to step 2 of 3” and follow the directions from there to enroll.
   i. Keep in mind that when looking at your shopping cart, you have the option to enroll or delete the course.
   ii. Courses in Shopping Cart do NOT mean you are registered for those courses. You need to PROCEED to “step 2 of 3” and “step 3 of 3” to complete your enrollment.
CUNYfirst Login: (The direct link to CUNYfirst: https://home.cunyfirst.cuny.edu)
1. Go to www.qc.cuny.edu
2. Click “Login to...” on the upper right corner of the page
3. Click on “CUNYfirst” in the second column from the right.
4. Login
   Username: FirstName . LastName Last Two digits of your CUNYfirst ID#
   Password:
      • At least 8 characters long
      • At least 1 uppercase letter AND at least 1 numeric OR one special character
      • Can’t use last 4 previous passwords
      • Can’t be changed for 5 days after the last password change
      • Keep in mind that this password is reset every 90 days!
5. PLEASE WRITE YOUR USERNAME AND UPDATED PASSWORD DOWN
6. On the left side of the page, Click Self Service → Student Center
7. This is the main page where you will access everything from searching classes to managing your financial aid and viewing unofficial transcript, etc.

Holds
1. On the Student center, look to the top right for holds.
2. If there is a hold, you cannot register for classes. Contact the Bursar to resolve these issues.

Financial Aid
1. Go to CUNYfirst
2. Self Service → Student Center
3. Scroll down to Finances → Select Account Inquiry

Transcript
1. Go to Academics
2. Select Transcript : View Unofficial Transcript from the drop box
3. Academic Institution: Queens college
   Report Type: Unofficial Student Transcript
4. Select view report on the appropriate date (Allow pop-up windows in your browser)

WHO’S WHO IN FYI

SOPHIA PAUL is a sophomore majoring in Computer Science. As a freshman, what Sophia loved most about her experience in an FYI community was the advice she was given and the free printing. Apart from being an FYI mentor, she is the Vice President of the Black Student Union. Outside of Queens College, Sophia works as a barista at the Nordstrom Ebar.

STEFANIA BUltrAGO is a junior majoring in International Business. She is a first time mentor and liked being in an FYI community because mentors would notify her about any upcoming events and would give their best advice to freshmen students. Apart from being an FYI mentor, she is a fellow in the America Needs You Fellowship. During her free time, Stefani enjoys the outdoors and loves being adventurous. As soon as she turned eighteen, she went sky diving.

TIFFANY CHAU is a sophomore majoring in Elementary Education and co-majoring in Elementary Mathematics. As a freshman in an FYI community, she was comforted to know that her mentors were always there for her when she needed help, and wants to be able to accommodate other freshmen in the same way. She worked at the Queens College Summer Camp in 2016. Her hobbies are photography, cooking Italian food, and reading.

TIRZAH WEILL is a senior majoring in Psychology and minoring in BALA. A returning mentor, Tirzah enjoys paying it forward and giving clarity to freshmen. On campus, she is a Student Ambassador. Off campus, she volunteers at the Presbyterian Hospital, Chai Lifeline where she visits children with cancer, and Giving the Gift of Life (GIGGL). Her hobbies include skiing, jogging, and figure skating.

VALLaIRE WALLACE is a sophomore majoring in English and minoring in Theater/Drama. A first-time mentor, she enjoyed her FYI community because she loved being informed about campus events and different places to get help. On campus, she is part of The New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPiRG). Off campus, she volunteers at a church and works from her couch. During her free time, she writes, blogs, and watches Game of Thrones.

ZABRINA MOHAMED is a junior majoring in English. This is her first time being an FYI mentor. On campus, she is part of the Big Buddy Program at Queens College. During her free time, Zabrina enjoys writing poetry.
WHO’S WHO IN FYI

ZEHRA ABBAS is a junior majoring in Psychology on a Pre-Med track. From visiting classrooms and being able to answer student questions to helping freshmen get through their first semester, Zehra loves everything about being a mentor. On campus, she is a part of Project Sunshine. Off campus, she volunteers at Northshore University Hospital in the ED department and works as a cashier in a supermarket. Her hobbies include eating and traveling.

SEE ANYTHING INTERESTING?

If you see a mentor who is majoring or minoring in something you’re interested in, please feel free to stop by the FYI office, located in Honors Hall 05, to speak with that mentor. You can also email us at fyi@qc.cuny.edu.

STUDENT CLUBS

Alliance of Latin American Students
Anthropology Society
Armenian Club
ASCEND
Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting
Black Student Union
Bukharian Cultural Club
Campus Crusade for Christ
Caribbean Student Association
Catholic Newman Club
Ceramics Club
Chabad of Queens College
Chess Club
Chinese Christian Fellowship
Chinese Student Association
Circle K: Community Service Organization
Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization
CUPB
Dance Union
Dream Team at QC
Economic and Business Club
Environmental Club
Epic Movement
Feminist Philosophy Club
FLIGHT
French Club
GLASA
Golden Key International Honor Society
Graduate Counselor Education
Graduate Fine Arts Club
Graduate School Psychology
Guyanese Student Association
Hakuna Matata Club
Hillel
Hindu Student Association
History Club
Ikaros Hellenic Orthodox Club
Inter-Greek Council
International Students at QC
Israel Business Club
Israel Student Association
Japanese Culture Club at QC
Knight News
Minority Association for Premedical Students
MUSIC VS
Musical Theater Group
Muslim Student Association
National Association of Black Accountants
National Society for Leadership and Success
National Student Speech, Language, and Hearing Association
Nisa
Persian Club
Philosophy Club
Physics Club
Political Science Club
Politically Together
Pre-Law Association
PRISM
Project Start
Psi Chi Honor Society
QC Computer Graphics Association
QC Film Club
QC New Music Group
QC Veterans Club
QC Wrestling Club
Queens College ACM Chapter
Queens College Dietetics Club
Queens College Neuroscience Club
Queens College Students for Life
School of Earth and Environmental Studies
Science Fiction and Animation
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Sikh Club
Socialist Students
Society of Archivists
Student Organization for Democratic Alternatives
Student Women’s Center at QC
Students Helping Honduras
The I-Tones
The Jewish Studies Club
The Rocks of QC
The Vine at QC Lutheran Ministry
Theatre Guild
Ultimate Frisbee Club at QC
Unfamous Salon
Urban Studies Club
WQMC Radio
Yearbook Club

We do have honor societies on campus, but you must be invited to join! To be invited, you need at least a 3.5 GPA!
7. Public Safety (Main Gate Kissena Boulevard):
   • Information for parking (applications online)
   • Walk you to your car in the evening

8. One Stop Service Center (Dining Hall Room 128):
   • General billing information
   • Intake and distribution of financial aid forms
   • Claim your QCard

9. Office of Information Technology (Help Desk next to One Stop):
   • CUNYfirst, CUNY Portal and CAMS account issues
   • Problems connecting to internet

10. The Corner Pocket
    • Located in the Dining Hall!
    • There’s billiards, ping-pong, air hockey, foosball, XBOX360, Nintendo Wii gaming systems, and more!
    • You need your QC ID and some activities require a small fee!

**GET INVOLVED!**

Peer Counseling (Students helping students):
• Opportunity to be a Peer Counselor at Queens College
• Must have lower sophomore standing with a minimum 2.5 GPA
• Interested go to their page: http://www.qc.cuny.edu/StudentLife/services/counseling/peer/Pages/How-to-Apply.aspx

The Center for Ethnic, Racial, and Religious Understanding (CERRU)
• Belief that dialogue and shared experiences are essential to combating intolerance, overcoming stereotypes, and promoting understanding.
• Opportunity to be an Ambassador or Fellow
• You will receive a stipend
• Interested go to their page: http://cerru.org/?page_id=2

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THE FYI TEAM

FACULTY

- **Mentor Supervisors** (L to R): Yash Sehgal, Kiren Butt, Marilyn Saez, Sahar Soleimany, and Brian Small.
- **Ms. Susan Braver** (Right): The “producer” behind the production.
- **Megan Paslawski**: The “associate director” behind the production.
- **Dr. Martin Braun**: The “director” behind the production.

SERVICES AT QUEENS COLLEGE

1. **Freshman Year Initiative (For present & former FYI students Honors Hall Room 05):**
   - Free printing
   - English tutoring (specifically ENG 110)
   - Major specific mentors
   - Computer lab
   - Math placement advisement

2. **Academic Support Center (Kiely 127-131):**
   - Tutoring in variety of subjects, including: Accounting, Business, Comparative Literature, Computer Science, Economics, English, Psychology, Sociology
   - *Especially useful* when professor office hours don’t work for one’s schedule
   - Writing Center (Kiely 229): tutoring for grammar and structure with English papers

3. **Office of Student Life (Student Union 320):**
   - Event organization
   - Information about clubs

4. **Peer Counseling (Students helping students):**
   - Help choosing a major
   - Someone to talk to

5. **Health Service Center (3rd Floor Frese Hall):**
   - Helps those with disabilities
   - Request special parking or other services
   - Resources for those looking to quit substances

6. **The Fitness Center at the Fitzgerald Gym (Room 206):**
   - Free fitness center on the QC campus
   - Several different machines that are great for beginners to learn on
   - Open all week, until 10 on Monday-Thursday