WHERE CAN THE CUNY BACCALAUREATE DEGREE LEAD?

In CUNY BA, the areas of concentration you can pursue are almost unlimited.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Pursue individualized specializations
Work with CUNY faculty members to develop one or two coherent and meaningful areas of concentration (similar to majors).

Make CUNY your campus
Register for courses at any of the University's eighteen undergraduate colleges; in many cases, you can also take graduate-level courses.

Receive up to 90 transfer credits
All grades earned within CUNY, as well as grades of "C" or better from other colleges may be transferred. A maximum of 68 credits are accepted from community colleges.

Earn non-classroom credit
Thirty non-classroom credits may be applied: e.g., Military, NYPD, FDNY, EMS, NIPONS, ACE, credit-by-exam. Of this total, up to 15 credits for life experience can be awarded.

Innovative learning options
Explore various learning opportunities, such as independent study, tutorials, fieldwork, internships, honors seminars, study abroad, online learning, credit-by-exam and senior projects.

CUNY BACCALAUREATE FOR UNIQUE AND INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

This CUNY-wide program is an exciting, versatile, rewarding route to the bachelor's degree. CUNY Baccalaureate for Unique and Interdisciplinary Studies (CUNY BA) serves highly-motivated, self-directed students whose academic goals transcend the boundaries of traditional college majors. The students themselves formulate proposals for unique areas of concentration and work with full-time CUNY faculty members who mentor them in their individualized studies.

Colleges typically offer degrees in Psychology; in CUNY Baccalaureate you can specialize in Political Psychology, Cross-Cultural Psychology, or Consumer Psychology. Interested in the future of the environment? Design a degree in International Environmental Policy, Environmental Journalism, or Sustainability. Instead of traditional degree in History, design yours in Historical Documentary Filmmaking, History of the Middle East, or Early American History.

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Set your own pace
Attend college full-time or part-time and take advantage of CUNY's day, evening, weekend, and online courses.

Receive personal attention
In addition to choosing at least one faculty mentor, you will be assigned a CUNY BA academic advisor.

Apply for scholarships
Scholarships for full-time, part-time, and international students are available. Students also apply for financial aid and scholarships at the CUNY colleges where they matriculate. Students can also receive additional guidance when applying for Fulbright Fellowships and other major awards.

Assistance with graduate studies
CUNY BA offers graduate application workshops and preparation for graduate school entrance exams.

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Graduates routinely receive promotions or raises; many have begun new careers in public service, business, and various other professions. According to a recent survey, nearly eighty percent hold jobs in fields related to their areas of concentration; almost fifty percent pursue graduate studies.

TO LEARN MORE
Attend an informational session. Register online at www.cunyba.cuny.edu under the Prospective Students tab.

APPLICATIONS
Print the application from www.cunyba.cuny.edu, visit the program office, or call 1.212.817.8200.
Independent Mind: Clint Porter

His Faculty Mentor: Prof. Sherriee Baver, Political Science, City College

 His Area of Concentration:
Baruch EES 4900 Topics in Environmental Science
City P SC 233 U.S. Foreign Policy
City P SC 236 Latin American Political Systems
City P SC 310 Independent Study (Domestic Energy Policy in Underdeveloped Areas of Latin America)
City P SC 310 Internship (Center for Sustainable Energy, Bronx Community College)
City P SC 312 Selected Topics in Political Science
City P SC 355 Environmental Politics

 His Words: I used my CUNY BA experience to prepare me to excel in my Renewable Energy career. CUNY Baccalaureate gave me the tools I need to think on my feet, form original concepts, and follow through. Without this program, I could never have developed these skills as thoroughly as I did.

 His Next Step: Even before graduating, Porter was offered a job in sales and marketing with KACO new energy, Inc., an international company that is the world’s second largest manufacturer of photovoltaic inverters, used for both residential and commercial applications. Porter was recently promoted to the position of Director of Marketing.

Individualized Study: Energy Resource Policy

Her Faculty Mentors: Prof. Dale Byam, Theater, Brooklyn College, and Prof. John Krinsky, Political Science, City College

 Her Area of Concentration:
City ANTH 230 Political Mobilization and Change
City PHIL 311 Special Topics: Theory of Action
City P SC 312 Seminar in Community Organizing
City P SC 314 Selected Topics: Political Science, A Cross Cultural Perspective
City P SC 324 Politics of Prestat
Hunter THEA 214 Multicultural Perspectives in Theatrical Performance
Grad Center/SPS Theater of the Oppressed
Grad Center/SPS Creating Meaning through Community Drama

 Her Words: I connected my area of concentration over many fields, expanding my capacity to use theater in multiple contexts. I am now employed in a position that was tailored to me and my skills. If I didn’t have the practice and the knowledge that this unique degree program offered me, my options would be much more limited. Thanks to CUNY Baccalaureate, the world is my oyster!

 Her Next Step: Upon graduation, Irani toured to promote the book she co-edited, Telling Stories to Change the World (Routledge, 2008), then won a NY Emmy for her writing on We Are New York, a TV drama/English learning program for immigrants. She leads theater for change projects in conflict zones such as Afghanistan and Iraq. Most recently, she received a Fulbright grant to do research in India for a new stage script.

Individualized Study: Theatre and Social Change

Her Faculty Mentor: Prof. Jo-Ann Hamilton, English/Black Studies, City College

 Her Area of Concentration:
Baruch BLST 3024 Women of Color in the Americas
Baruch BLST 4900 African and Latino Diasporas In America
City BLST 318 African American Literature
City ENGL 310 Independent Study (Apollo Curriculum Project)
City ENGL 312 Caribbean Ghosts, Colonial Spirits
City ENGL 318 Blues Aesthetic
City HIST 377 Comparative Slavery
Hunter AFST 205 African American Politics of Social Change

 Her Words: My time at CUNY BA was invaluable. Being able to create my own program of study, take courses all around CUNY, and earn credits in a variety of ways created a rich academic experience that I would recommend to anyone who is motivated and has ideas that are, well, unique and interdisciplinary!

 Her Next Step: After speaking on behalf of her graduating class at the CUNY BA commencement, Wood traveled back to tour the African continent, earned an M.A. in History at City College as a New York Life Graduate Fellow, and was accepted at Harvard University, where she is now a Ph.D. candidate in African Studies and Religion with Harvard support valued at $200,000 plus a Fulbright-Hays grant.

Individualized Study: The African Diaspora in the Americas

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