Preparing for College (University) Higher education Career path

# This brief guide is an outline of topics to discuss regarding **college preparation**.

It is designed to help the student **understand key** elements of the process as well as the not-so-obvious ones.

Planning with a **college advisor** is crucial to the process and should eventually follow.

From the experience of classroom instruction and academic advising

As you begin preparing for college/university, you open the door to a future of excitement and possibilities which are endless.

It's a journey that starts with the first thought of continuing your education to discovering the career possibilities that lie before you, to entering that rich world where you can dedicate yourself in a profession that brings out your gifts and talents.



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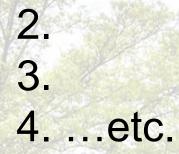
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## **Exploring reasons for going to college**



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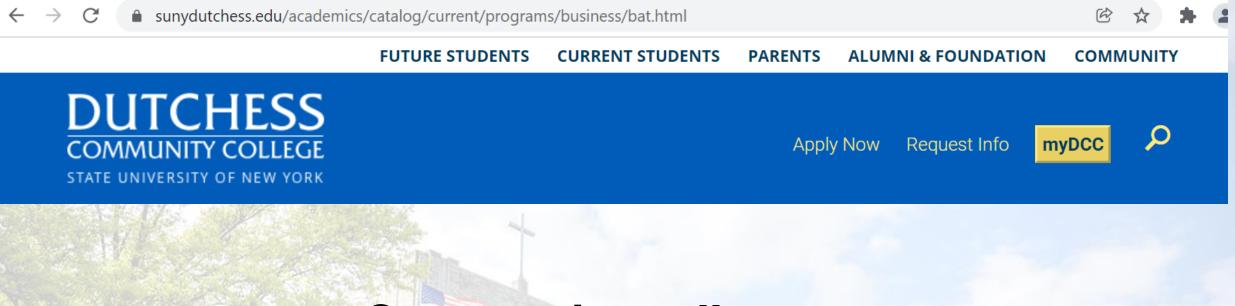
Discussing the reasons helps identify the benefits and needed procedures

## **Career = talents, abilities, passion, hopes**

• What are some careers and how do they demonstrate talents, abilities, passion?

#### Ex.

Nurse – enjoys helping people heal - patience



## Community college vs. 4-year university

## FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

THE JESUIT UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

## Understanding the various degrees & Certificates Graduate 8

## AA, AS, BA, BS, MA, MS, Ph D, ...etc.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY HAS CONFERRED THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

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The next step after an Associates degree:

transfer

to a 4-year school (college, university) for a Bachelor's degree

## 1. Classes that transfer (core classes)

## 2. Classes that don't transfer

Not all classes/courses transfer to a 4-year school. Careful to take the right classes.

## Are you in the right class?



## **Degree program / Program of study / pathway** = list of classes needed for the degree

Biology, math, history,... etc.

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## What does Semester 1 look like?

What does Semester 2 look like?

## **Core (basics) classes vs. electives**

# What does Semester 5 (2<sup>nd</sup> year) look like?

### **Program of study – examples...**

- N) 2: MATHEMATICS (3 Credits)
  - > Select from the following:
  - > MATH 1314, 1316, 1324, 1325, 1332, 1342, 1350, 1414, 1442,
  - > 2412, 2413, 2414
  - > Grade of "C" or better required

3 credits needed

> Select EACH of the following:	
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CRIJ-1306 Court Systems and Practic	1 course neede
CRIJ-1310 Fundamentals of Criminal	1 course neede
CRIJ-2313 Correct Systems and Pract	1 course neede
CRIJ-2328 Police Systems and Practi	1 course neede

## **Paying for college**

- You pay (parents,...)
- Financial Aid money given to you from the state or government (show need)
- Scholarship money given to you from an organization (school, business,...)
- Student loan money you <u>borrow</u> from the bank
- Work / study make money with an on campus job

# Financial Aid – money given to you from the state or government

**FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) - an application used to collect information to determine your eligibility for financial aid awards.



#### What's needed to complete the FAFSA

Personal info & documents

Tips to keep in mind

What can happen to prevent financial aid

#### Residence Status: 1 In District

#### FA SAP Status:

2021FA - WARN - 2021SU - OK

#### **Restrictions:**

NTIX - Training Not Met MMV - Met Meningitis Vaccine Req

## Understanding the documents

Term Co	re Loc	Course	Title	Credit	Grade	
Su 2021 050	) EFC	ARTS-1301	Art Appreciation	3.00	В	
Su 2021	EFC	GOVT-2305		3.00	W	
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Su 2021	EFC	HIST-1301	United States	3.00	W	
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## **GPA (grade point average) = accumulation of points**

How letter grades translate into points

# Something to be mindful of before and throughout college

## What you need to get into college

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. Etc.

## A look at some Programs of Study (and how to understand them)

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## COMPUTER SCIENCE, BS (0701)

SEARCH

#### **UNIVERSITY CORE**

- CS 201 Computer Science | Credits: 4
- MTH 231 Calculus 1 Credits: 4
- One laboratory-based course acceptable for major credit in Biology, Chemistry or Physics (such as BIO 101, BIO 125, CHM 109, PHY 101) 4-5 Credits

#### **MAJOR PREREQUISITES**

- <u>CS 202 Computer Science II</u> Credits: 4
- <u>MTH 310 Discrete Mathematics</u> Credits: 3
- MTH 408 Automata and Formal Languages Credits: 3
- Two additional Mathematics courses for major credit selected from the following list in consultation with an advisor: MTH 232, MTH 233, MTH 236,
  MTH 240, MTH 250, any 200, or 400 lovel MTH class, 6.8 Credite

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SEARCH

 One laboratory-based course acceptable for major credit in Biol Chemistry or Physics to complete the sequence from the Unive (such as BIO 102, BIO 225, CHM 110, PHY 102). 4-5 Credits

#### **MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

- <u>CS 231 Programming in a UNIX Environment</u> Credits: 4
- <u>CS 301 Data Structures and Algorithms</u> Credits: 3
- <u>CS 311 Computer Architecture and Organization</u> Credits: 4
- <u>CS 321 Database Design & Implementation</u> Credits: 3
- <u>CS 331 Theory of Programming Languages</u> Credits: 3
- <u>CS 451 Operating Systems</u> Credits: 3
- <u>CS 464 Parallel and Scientific Computing Credits: 3</u>
- <u>CS 475 Computer Networks and Network Programming Credit</u>
- <u>CS 481 Software Project Development: Design</u> Credits: 3
- <u>CS 482 Software Project Development: Implementation</u> Credit

#### Electives

- One 300-400 Level CS Electives 3 Credits
- Three 400 Level CS Electives 9 Credits

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Business Core		
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MGT 308	Entrepreneurship	3
ACCT 311	Global Financial Statement Analysis	3
MGT 380	International Management and Business	3
MGT 315	Organizational Behavior	3
Interdisciplinary Studies Mi	nor Required *	
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Total Hours		120
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#### Core Curriculum

A distinguishing characteristic of liberal arts education is a required core curriculum. The Bachelor of Arts programs require the following core courses:

- The Examined Life
- Woods College Formative Seminar
- 2 English courses:
  - College Writing
  - Literary Works or other core literature course
- 2 Philosophy courses (one of which should be an Ethics course)
- 2 Theology courses
- 2 Social Science courses
- 2 History courses (1 must be non-Western)
- 1 Quantitative Reasoning course
- 1 Natural Science course
- 1 Arts course
- 1 Cultural Diversity Course
- The Purposeful Life



**BOSTON COLLEGE** Woods College of Advancing Studies

/lajor Requirements	
Requirements for Majo	r
Principles of Criminal J	ustice
Criminology	
Criminal Law and Proc	edure
American Institutions	
Corrections: Policies ar	nd Practice
Introduction to Psycho	logy
Introduction Social Just	tice
Introduction to Sociolo	)gy
Additional electives: Se Courses).	elect 4 courses (2 courses from Social and Syst

#### Foundational Component Areas (36 SCH)

#### (010) Communications (6 SCH)

Students must complete two semesters of English composition. Communication courses focus on developing ideas and expressing them clearly, considering the effect of the message, fostering understanding, and building the skills needed to communicate persuasively. Courses in communication promote the Texas state Core Objectives of critical thinking, communication, teamwork, and personal responsibility.

#### ENG 1301

College Reading & Writing

ENG 1302

Written Argument/Research

## **CORE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS**

#### (020) Mathematics (3 SCH)

Students must complete a minimum of one college level mathematics course. Mathematics courses focus on quantitative literacy in logic, patterns, and relationships. Courses in mathematics promote the Texas state Core Objectives of critical thinking, communication, and empirical and quantitative skills. Mathematics courses should be selected based upon completion of the appropriate prerequisites. Math courses also are often very major-specific—in other words, one size does not fit all. All students should refer to the catalog and seek the advice of a professional advisor about the appropriate math selections for their major.

MATH 1314	College Algebra
MATH 1324	Math for Business Applications I
MATH 1325	Mathematics for Business Applications II
MATH 1332	Contemporary Mathematics
MATH 1342	Elementary Statistical Methods
MATH 2312	Pre-Calculus
MATH 2413	Calculus I

## Takeaways:

- Preparing for college is a journey
- Knowledge about various degrees can be helpful
- It's great to be able to navigate the variety of college websites
- Choosing the right classes can be crucial
- Your GPA accompanies you so it's important to get a good start



We are here to help get you ready for college preparation. We can discuss key points and determine how to

navigate though websites and access resources.

Planning with your advisor is crucial to the process and should eventually follow.

Let us know how we can help. Mike Morse – youthcna@gmail.com