

BaruchCOLLEGE

UNDERGRADUATE ADVISEMENT & ORIENTATION



Freshman Orientation Guide

PLEASE FOLLOW ALONG & TAKE NOTES

TOP 10 FREQUENTLY **ASKED QUESTIONS**

What classes will I be taking my first semester?

First year students will take a selection of required courses in their first semester including math, English, First-Year Seminar and other courses from the Pathways Curriculum.

Will I get to choose my own schedule?

No. First year students are enrolled in a block program and do not get to choose their own schedule. Changes to the block schedule are only made based on incoming credit. We cannot accommodate course, time, or professor preferences for students.

How do I submit my transfer credits?

Email FreshmanCreditEvaluation@baruch.cuny.edu to submit all your AP/IB scores and college transcripts. It's best to attach a PDF of your score report to your email and not rely on the College Board. Send your scores and transcripts ASAP.

Why do I have to take History or Politics courses?

Every CUNY student must complete the Pathways General Education Requirements to earn a degree. Courses like History, Politics, Philosophy, Art History and more are all required for every major. The next few pages will review the Pathways Requirements.

When do I get to take classes towards my major?

Most students will begin taking classes towards their major in sophomore or junior year. At Baruch, business majors have a lot of pre-requisite courses before they can start their major. You'll begin taking your pre-requisites in your second and third semesters at Baruch. Students who major in liberal arts subjects or Public Affairs may begin taking classes towards their major in their second semester.

Will my classes be in person or online?

Some of your classes may be online or hybrid (both in person and online meetings) but students should expect that most of their classes will be in person.

Pay attention to emails regarding vaccination requirements and deadlines!

Will my classes be every day?

Most classes are Monday/Wednesday, Tuesday/Thursday or on Fridays. Some students will have classes every day and some will have schedules that are only four days. For your first semester plan be available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am - 5:30 pm. We generally do not assign weekend classes. **We cannot accommodate commutes or requests for days off.**

How many classes will I take?

Most classes at Baruch are 3 credits each and a normal course-load is 15 credits each semester. You will take 5 classes for credit plus First-Year Seminar which is zero credits but required for graduation. A full time schedule is between 12-18 credits. Less than 12 credits would be part-time. More than 18 credits will require approval for a credit overload.

Can I make requests for my schedule?

You can always ask but we cannot guarantee any special requests for schedules. Many students ask for no classes on Fridays or to not have early classes or late classes.

It is impossible to accommodate every student's request.

When considering schedule changes our only priority is transfer credit.

Do I have my own advisor?

Baruch students are not assigned Academic Advisors. You can email us at Academic.Advisement@baruch.cuny.edu. Once the semester begins you can schedule an appointment with an Advisor on [Navigate](#). Always use your Baruch email address and include your CUNYfirst empl id number in all of your emails.

Or visit us in the [Baruch One Stop Shop](#)!

PATHWAYS: THE REQUIRED CORE

4 COURSES = 12 CREDITS

English Composition (Two courses required.)

1 ENGLISH COMPOSITION 1 : ENG 2100 (or ENG 2100T)

2 ENGLISH COMPOSITION 2 : ENG 2150 (or ENG 2150T)
(pre-req ENG 2100 or placement)

3 Mathematical & Quantitative Reasoning
(One course required. Transfer credit overrides Math placement)

- Any 2000-level Math course (MTH 2000/2001/2003/ 2009/2205/2207/2610)
- A 2000 level Statistics course (STA 2000, PSY 2100, BIO 2100)
- MTH 2140 or MTH 2160 → (For BA only; some liberal arts majors require advances math)

4 Life and Physical Sciences (One course required; MUST correspond with Flexible Core: Scientific World)

BIO 1012 → co-requisite with BIO 1011L in the Flexible Core (Scientific World)

BIO 1016 → co-requisite with BIO 1015L in the Flexible Core (Scientific World)

CHM 1004 → co-requisite with CHM 1003L in the Flexible Core (Scientific World)

ENV 1004 → co-requisite with ENV 1003L in the Flexible Core (Scientific World)

PHY 2001 → co-requisite with PHY 2002L in the Flexible Core (Scientific World)

[Request Department permission to enroll in a stand-alone lab or lecture.](#)
[Visit the Department of Natural Science website for information.](#)



Notes:

Science: At Baruch, Life and Physical Science is the LAB component, and is co-requisite with a LECTURE in Scientific World. That makes 6 credits of science in the same semester. Students with transfer credit for a lab or lecture should request permission to register for a stand-alone lab or lecture on the Department of Natural Science website.

Intended science majors should take STEM Variant classes (4 credits each): BIO 1012, BIO 1016, CHM 1004, ENV 1004, PHY 2001

Transfer and AP credits may satisfy some Pathways requirements. Submit transcripts and score reports to FreshmanCreditEvaluation@baruch.cuny.edu as soon as possible.

Review of Math Requirements

Review the math requirements for your intended major

Zicklin School of Business

- Completion of pre-calculus (MTH 2000, 2001, 2003, 2009) satisfies the math requirement.
- If your math placement is calculus (MTH 2205, 2206, 2207, 2610) then no math is required.

The completion of calculus is not required.

Statistics & Quantitative Modeling is the only Zicklin major that requires the completion of calculus.
Students who transfer credit for calculus will be waived from QNT 2020.

Weissman School of Arts & Sciences

Weissman students may select MTH 2140/2160 for the Pathways Required Core: Math & Quantitative Reasoning requirement but some liberal arts majors require more advanced math.

Psychology: PSY 2100

Economics: MTH 2003 or a higher level math

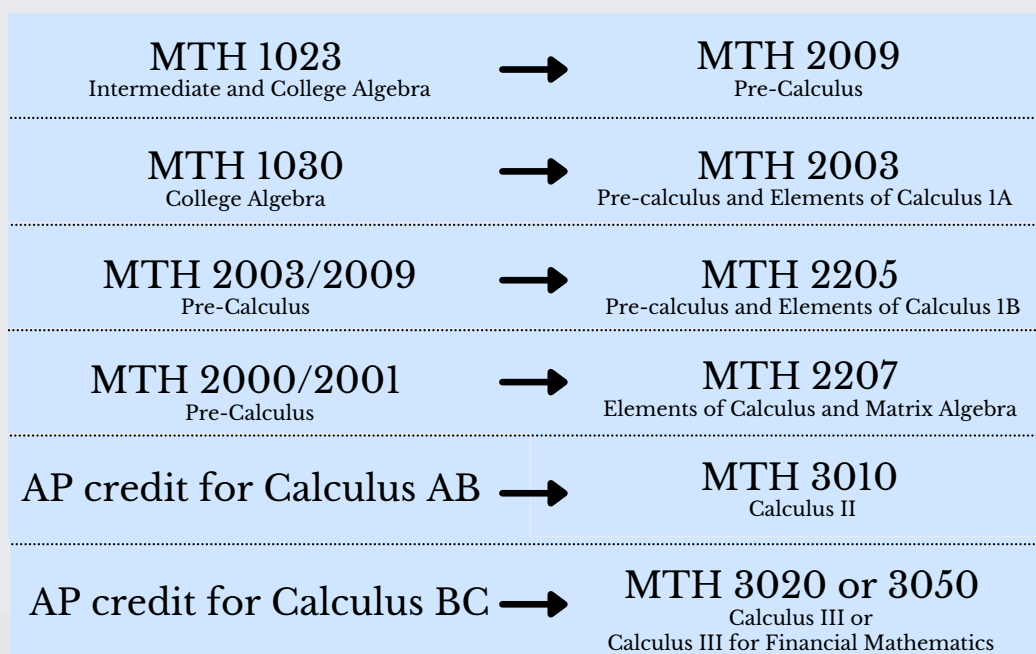
Corporate Communication: completion of MTH 1023/1030 or placement into a higher level course

Follow the math sequence below for the following majors: Mathematics, Actuarial Science, Financial Mathematics, Computer Science, Biology/Natural Science

Marxe School of Public & International Affairs

Completion of pre-calculus
(MTH 2000, 2001, 2003, 2009)

To continue the study of math follow the sequence below:



PATHWAYS: THE FLEXIBLE CORE

6 COURSES = 18 CREDITS

Restrictions: No more than 2 courses from the same department or interdisciplinary field can be taken for the Flexible Core.

ANT & SOC
offered by Dept.
of Anthropology
and Sociology

**ART, MSC, &
THE**
courses offered by
Dept. of Fine &
Performing Arts

BLS & LTS
courses offered
by the Dept. of
Black and Latino
Studies

**BIO, ENV, CHM
& PHY**
courses offered by
the Dept. of
Natural Sciences

PAF & POL
courses considered
to be the same
field

1 WORLD CULTURES & GLOBAL ISSUES (1 course)

ANT 1001, HIS 1001, HIS 1003, LTS 1003, POL 2001, or POL 2260

2 U.S. Experience in its Diversity (1 course)

BLS 1003, HIS 1000, HIS 1005, PAF 1250, POL 1101, or POL 2332

3 Creative Expression (1 course)

ART 1000, ART 1011, ART 1012, MSC 1003, MSC 1005, or THE 1041

4 Individual & Society (1 course)

PHI 1500, 1600, 1700 or SOC 1005

5 Scientific World (1 course; Must correspond with Life & Physical Science)

BIO 1011L, BIO 1015L, CHM 1003L, ENV 1003L, PHY 2002L, *PSY 1001

*PSY 1001 can only be used for Scientific World if transferred in or if Life & Physical requirement is completed upon entry into Baruch

6 Flexible Core Sixth Course (1 course)

Choose another course from any Flexible Core area. Note the restrictions above.

Notes:

*The first semester block schedules are designed to provide a well balanced program for all first year students. Your classes have been chosen to help you satisfy your core requirements, make progress towards major eligibility, and keep you on track for timely graduation. **You will not get to choose the Flexible Core classes included in your first semester schedule but you will have the opportunity to choose all of your classes and class schedules for all of your upcoming semesters.***

Speak to the Orientation staff during your Orientation day if you have concerns about your block program and make sure to submit all transcripts and AP scores to FreshmanCreditEvaluation@baruch.cuny.edu as soon as possible.

The College Option

4 COURSES = 12 CREDITS

COURSE 1 - Great Works of Literature

(ENG 2800, ENG 2850, CMP 2800, CMP 2850)

COURSE 2 – 4000-Level Liberal Arts Minor Course

(this course must be completed at Baruch)

For a complete list of approved Liberal Art minors and 4000-level Capstone courses go to:
bit.ly/capstone4000

COURSE 3 – 3000-Level Liberal Arts Minor Course

COURSE 4 – 3000-Level Liberal Arts Minor Course

- 4000-level capstone courses and minors must be declared by filling out the following form:
bit.ly/declareminor
- Taking Courses 2, 3 and 4 in the same subject, may count towards a Minor in a Liberal Arts Subject

LIST OF LIBERAL ART MINORS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• American Studies• Anthropology• Art• Asian & Asian American Studies• Black & Latino Studies• Business Writing• Chemistry• Communication Studies• Comparative Literature• Computer Science• Economics• English• Environmental Sustainability• Film• Foreign Language• Global Studies• History• Information Studies• Information Technology & Social Responsibility | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jewish Studies• Journalism• Latin American & Caribbean Studies• Law & Policy• Mathematics• Music/Music Theory• Natural Science• New Media Arts• New York Studies• Philosophy• Physics• Political Science• Psychology• Religion & Culture• Sociology• Survey Research• Theatre• Women & Gender Studies |
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Zicklin School of Business

Requirements: 45 credits completed | Minimum 2.25 Baruch GPA | Minimum 2.25 in 7 pre-business courses

BUS 2000, COM 2020 and QNT 2020 are waived for previously earned college credit for BUS 1011, COM 1010 and Calculus

Pre-Business Courses (and pre-requisites)

- **ACC 2101 - Principles of Accounting**
(Pre-calculus OR Calculus Placement)
- **ECO 1001 - Microeconomics**
(Pre-calculus OR Calculus Placement)
- **ECO 1002 - Macroeconomics**
(Pre-calculus OR Calculus Placement)
- **STA 2000 - Business Statistics I**
(Pre-calculus OR Calculus Placement)
- **CIS 2200 - Introduction to Information Systems and Technologies**
(pre/co-req with BUS 2000/1011 and MTH 1030/2003 or completion of MTH 1023 based on placement)
- **LAW 1101 - Fundamentals of Business Law**
(ENG 2100)
- **ENG 2100 - Writing I**

- **ENG 2150* - Writing 2**
(ENG 2100)
- **COM 2020* - Introduction to Business Communication**
(Satisfied if entered Baruch with COM 1010)
(Sophomore Standing)
- **Completion of pre-calculus or placement into calculus**
Check your math placement

ENG 2150, COM 2020 and math NOT included in pre-business GPA

AP credits satisfy course requirements but are not included in GPA calculation. Other transfer grades are included in pre-business GPA calculation.

Zicklin Early Entry

Completion of ACC 2101, ECO 1001, ECO 1002, STA 2000, Pre-calculus or placement into calculus
30 credits, 2.25 Baruch GPA & 2.25 GPA in these four courses

BBA Required Courses

May be completed prior to admission to Zicklin

BUS 2000 Business Fundamentals: The Contemporary Business Landscape
(Satisfied if BUS 1011 is transferred to Baruch)

QNT 2020 Foundations of Predictive Analytics and Decision Modeling
(Satisfied if calculus is transferred to Baruch)
(Completion of STA 2000, pre-calculus or placement into calculus) Waived for Statistics & Quantitative Modeling majors.

FIN 2000 Principles of Financial Planning and Individual Investing
(1.5 credits, Sophomore Standing)

ACC 2203 Principles of Managerial Accounting For Non-accounting Majors
(ACC 2101, Sophomore Standing, pre-calculus or placement into calculus)

Require admission to Zicklin

COM 3021 Professional Speech Communication
(1.5 credits, Sophomore Standing, COM 2020/1010)

ACC 3202 Accounting Information Systems (for Accounting Majors)

FIN 3000 Principles of Finance
(ECO 1001, ECO 1002, ACC 2101, STA 2000, pre-calculus or placement into calculus)

MGT 3120 Fundamentals of Management

MKT 3000 Marketing Foundations

OPM 3000 Service Operations Management

BPL 5100 Business Policy
(Taken in your final semester)

Enrollment in 4000 level business courses requires the completion of all Pre-Business courses and all Business Base courses (except BPL 5100).

Weissman School of Arts and Sciences

Weissman Website: <https://www.baruch.cuny.edu/wsas/index.html>

Pre-Weissman Core

Minimum 2.0 Baruch GPA

- COM 1010 - Speech Communication
- First Semester of Foreign Language*
- Second Semester of Foreign Language*

*Two semesters of the SAME foreign language at the appropriate level

Weissman students are required to meet with their faculty advisor for approval of their major requirements

Notes:

1. Contact the Department of Modern Languages for placement into upper level language courses.
2. Weissman students may register for major courses as long as course pre-requisites have been met.
3. Visit the Weissman Registration Resources page for more information and to request permission to register for business classes:

<https://weissman.baruch.cuny.edu/student-resources/>



Marxe School of Public and International Affairs

Marxe Requirements

45 credits completed | Minimum 2.25 Baruch GPA

- PAF 1250 (Citizenship & Public Affairs) OR POL 1101 (American Government: Practices & Values)
- ECO 1001 (Microeconomics)
- PSY 2100 (Statistics for Social Science) OR STA 2000 (Business Statistics I)
- Precalculus (MTH 2000/ 2001/ 2003/ 2009) or higher

Notes:

1. Marxe students should contact the undergraduate advisor at mspia.bspa@baruch.cuny.edu

Marxe Website: <https://www.baruch.cuny.edu/mspia/>



Important Notes

- All students must complete a declared major (21-33+ credits) as well as a minimum number of liberal arts credits: Zicklin – 57 credits, Weissman – 90 credits, Marxe – 57 credits. Check the [Undergraduate Bulletin](#) for major requirements.

How do I declare or change my major?

File an [Intended Major Form](#) to change your intended major.

- Zicklin students will be automatically accepted into their major once the Major Eligibility requirements are met. Zicklin students must be officially accepted to the business school to register for upper level classes.
- Weissman and Marxe students will meet with a faculty advisor in their academic department to officially declare their major. Weissman and Marxe students can begin their major courses as long as they have met course prerequisites.

Notes:

Resource Links

Academic Calendar:

<https://enrollmentmanagement.baruch.cuny.edu/registrar/academic-calendar/>

BCTC website for technical support:

<https://bctc.baruch.cuny.edu/>

DegreeWorks login:

<https://degreeworks.cuny.edu>

Department of Modern Languages:

www.baruch.cuny.edu/wsas/academics/modern_languages/Language_Placement.htm

Department of Natural Sciences:

www.baruch.cuny.edu/wsas/academics/natural_science/index.htm

Intended Major Form (to change your intended major):

<https://enrollmentmanagement.baruch.cuny.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/18/2020/08/IntendedMajorForm.pdf>

Math Faculty Advisement Schedule:

<https://enrollmentmanagement.baruch.cuny.edu/undergraduate-advisement-orientation/math-advisor-schedule/>

Minor/Capstone Declaration Form:

<https://enrollmentmanagement.baruch.cuny.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/18/2020/11/DeclarationofMinororCollegeOptionCapstone.pdf>

Navigate (to schedule an appointment with an academic advisor):

<https://enrollmentmanagement.baruch.cuny.edu/navigate/>

Transfer Center:

<https://enrollmentmanagement.baruch.cuny.edu/undergraduate-admissions/transferstudents/>

Undergraduate Student Bulletin (for information on all Majors and Minors):

<https://enrollmentmanagement.baruch.cuny.edu/registrar/bulletins/>

Zicklin Undergraduate Programs Office:

<https://zicklin.baruch.cuny.edu/academic-programs/undergraduate/current-undergraduate-students/>

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