An Overview of
General Education
at Baruch College

Satisfying the Requirements of the Common Core Curriculum

**TIER I**
- **Basic Skills**
  - Communication Skills: 3–5 courses
  - Quantitative Skills: 1 course and 1 exam

**TIER II**
- **Introduction to the Arts and Sciences**
  - Humanities: 4 courses
  - Social Sciences: 4 courses
  - Natural Sciences: 1 course

**TIER III**
- **Liberal Arts Minor**
  - 3000-level Courses: 2 courses
  - Capstone Course

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Why a Common Core Curriculum

The courses of the Common Core Curriculum will develop and improve your

Oral and Written Communication
Quantitative and Scientific Thinking
Critical Thinking
Information Literacy

Civic Awareness
Global/Cross-Cultural Awareness
Technological Skills
Ethical Awareness
Aesthetic Appreciation

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General Education and the courses of the Common Core Curriculum are central to Baruch College’s mission. They shape the experience that the College offers all of its students, whether they pursue a degree in the Zicklin School of Business, the Weissman School of Arts and Sciences, or the School of Public Affairs.

Gen Ed at Baruch reflects the College’s commitment to the ideal of education as a transformation of the whole person through study of the arts and sciences. The Common Core Curriculum, which emphasizes learning goals in the areas listed above, includes introductory courses in a variety of disciplines in the arts and sciences as well as advanced concentrations that allow students to focus on a single area in the liberal arts.

The Common Core Curriculum is organized through the three tiers described in detail throughout this brochure.
Tier I comprises the courses that reinforce the basic skills of oral and written communication and quantitative reasoning.

**COMMUNICATION SKILLS (3–5 courses)**

**Communication Studies**
COM 1010 Speech Communication

**English**
ENG 2100 (or ENG 2100T) Writing I
ENG 2150 (or ENG 2150T) Writing II

**Foreign Language**
Weissman students take 2 courses; Zicklin and School of Public Affairs students take 0–2 courses, depending on high school background (see Undergraduate Bulletin 2007–2010). The languages offered are Chinese, French, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, and Spanish. Additional languages may be offered in the future.

**QUANTITATIVE SKILLS (1 course at the 2000 level*, 1 exam)**

**Mathematics**
MTH 2003 Precalculus and Elements of Calculus
**MTH 2160 Ideas in Mathematics and Applications**
MTH 2205 Applied Calculus
MTH 2207 Applied Calculus and Matrix Applications
MTH 2610 Calculus I

**SimNet Exam**
The SimNet Assessment Test is a hands-on computer evaluation of a student’s Microsoft Excel Skills. To be fully prepared for the exam, students are advised to purchase the SimNet Enterprise Edition CD, which is available at the Baruch College Bookstore. Additional information is available at the Office of Testing and Evaluation in the Newman Vertical Campus, 5th floor, Room 5-220.

*Zicklin students must complete a course in calculus for the BBA base curriculum. They must also satisfy the prerequisites for whichever calculus course they take. Therefore, these students usually take MTH 2003 and one of the calculus courses listed above.

**MTH 2160 Ideas in Mathematics and Applications does not meet the BBA base curriculum mathematics requirement. It is not recommended for students whose major requires a statistics course or another math course.**
Tier II courses provide introductions to college-level study of the disciplines of the arts and sciences.

**HUMANITIES (4 courses, one from each category)**

**FPA (Fine and Performing Arts)**
one of the following courses:
ART 1000 Introduction to Design and Visual Communication
ART 1011 Art History Survey I
ART 1012 Art History Survey II
MSC 1003 Music and Civilization
MSC 1005 Principles of Music
THE 1041 Introduction to the Theatre Arts

**History**
one of the following courses:
HIS 1000 Themes in American History
HIS 1001 Themes in Global History to 1500 C.E.
HIS 1003 Themes in Global History Since 1500 C.E.
HIS 1005 Modern American History
HIS 2050 Modern America, 1880–1945
HIS 2053 Recent America, 1945 to the Present

**Literature**
one of the following courses:
ENG/LTT 2800 Great Works of Literature I
ENG/LTT 2850 Great Works of Literature II

**Philosophy**
one of the following courses:
PHI 1500 Major Issues in Philosophy
PHI 1600 Logic and Moral Reason
PHI 1700 Ethical Theory

**NATURAL SCIENCES (1 course)**

**Biology**
BIO 1003 Survey of the Living World
BIO 1005 General Biology—Structure and Function—A Human Orientation
*BIO 2010 Principles of Biology I

*BIO 2010 is for ad hoc biology majors; participation requires departmental permission.

**SOCIAL SCIENCES (4 courses, one from each category)**

**Sociology/Anthropology**
one of the following courses:
ANT 1001 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
SOC 1005 Introduction to Sociology

**Economics**
one of the following courses:
ECO 1001 Micro-Economics
ECO 1002 Macro-Economics
*ECO 1110 Current Economic Problems

**Politics and Government**
one of the following courses:
POL 1101 American Government: Practices and Values
POL 2001 The United States in an Age of Globalization
POL 2321 Urban Government
POL 2332 American Political Thought
POL 2353 Public Policy
PUB 1250 Public Administration in Modern Society

**Psychology**
PSY 1001 General Psychology

*ECO 1110 is not open to Zicklin students; it requires MTH 2160 as pre- or co-requisite.

**Chemistry**
CHM 1000 Chemistry and the Environment
CHM 2003 General Chemistry I

**Environmental Studies**
ENV 1020 Principles of Ecology
ENV 1021 Environmental Conservation

**Physics**
PHY 1003 Concepts in Physics
PHY 2003 General Physics I
## Tier III Liberal Arts Minor

Tier III concentrations (minors) and their communication-intensive capstone courses allow students to focus on a single area in the liberal arts. Capstone courses must be taken at Baruch College.

### Minors (2 courses at the 3000 level or above*)

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<td>Art (2 tracks)</td>
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### Note: Students must maintain a GPA of at least 2.0 in the three courses that make up the Tier III minor.

*Not all 3000- or 4000-level courses will fulfill Tier III minor requirements, especially in disciplines that include distinct tracks. See Undergraduate Bulletin 2007–2010 for details.
FAQs

Q: Does General Education apply to me? I’m getting a BBA.

A: Yes, all undergraduates, whether they pursue a degree in the Zicklin School of Business, the Weissman School of Arts and Sciences, or the School of Public Affairs, are required to complete the Common Core Curriculum.

Q: What’s the relationship between General Education and the Common Core Curriculum?

A: Both of these terms refer to the group of courses required of all Baruch undergraduates. “General Education” is the name given to the experience of these courses as a whole. The “Common Core Curriculum” is the specific set of requirements that make up General Education. Gen Ed courses ensure that our graduates enter the workplace and the world with excellent communication, quantitative, and critical thinking skills; civic, ethical, cross-cultural, and aesthetic awareness; as well as basic skills in technology and information literacy.

Q: What are the three “tiers”?

A: Each course within the common core belongs to one of three “tiers”: Tier I emphasizes communication and quantitative skills; Tier II provides an introduction to the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences; and Tier III is the liberal arts minor.

Q: Does the Common Core Curriculum include all of the required classes that I’ll need to take?

A: No. This brochure does not list all degree requirements. There are additional requirements that vary among the College’s three schools. See Undergraduate Bulletin 2007–2010 for details.

Q: When do I need to speak with an adviser about enrolling in Common Core Curriculum courses?

A: All incoming students have an opportunity to discuss core curriculum requirements during their on-campus orientation. Freshmen will learn more about these requirements during their first semester at Baruch in their Freshman Seminar course. Transfer students should contact the Center for Academic Advisement (NVC 5-215; 646-312-4260).

Q: When do I sign up for my chosen Tier III minor?

A: You indicate your Tier III minor at the same time that you choose a major, using the Eligibility Review for Your Major—Online Application (www.baruch.cuny.edu/application/review.jsp). This application may be completed once you have earned at least 45 credits.

Q: Whom can I contact to discuss my questions about General Education and the Common Core Curriculum?

A: The Center for Academic Advisement (NVC 5-215; 646-312-4260).