As a freshman, you have a unique opportunity to become a part of a Learning Community, to experience your first semester in small classes, making new friends and getting to know professors both in and out of class. If you are looking for ways to get involved at the College and have a richer experience with your friends and professors, Learning Communities are for you!

“My experience with the LC was great. It really helped my transition from high school to college. I came to know and interact with my professors on a deeper level. It wasn’t just about what was going on in the classroom; they cared about us and our development as people.”

WINNIFRED LEE ’07

“A great way to learn in the classroom . . .

In a Learning Community, two of your courses will be “paired.” That means that the professors will be working together to create links between their classes, connecting concepts across the boundaries of academic disciplines. We believe that this is one of the best ways to learn.

. . . and outside the classroom!

Your professors will also be planning activities, discussions, and trips to locations around the city that will give you new perspectives on the subjects you’ll be studying. Some classes have taken a walking tour of Chinatown, visited Ellis Island, attended an opera, visited the Lower East Side Tenement Museum, and eaten cannoli in Little Italy. All of these activities are FREE to Learning Community students.

“I think it was a wise decision to be part of a Learning Community. It really is a community, like a group of friends going from one class to another, talking about our exams, essays, and quizzes and just being there for each other. Although that was a year ago, I still see many of these people all the time.”

SHARAN BHARTH ’09

Friends for Life

In small classes, you’ll really get to know other students, who may become some of your best friends. And each community has a peer mentor, who has been at Baruch for a while and will help you learn the ropes.
Freshman Seminar and Orientation

Participating in a Learning Community gives you credit for Freshman Seminar (FRO 1000), which all Baruch students need to graduate.

As an LC student, you will be asked to attend an orientation just before the semester begins in August. At this time, you will meet the peer mentor for your class and attend several workshops, all required for successful completion of your FRO 1000. Throughout the fall semester, there are additional workshops that will complete your Freshman Seminar requirements.

Sign up for a Learning Community

When you attend the Freshman Orientation and Registration, you will have an opportunity to select a Learning Community block of classes. You can choose a block that matches your interests.

Space is limited and in demand. So enroll early.

Questions? Call 646-312-3897 or e-mail barbara_wells@baruch.cuny.edu.

Great Faculty

Professors who teach in the Learning Communities are dedicated professionals. They understand that good teachers care about how well their students are learning and want to know them as more than just faces in the crowd.

Ken Guest
Associate Professor
Sociology and Anthropology

The opportunity to get to know students outside the classroom has made the Learning Community more fun and a better learning experience. Over the past few years, students and faculty in my Learning Communities have gone together to Chinatown, the United Nations, an off-Broadway play, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. We’ve learned a lot and built a strong intellectual and peer community.”