



CUNY Pathways Opt-In Contract

Starting in fall 2013, City University of New York (CUNY) will implement the Pathways initiative across its undergraduate colleges. Pathways establishes a new system of general education requirements and new transfer guidelines across CUNY--and by doing so reinforces CUNY's educational excellence while easing student transfer between CUNY colleges. CUNY's new general education framework is a central feature of Pathways. It lays out requirements that undergraduate students across CUNY must meet. Importantly, it also guarantees that general education requirements fulfilled at one CUNY college will carry over seamlessly if a student transfers to another CUNY college.

The centerpiece of this initiative is the 30-credit general education Common Core. The Common Core consists of 12 credits towards the Required Common Core and 18 credits towards the Flexible Common Core. Every student entering Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC) fall 2013 and beyond are required to complete the 30-credit Common Core to earn an Associate in Arts (AA) or Associate in Science degree (AS). Students who entered BMCC prior to fall 2013 and have taken an absence of more than one semester are also required to complete the Common Core to earn an AA or AS degree.

Continuing students who entered BMCC prior to fall 2013, along with students who have taken an absence of only ONE semester, can choose whether they wish to complete the existing degree requirements or change to Pathways. Students wishing to change their existing degree requirements to Pathways must OPT-IN. Students who opt-in to Pathways are subject to the following terms:

- Changing to Pathways will change the existing degree requirements needed to obtain an associate degree from BMCC.
- Changing to Pathways will require students to take Pathways approved courses required for the Required Common Core and Flexible Common Core.
- Changing to Pathways may require students take more than 60 credits to earn an AA or AS degree, which may extend the anticipated graduation date.
- Changing to Pathways may cause previously completed coursework to NOT count towards Pathways Common Core requirements and/or major requirements.
- Once a Pathways Common Core requirement is completed, this requirement is also considered fulfilled upon transfer to any other CUNY college.
- Due to the change of general education requirements under Pathways, a student's eligibility to receive Federal and State Financial Aid may be affected.
- Pathways ensures courses successfully completed under the Common Core transfer to any other CUNY college; however, students must still meet transfer admission requirements to be accepted to specific CUNY programs and colleges.

After reading the above stated terms and with consultation of an academic advisor, I hereby accept and agree to OPT-IN to Pathways. I understand that once I opt-in, I cannot reverse this decision and must complete the new Pathways Common Core and major curricula requirements to earn an associate degree from BMCC.

Print Name

Signature

CUNYfirst ID Number

Date

Academic Advisor Name

Academic Advisor Signature