

CUNY Common Core Requirements

As of fall 2013, the Pathways common core is the new general education requirement in all CUNY colleges. Totalling 30 transfer credits for Associate in Arts (AA) or Associate in Science (AS) degree programs, the common core will satisfy 30 credits of general education requirements at any college in CUNY. The remaining credits in degree programs will be satisfied by the “major” requirements and electives. For students in Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree programs, the common core is approximately 20 credits. For every degree program at the college, the Pathways common core courses are clearly indicated.

The Pathways common core consists of a “required” core of 12 credits and a “flexible” core of 18 credits. The required core is divided into three categories, and the flexible core is divided into five categories. Specific requirements for each category are indicated below.

The required core consists of 12 credits, as follows:

- English composition (6 credits)
- Mathematical and quantitative reasoning (3 credits)
- Life and physical sciences (3 credits)

The flexible core consists of 18 credits: six 3-credit liberal arts and sciences courses, with at least one course from each of the following five areas and no more than two courses in any discipline or interdisciplinary field:

- World cultures and global issues (3 credits)
- U.S. experience in its diversity (3 credits)
- Creative expression (3 credits)
- Individual and society (3 credits)
- Scientific world (3 credits)
- One additional course from the flexible core

Learning outcomes for each of the common core categories and a list of QCC courses approved for the common core may be found at <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/gened/index.html>.