

## CUNY Pathways Opt-In Contract

CUNY has implemented 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, and for those enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program, the 6, 9, or 12 credit College Option. The Common Core consists of 12 credits towards the Required Common Core and 18 credits towards the Flexible Common Core. Students entering York College in Fall 2013 and beyond are required to complete the 30-credit Common Core unless they have transferred in with an earned Associate in Arts (AA) or Associate in Science degree (AS). Additionally, those enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BS) degree programs are responsible for completing the 6, 9 or 12-credit College Option requirement. Students who enter York College prior to Fall 2013 and those who return from a leave that was longer than two semesters are also required to complete the above requirements.

Continuing students who enter York College prior to Fall 2013 and/or those who have recently returned from a **one or two** semesters leave can choose whether they wish to complete their degree under the old requirements or change to the Pathways requirements. **Students wishing to follow the Pathways curriculum 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 a Bachelor in Arts (BA) or Bachelor in Science (BS).
- Changing to Pathways will require students to take Pathways approved courses required for the Common Core and Flexible Core.
- Changing to Pathways may cause previously completed coursework to **NOT** count towards Pathways Common Core requirements and/or major curricula 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.
- Students who decline to Opt-In to Pathways will still be required to fulfill Pathways requirements at all other CUNY colleges upon transfer.
- 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 in consultation with 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 either a Bachelor in Arts or Bachelor in Science degrees.**

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