Frequently Asked Questions for First-Year Students (Fall 2021):

Academics

- **Who is my assigned academic advisor?**
  - First-year students are advised by the First-Year Advising team of dedicated academic advisors. You can email us at FAQ@hunter.cuny.edu or visit the Virtual Front Desk for assistance.

- **What is a Learning Community (LC)?**
  - A LC is a cluster of classes designed for First-year students to take in their first semester at Hunter.
  - There are 9 Learning Communities that consist of five introductory level courses, designed to introduce students to an area of study or majors offered at Hunter.
  - It is important that students select the LC that is closely aligned to their academic or career interests.

- **If I am interested in Pre-Health and Medical School, which LC should I select?**
  - Students interested in Medical School should select LC 2- Science and the Medical Professions.

- **I am interested in Nursing, which LC should I select?**
  - Students interested in applying to the Nursing program should select LC 1- Health and Community.

- **I am undecided and would like to explore my options, which LC should I select?**
  - Undecided students should select LC 8- Exploring the Arts and Sciences.

- **When do I have to declare a major?**
  - All matriculated students must declare a major no later than the semester in which the combination of credits earned and credits in progress totals 60 credits or more.
  - To declare a major: [https://ww2.hunter.cuny.edu/students/academic-planning/majors-minors-and-certificates/declare-a-major-or-minor/](https://ww2.hunter.cuny.edu/students/academic-planning/majors-minors-and-certificates/declare-a-major-or-minor/)
• How can I graduate in 4 years?
  o We recommend that students take 15 credits a semester or complete 30 credits per academic year to graduate in four years. We also recommend students to take winter and summer courses.

• Can I select my own classes or create my own schedule?
  o In their first semester, first-year students are required to select a Learning Community based on their academic interests. Learning Communities schedules consists of 12-15 credits a semester. First-year students can create their own schedule for their second semester.

• I took an AP Exam and earned a score of 5, do I still have to register for this class?
  o Before you register for classes, we recommend that you have your AP and College Now credits sent to Hunter College. Hunter accepts scores between 3-5.
  o For more information http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/admissions/apclepinfo

• I took two years of Spanish in high school can I request a language placement?
  o We recommend that you take the Spanish Language Placement exam via the Chanin Language Center. You can register here: http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/chanin/Placement/On-line%20Placement%20RL
  o If you completed four consecutive years of a language, please email us your name and EMPL ID number at FAO@hunter.cuny.edu
  o For other language placements we recommend that you contact the Academic Departments Directly.
    o For Chinese: http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/classics/chinese
    o For Arabic: http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/classics/arabic
    o For French, Italian or Portuguese please contact the Department of Romance Languages: http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/romancelanguages

Co-Curricular Opportunities

• Where can I go to learn more about internships and on-campus jobs?
  o We have a great Office of Career Development Services. Please visit their website for all the information you may need regarding internship opportunities. http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/studentservices/cds
• Where can I find information about student clubs and organizations?
  o Hunter has a vibrant student life! Visit the Office of Student Activities website at http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/studentactivities

Resources

• Where can I get tutoring or additional academic support?
  o Dolciani Math Learning Center: http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/dolciani
  o Skirball Science Learning Center: https://library.hunter.cuny.edu/skirball-science-learning-center
  o Rockwitz Learning Center: http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/rwc

• Where can I go to learn about scholarships?
  o Hunter’s students have access to great opportunities! Visit the Office of Prestigious Scholarships & Fellowships website https://ops.hunter.cuny.edu/
  o Scholarship Opportunities via Financial Aid:
    ▪ https://hunter.cuny.edu/students/financial-aid/financial-aid-types/scholarships/

• Are there any tools that can help me decide on a major or career path?
  o The Office of Career Development Services offers great resources for exploring careers and/or majors! One of them is the FOCUS 2 tool! Visit http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/studentservices/cds/copy_of_pressroom/Welcome%20Page%20slideshow/focus-2

Technology

• How can I access my Hunter email Account?
  o Click here for more info: http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/it/it-services/newstudentemail

• How do I get my Student ID Card?
  o Visit the OneCard Office: http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/it/it-services/onecard

• What is a Synchronous and an Asynchronous class?
  o For more info click here: https://hunter.cuny.edu/center-for-online-learning/online-learning-resources/modes-of-instruction/
Other

- **Where can I access academic calendars and final exam schedules?**
  - [https://hunter.cuny.edu/students/registration/academic-calendar/](https://hunter.cuny.edu/students/registration/academic-calendar/)
  - Please review your course syllabus or contact your professor for final exam schedules.
- **How do I contact my professor?**
  - Email can be found on the syllabus, academic department website or Faculty/Staff Directory: [http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/directory](http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/directory)
  - Review your course syllabus of virtual office hours
- **Where do I find my grades?**
  - Please look up your transcript via CUNY First

**Financial Aid**

Any questions related to **Financial Aid** can be forwarded to finaid@hunter.cuny.edu

Office of Financial Aid: [https://hunter.cuny.edu/students/financial-aid/](https://hunter.cuny.edu/students/financial-aid/)

**Tuition Payments**

Any questions related to bills or payments can be forwarded to the Office of the Bursar: bursar@hunter.cuny.edu

The Office of the Bursar: [http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/onestop/finances/bursar](http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/onestop/finances/bursar)

For any other questions not listed here please forward them to our First-Year advising team email account: FAO@hunter.cuny.edu