



## Congratulations!

CONGRATULATIONS on your graduation from LaGuardia Community College with an **Associate's Degree in the Liberal Arts Social Science and Humanities: Japanese Option**. This document gives you a quick overview of your graduation and transfer schedules.

## Graduation plan

You should start considering your graduation/transfer plan as soon as you have more than 40 cumulative credits. Please come to see the program director (Tomonori Nagano) at least once before you register for your last semester. Ideally, you should graduate in the spring (i.e., June or August) but you can also graduate in the fall (i.e., December). If you graduate in the fall, you should complete all requirements in Fall Session 1 (Fall Session 2 ends in late February and will affect transferability to school whose Spring semester begins in early/mid February).

The process of graduation request is fairly simple. You just have to add the following course to your schedule via CUNYFirst in your last semester at LaGuardia.

- Intent to Graduate (GRDOOO / #40644)

All students who have filed Intent to Graduate will be audited by the Registrar's Office for graduation. The Registrar's Office will mail their audit letter to your home address recorded in

CUNYFirst (in regular mail) by the end of the semester.

The college-wide graduation requirements are following:

- **Grade Point Average:** A 2.00 GPA (C average) is required for graduation, as well as passing the required basic skills tests.

## Transfer Plan to CUNY school

The Liberal Arts SSH Japanese Option is articulated with the East Asian Studies at Queens College (<http://www.qc.cuny.edu/Academics/Degrees/DAH/CMAL/Pages/default.aspx>) and all graduating students in the Option are guaranteed admission to Queens College with the following requirements:

- Two-year graduates of LaGuardia Community College with an A.A. degree and a GPA of 2.75 or better;
- A grade of "B" or better in each Japanese language course taken at LaGuardia (ELJ101, ELJ102, ELJ103, and ELJ104)
- A completed application to the Department of Classical, Middle Eastern, and Asian Language (CMAL) at Queens College
- Completion of 12 credits taken at Queens College with GPA of 2.75 or better

There is an option for students with a GPA of 3.0 or above to transfer to the CUNY BA Program, which is housed in CUNY Graduate Center (<http://cunyba.qc.cuny.edu>). Currently Hunter

College is actively using the CUNY BA to accept students, but any CUNY 4-year school can accept students through CUNY BA.

As of Fall 2019, the deadlines for transfer applications to CUNY schools are as following (<http://www2.cuny.edu/admissions/undergraduate/prepare/transfer/>):

Fall Transfer	February 1
Spring Transfer	September 15

Please see the next page for more information about the transfer option to Queens College. If you are interested in CUNY BA, please contact Kim Hartswick, Academic Director of the CUNY BA Program ([khartswick@qc.cuny.edu](mailto:khartswick@qc.cuny.edu) / 212-817-8222) and/or Prof. Maayan Barkan, Head of the Japanese Program at Hunter College, at [mbarkan@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:mbarkan@hunter.cuny.edu).

## Transfer to non-CUNY school

If you are interested in applying to non-CUNY schools (e.g., NYU, Columbia, Temple Japanese campus etc), you should start planning your transfer at least one year before your expected graduation date. Almost all external transfer applications require the following:

- Transfer Application via The Common Application (a.k.a., CommonApp; <http://www.commonapp.org>)
- Transfer application essays
- Letters of recommendation from faculty
- Standardized test scores (e.g., SAT, ACT etc.)

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- Some form of financial security (e.g., scholarships, bank loan etc.)

The following books are very useful to learn about external transfer:

- Goodmacher, C. & Ngo, L. (2012). *The Transfer Book: Transfer to the College You Want*. New York, NY: Mindvine.
- Silver, D. (2009). *Community College Transfer Guide*. xxx: Adams-Hall.
- Bauld, H. (2012). *On Writing the College Application Essay, 25th Anniversary Edition: The Key to Acceptance at the College of Your Choice*. xxx: Collins Reference.
- McGrath, A. (2017). *Best Colleges 2019: Find the Best Colleges for You!*. New York, NY: U.S. News and World Report. (Also check the website database at <https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges>)

Although each school has different transfer admission deadline, the following is the general application deadlines for non-CUNY schools.

Fall Transfer	January - March
Spring Transfer	October to December (very few schools accept transfer students in spring)

## Honors Student Advisory

The Honors Student Advisory Committee (HSAC) often hosts workshops and school visits for external transfer students. Please check their website at <https://www.laguardiahonors.com> or contact Dr. Karlyn Koh, Director of Honors Program.

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The Japan Studies Program also hosts some transfer workshops for students who are interested in East Asian Studies or Japan Studies. Announcements on these workshops are posted on the Japan Studies Google Groups at [https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/japanese\\_major\\_lagcc](https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/japanese_major_lagcc). Also see this website for a list of universities with East Asian Studies or Japanese majors: <http://faculty.lagcc.cuny.edu/tnagano/research/CollegesWithJapaneseMajors/>

## Transfer Office

The Student Transfer Services offers one-on-one advising service for transfer students.

Office of Transfer Services  
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Office Hours: Mon: 9am-7pm, Tue: 9am-5pm, Wed: 10am-5pm, Thur: 9am-7pm, and Fri: 9am-5pm

## Transfer Scholarships

The following scholarships are available for external transfer students.

- Jack Kent Cooke Application Workshop (<http://www.jkcf.org>)
- NYU The Community College Transfer Opportunity Program (CCTOP) (<http://steinhardt.nyu.edu/cctop/>)
- LaGuardia Community College Foundation Scholarships (<http://www.laguardia.edu/foundation>)
- NYS Excelsior Scholarship (<https://www.hesc.ny.gov/excelsior>)
- Queens College Transfer Honors Scholarship (<https://bit.ly/2G3Gpm2>)

## Transfer to Queens College

The table below shows the course equivalency between Queens College and LaGuardia CC. The major requirements for the East Asian Studies (Japanese track) at Queens College are:

**Introductory classes (6 credits):** two of

- Comparative Literature 220 "East Asian Literature I"
- East Asian Studies 130W "East Asian Religion"
- History 112 "Introduction to East Asian History"

**Language and area studies electives (18 credits):** Two Japanese classes numbered higher than Japanese 204 and four of

- Comparative Literature 221 "East Asian Literature II"
- East Asian Studies 230 "East Asian Civilization I"
- East Asian Studies 235 "East Asian Civilization II"

- East Asian Studies 251 "Modern Japanese Fiction in Translation"
- East Asian Studies 255/255W "Early Japanese Women's Writings"
- History 140 "China to 1500"
- History 142 "History of Japan"

**Free electives (9 credits):** Three further electives relevant to East Asia offered anywhere in the College.

**Senior seminar (3 credits)**

- East Asian Studies 380

For more information about the transfer to Queens College and its course equivalency, please speak with Prof. Mari Fujimoto.

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PATHWAYS	30	PATHWAYS	30
Pathways Required Core (12 credits) and Flexible Core (18 credits) are equivalent among all CUNY campuses. The Pathways courses should transfer to Queens College as their Pathways courses.			
COLLEGE OPTION	12	-	-
Each four-year school has additional Pathways requirement called "College Option," Queens College has the following College Option requirements: Literature (LIT / 3cr), Language (LANG / 3cr), Science (SCI / 3cr), and Life and Physical Sciences OR Synthesis course (LPS or SYN / 3cr). Transfer students will be waived from SCI and LPS/SYN. See <a href="http://gened.qc.cuny.edu/pathways/">http://gened.qc.cuny.edu/pathways/</a> .			
PROGRAM CORE		PROGRAM CORE	
Art History 114: Survey of Asian Art	3	HUA191: The Art of Eastern Asia	3
East Asian Studies 251: Modern Japanese Fiction in Translation	3	ELJ250: Japanese Literature in Translation	3
History 112: Introduction to East Asian History	3	SSH 110: East Asian Civilization and Societies	3
Japanese 101: Elementary Japanese I	4	ELJ101: Elementary Japanese 1	3
Japanese 102: Elementary Japanese II	4	ELJ102: Elementary Japanese 2	3
Japanese 203: Intermediate Japanese I	3	ELJ103: Intermediate Japanese 1	3
Japanese 204: Intermediate Japanese II (Depending on the proficiency level and the class grade, students who have completed ELJ104 may be asked to repeat Japanese 204 at Queens College)	3	ELJ104: Intermediate Japanese 2	3

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