

15 TO FINISH

**Graduate on time.
Save money.
Earn sooner.**

**Complete 15 credits towards your major
each semester & graduate in 2 years.**

**To earn your associate's degree, you need to
successfully complete 60 credits in your major.**

**In order to graduate in 2 years, you'll need to earn
at least 15 credits every semester (or 30 each year).**

Why take 15?

- Taking less than 15 credits a semester (or 30 credits a year) means you're looking at an extra semester or more in order to graduate.
- Every semester beyond costs you extra in tuition.
- Staying longer than 2 years also means less money you could have earned in the workforce.
- Data shows students who take 15+ credits have higher GPAs, and are more likely to graduate.
- Data also shows the longer students stay in college, the less likely they are to graduate.

- If you qualify for Pell and/or TAP, keep in mind the funds are not unlimited. Pell grants cover 12 semesters in your lifetime; TAP covers up to 8 semesters.
- By using your time wisely, you can stretch that "free" grant money to cover more of your higher tuition at your senior college.
- As an extra incentive: If you qualify for the new Excelsior Scholarship, completing the required 30 credits in your major each year could mean earning your associate's and bachelor's degrees at CUNY and/or SUNY **tuition free!**

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Tips to help you graduate on time

- Map out your 2-year plan: Confirm which courses run year round.
- Take advantage of Kingsborough's unique semester, which consists of a 12-week session + a 6-week module.
- Make an appointment with your advisor each semester to be sure you're on track. Be sure to discuss your transfer and career goals.
- If you can, try and load up on classes that satisfy general education requirements first. This way you can stay on track to graduate in 2 years should you decide to change majors.
- Keep in mind that being a student is a full-time job in itself. For every credit in which you enroll, plan to spend 2 to 3 hours outside of class studying.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help. Your professors have office hours set aside specifically to meet with students. There are also a myriad of free student services available, including tutoring, personal counseling, and career services. Make use of all you can!



Do the Math

There are a number of ways to get to 15 credits each semester:

FALL/SPRING SESSIONS	WINTER/ SUMMER MODULES
15	0
12	3
9	6

No matter how you get there: **Take 15 credits every semester & graduate on time!**

