

# SPRING 2009 LEARNING COMMUNITIES

## What is a learning community?

A learning community is a group of students who take two or more courses together. The courses are related for a common theme, and the course instructors collaborate on some common readings and common assignments.

## Why should you take a learning community?

Being part of a learning community is fun: you get to know a group of students and a pair of professors well. Students in learning communities combine their learning strengths, and because the courses are linked, they understand the course material more deeply and from more perspectives.

## How do you register for a learning community?

Look at the communities listed in this guide and select one that fits into your degree program requirements. The courses are linked in the computer, so when you register for one course, you will automatically be registered for the other course or courses in the learning community.

## When should you register?

Register **as soon as possible**, because there is a limited number of learning communities available each semester. Queensborough invites all incoming and continuing students to participate in a Learning Community so as to enhance their learning experience.

To learn more, please contact the Office of Academic Advisement, Department of Student Affairs, Library Building Room 434, (718) 631-6329 or the Department of Academic Affairs, Administration Building, Room 504, (718) 281-5468.

Course	4-Digit Code	Days	Time	Room	Instructor
<b>COMMUNITY 1</b>					
<b>Theme: Basic Skills and History</b>					
College Reading and Study Skills for ESL Students	BE 226 0610	LC M	2-3:40 H 233		Barbanel
			Th 2-3:30 H208		
Advanced Composition for ESL Students	BE 205 0491	LC M	12-1:40 H233		Barbanel
			Th 12-1:40 H208		
Intro to Medieval and Early Modern Western Civilization	HI 111 0022	LC Th	8 – 10:50 Y2-07		Bialo-Padin

This learning community is designed for students who are interested in completing their Basic Skills courses while at the same time earning 3 college credits in History. The History Course will focus on the main events of Western European History from the fall of Rome (5<sup>th</sup> century) through the Enlightenment (18<sup>th</sup> century). The two teachers will design in class activities to help students improve their reading, writing and critical thinking skills while exploring and understanding how the events of that period have impacted on our lives today. The program will include class trips and special events.

## COMMUNITY 2

### Theme: The Four R's to Success in College: Reading, Realizing, Relating & Relaxing

College Reading and Study Skills Improvement	BED122 0376	LC2 M	2 -3:40 H208		O'Donnell
			Th 203:40 H233		
Critical Issues in Health Education	HE 102 0822	LC M	10-11:40 G207		Salis
Introduction to College	ST 100 1960	LC M	12-12:50		Capozzoli

This three-part learning community will allow students to complete two required courses, Introduction to College Reading and Study Skills (BE-122) and Introduction to College Life (ST-100), while earning two college credits in HE-102 (Critical Issues in Health). We will focus on exploring the challenges that college students face, with a particular emphasis on motivation, stress, and self-efficacy. A career thread, which will permit students the opportunity to explore potential career paths, will play a significant role in the College Reading and College Life courses. Ours will be a somewhat holistic approach, with a commitment to helping each member of the community become a sound, healthy, happy, and focused college student.

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## COMMUNITY 3

### Theme: Learning about Human Behavior

College Reading	BE 122 LC3 0373	TTh 10:00-11:40 S312	Edlin
Psychology	SS 510 LC2 1488	MWTh 12:00-12:50 M131	Jankowski

This learning community focuses on developing habits of mind using effective communication and study skills.

## COMMUNITY 4

### Theme: Imaging Chemistry

Electronic Imaging	AR 473 LC 0771	T 10:00-1:50 C205	Golden
Chemistry and the Arts	CH 103 LC 0211	F 9:00-11:30 S412	Staff
Chemistry and the Arts Lab	CH 104 LC 0219	F 12:00-1:40 S411	Staff

Imaging Chemistry is a Community for Digital Art and Design students and anyone who is interested in what is shared between Electronic Imaging and Chemistry in the Arts. These are two required classes within QCC's D.A.D. Program. This community offers an excellent way to bridge the gap between the Arts and Sciences and utilize writing around concerns of both disciplines as well as some shared projects. The first shared project involves the study of pointillism and the graphic interface of bitmap. The second joint project entails how imaging helps to visualize what a cancerous tumor looks like before and after treatment with the anti-cancer drug taxol.

## COMMUNITY 5

### Theme: Composing Education

English Composition 1	EN 101 LC1 0074	MW 8:00-9:40	Byas
Cont. Ed. Principles and Prac. (WI*)	ED 110 LC3 1329	MW 10:00-11:40	Ferdenzi

This learning community involves two required courses for education students and is focused on the application of writing skills for assignments in education.

## COMMUNITY 6

### Theme: Creating Expression with Teachers in Training

English Composition I (Honors)	EN 101LC2 0886	TTh 8:00-9:40 H438	Marsh
Cont. Ed. Principles and Pr. (WI*)	ED 110 LC2 1327	TTh 10:00-11:40	Spradley

Description: Creating expression with teachers in training is a learning community that combines knowledge of foundations of education concepts with knowledge of writing and recitation techniques to foster supportive interaction in the classroom.

## COMMUNITY 7

### Theme: Language, Culture and Community

English Composition I	EN 101 LC3 0889	M 10-11:40 H334	Murley
		Th 10-11:40 H405	
Introduction to Psychology	SS 510 LC1 1487	MTh 12-1:15 M 129	Bluestone

This learning community will examine how the individual grows and develops through assigned readings and learning activities in both English and Psychology classes. We will look at human behavior with a special focus on hidden messages and meanings in language, social interaction and cultural values.

## COMMUNITY 8

### Theme: Playing With Plays

English Composition I	EN 101 LC4 0838	M 10:00-11:40 H409	Counihan
		W 10-11:40 H405	
Acting I (WI*)	TH 120 LC 1839	TTh 10:00-11:15 H123	McGill
Introduction to College	ST 100 LC1 1956	M 9:00-9:50	Urciuoli

In Acting I, students learn how to act, in EN 101, the same group of students read, discuss and write papers about the theories behind the practice. This learning community is recommended for students interested in majoring in theater and education.

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## COMMUNITY 9

### Theme: Perspectives on Human Behavior: Thinking Carefully About What Humans Do

English Composition I	EN 101 LC5 0856 MW 10:00–11:40	H232	Denbo
Introduction to Psychology (WI*)	SS 510 LC3 1489 MTTh 1-1:50	H115	Jankowski

The forces that drive and influence human behavior will be explored in this learning community. Insights will be gathered from literature and psychology.

## COMMUNITY 10

### Theme: Global American

English Composition I	EN 101 LC7 0918 TTh 2-3:40	H405	Perel
Sociology (WI*)	SSD310 LC2 1419 T 12-1:15	M123	Traver
	Th 12-1:15	H306	

This course will examine America's role in globalization, as well as globalization's impacts on American society. It will focus on the export of American culture and the integration of "foreign" cultures into all aspects of American life. It will also attend to the economic flows that underly globalization and the social categories (i.e., race, class, gender) through which globalization is experienced. Course texts will include social-scientific readings and popular culture analyses, both for their content and as models for the students' research-based and argumentative writings.

## COMMUNITY 11

### Theme: Real & Imaginary: A Practical Guide to Literature and Art

English Composition II	EN 102 LC1 6025 MW 8-9:40	H436	Marsh
Introductory Survey of Art	ARD310 IC 0733 M 10-12:50	C102	Wentrack

This learning community will investigate art and literature as interconnected human practices, with special emphasis on the "real" and the "imaginary" as historically important concepts in artistic and literary production.

## COMMUNITY 12

### Theme: Page to Stage to Screen: Found in Translation

English Composition II	EN 102 LC2 1986 T 8:00-9:40	H115	Mann
	Th 8:00-9:40	H306	
Ger Lit in Trans 2	LG 812 LCNET 1437 T 10:00–10:50	T09	Ellis
	And On-line work		

A learning community which allows students to discuss major German plays and films in the light of modern literary and theatrical history, while improving their writing and critical thinking skills. LG 812 is an on-line course Internet access required. Immediately upon registering students must email Prof. Ellis at [LEllis@qcc.cuny.edu](mailto:LEllis@qcc.cuny.edu)

## COMMUNITY 13

### Theme: Integrating Elements into Compounds

General Chemistry	CH151 LC 0357 TTh 4 -5:40	S414	Staff
General Chemistry Lab	CH151 /LC1 0360 W 10-12:30	S407	Staff
General Chemistry Lab	CH 151 /LC2 0363 W 3-5:30	S407	Staff
Pre Calculus Math	MA 440LC 0490 M 10-11:40	S422	Guy
	T 10-10:50	S323	

Traditional descriptive chemistry studied formation of compounds from elements and their properties in a qualitative fashion. The modern chemistry has heavily moved into quantitative studies of these fundamental concepts. The understanding of mathematical concepts has become prerequisite to understanding and using concepts in chemistry to solve problems. The goal of the MA 440 – CH 151 Learning Community is to have mathematics become an integral part of the chemistry course and have it assist in the study of chemistry. In this learning community, the mathematics instructor in consultation with the chemistry instructor will incorporate and reinforce the mathematical concepts and applications that are being used in chemistry in order to help students achieve success in both courses.

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<b>COMMUNITY 14</b>					
<b>Theme: Making Waves in Education</b>					
Cont-Ed Prin. – Pract.	ED 110 LC1	1325 MW	8 -9:40	M131	Ferdenzi
Prin of Physics	PH 101 LC	1858	M 11- 11:50	S 214	Staff
			W 11-11:50	S 311	
			Th 11-,11:50	S 313	
Prin of Physics - Lab	PH 101L /LC	1865 Th	9- 10:50	S 307	Staff

This learning community involves two required courses for education students and is designed to support student success in Physics and to provide active explorations of teaching and learning in Education.

## COMMUNITY 15

### Theme: Biology and Culture: What does it mean to be Human?

Evolution & Man	BI 120 LC	1562	T 10:00-10:50	S214	Harris
			W 10:00-10:50	S214	
			F 10:00-10:50	S214	
General Anthropology	SS 110 LC	1345	M 11:00–11:50	S424	Ellis
			T 11:00–11:50	S424	
			Th 11:00–11:50	S424	

We humans are unique animals and any proper study of humankind must include both our biological and cultural sides. This learning community explores human nature by comparing human biology and behavior with that of other primates and by examining the emergence and features of human cultures around the world.