Do I qualify to receive the Excelsior Scholarship?

⇒ Students who have attended college prior to applying for Excelsior must have earned 30 degree applicable credits per year
  → The yearly 30 credit requirement begins with the first semester of college attendance
⇒ Students pursuing Bachelor’s degrees must complete their degrees in 4 consecutive years

How to maintain award eligibility

⇒ Enroll in at least 12 credits per term that are applicable to your program of study
⇒ Complete at least 30 credits per year that are applicable to your program of study
  → Courses taken during winter or summer sessions can count toward the 30 credit requirement
⇒ Students in the SEEK program are required to graduate in five years, including enrollment in at least 12 credits per term and completion 24 credits per year that are applicable to your program of study

Course Compliance

⇒ Only courses required to earn your degree are applicable to your program of study
  → General education requirements
  → Major courses
  → Elective credits necessary to reach minimums required for degree completion
⇒ Transfer Evaluations must be completed to determine course compliance
  → Courses transferred must be applicable to current program of study

Catching up on credits

⇒ Earning a Bachelor’s Degree in four years requires completion of at least 30 degree applicable credits per year
⇒ Students lacking required credits can earn additional credits to get back on track for timely degree completion in order to receive Excelsior in future terms
  → Credit catch-up only applies to students who have never received an Excelsior award
⇒ College credit(s) earned prior to matriculation in a degree program can contribute to enrollment requirements, if applicable to degree program

Questions?

⇒ Transfer evaluation
  → Transfer Center - transfercenter@baruch.cuny.edu
⇒ Residency/Citizenship
  → Undergraduate Admissions - residencyunit@baruch.cuny.edu
⇒ Ability to Benefit (ATB) test
  → Office of Testing and Evaluation - testing.evaluation@baruch.cuny.edu
⇒ Course compliance
  → Office of the Registrar - excelsior@baruch.cuny.edu
⇒ Payment disbursement questions
  → Office of the Bursar - bursar@baruch.cuny.edu

Helpful links

Make sure to check the HESC website for any updates/revisions to Excelsior policies.

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Excelsior FAQ: