

QC English Graduate Studies Fall 2015 Announcements

CALENDAR

Classes begin on **Thursday, August 27, 2015**. You can find the 2015–2016 academic calendar with important dates and deadlines on the Registrar's website at <http://www.qc.cuny.edu/registrar/Documents/2015-2016%20calendar.pdf>. Please make note of any deadlines that pertain to you.

The last day to drop classes for a 100% tuition refund is **Wednesday, August 26**. The last day to add classes is **Wednesday, September 2**. Please keep in mind that the Bursar may charge you late fees for classes added after this date.

OFFICE HOURS

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It's always a good idea to schedule an appointment ahead of time if possible, even during regular office hours. Walk-ins are always welcome, but students with appointments have priority. Email is the quickest way to reach us.

For routine inquiries (e.g., for faculty contact info and office hours), please consult the English Department website at <http://english.qc.cuny.edu/> or contact the English Department Office (Klapper Hall 607, 718-997-4600, english@qc.cuny.edu).

CHECKING YOUR SCHEDULE

Before the semester begins, please take a moment to log into your CUNYfirst account and double-check that you're registered for your courses. Every semester, one or two students belatedly discover that they're not registered for courses when they thought they were, or that their registration has been canceled by the Bursar's office. It's much easier to sort out the bureaucratic tangle if issues are caught early and before the start of the semester.

ADDING A COURSE / REQUESTING AN OVERTALLY

If you're looking to add a course, there are still a few with open seats, including ENGL 719 and both sections of 781. Course descriptions are available on the English Department website at <http://english.qc.cuny.edu/graduate-programs/current-graduate-courses/>. Please confirm current seat availability by checking the Schedule of Classes on CUNYfirst.

If you wish to overtally into a class, please email the course instructor and ask for their permission to overtally and/or to be placed on the course waiting list. Keep in mind that instructors have no obligation to overtally you into classes once they are full and that all instructor decisions are final.

ENGL 791 (THESIS ESSAY) AND ENGL 795 (INDEPENDENT STUDY)

If you are planning to write your culminating thesis essay or pursue an independent study in Fall 2015, the deadline to submit your sign-up forms is **Friday, August 28**. You will not be registered for either course until your sign-up form has been received and approved by the department. Sign-up forms must be typed and submitted electronically (as DOC, DOCX, or PDF files) to caroline.hong@qc.cuny.edu. To discuss the requirements for 791 or 795, or if you need a copy of the form, please email or make an appointment with the Director of Graduate Studies.

ONE STOP SERVICE CENTER

The One Stop Service Center (OSSC) is staffed with the nicest and most helpful people from the Office of the Registrar, the Bursar, and the Financial Aid Office and is by far the quickest way to get any financial or registration problems resolved and your questions answered. As academic advisors, we are usually not qualified to help you with these matters. The OSSC is located in the Dining Hall, Room 128. For their hours and more information, see <http://www.qc.cuny.edu/StudentLife/services/onestop/Pages/default.aspx>.

QCARD

If you haven't yet obtained a QCard, the new Queens College ID card, please do so ASAP. You can no longer enter the library or other secure locations on campus without a QCard. For more info, see <http://www.qc.cuny.edu/StudentLife/services/online/qcard/Pages/default.aspx>.