CUNY BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM
for Unique and Interdisciplinary Studies

MENTORGRAM
An occasional communication with colleagues serving as mentors to CUNY Baccalaureate students.

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AREAS of CONCENTRATION: NEW EXAMPLES

[Please refer to the Area of Concentration Checklist on the reverse side.]

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Student: Amitai Mor  Mentor: Prof. Lynn McCormick, Urban Affairs, Hunter College

Hunter College  ANTH 309  Country and County: Community Perspectives
Hunter College  ANTH 320  Urban Anthropology
Hunter College  GEOG 341  Urban Geography
Hunter College  HIST 317  History of the American City
Hunter College  URB 201  Plans and Policy for Contemporary Urban Communities

Hunter College  URB 310  Methods in Urban Research
Hunter College  URB 401  Managing Urban Physical Environments
Hunter College  URB 498  Internship (Midwood Development Corporation)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND NETWORKING

Student: David Timm  Mentor: Prof. Djafar Mynbaev, Electrical Engineering Tech, New York City College of Technology

Baruch College  CIS 4450  Networks and Telecommunications 1
Baruch College  CIS 4500  Networks and Telecommunications 2
Medgar Evers College  TELC 221  Introduction to Telecommunications
Medgar Evers College  CS 260  Digital Systems
New York City Tech  CIS 610  Network Security Fundamentals
New York City Tech  TELC 320  Analog and Digital Telephony
New York City Tech  TELC 420  Data Communications and Systems
New York City Tech  TELC 611  Satellite Transmission Theory Lab
New York City Tech  TELC 740  Telecommunication Network Management
New York City Tech  TELC 870  Telecommunications Seminar

FITNESS AND HEALTH EDUCATION, PROMOTION AND MANAGEMENT

Student: Gwyneth Julien  Mentor: Prof. Galila Werber-Zion, Health and Physical Education, York College

York College  HE 201  Foundations of Health and Wellness
York College  HE 219  Health Services
York College  HE 223/4  Health Behavior (and Lab)
York College  HE 321  Health Counseling
York College  HE 331  Program Planning
York College  PE 358  Physiology of Exercise
York College  PE 452  Cardiovascular Fitness
York College  BUS 301  Management Theory and Practice
York College  MKT 341  Introduction to Marketing

Please see the reverse for important upcoming dates.
HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY AND INTERNATIONAL LAW
Student: Silverio Bracaglia  Mentor: Basil Wilson, Criminal Justice, John Jay College and the Graduate Center

John Jay College  ISP B-8  Community and Responsibility
John Jay College  ISP B-9  20th Century Globalization and Technology
John Jay College  ISP B-11  Pro Bono Publico, A Lawyer’s Duty
Hunter College  POLS 260  African Politics through African Films
Hunter College  POLS 272  Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict
Hunter College  POLS 273  Global Issues
Hunter College  POLS 374  International Human Rights
Graduate Center  POLS 72901  Individual Reading with Professor Wilson

Area of Concentration (AOC) Checklist

Below are the major points to consider when working with your Mentee and reviewing area forms.

1. ______ Single area: a minimum of 8 courses/24 credits is required.
   Dual area: a minimum of 6 courses/18 credits in each area is required.
   Both course and credit minimums must be met. Mentors can require more. When listing more than 8 (or 6) courses, there is a place on the form for the mentor to indicate whether the student must complete all courses or just the minimum. Courses must be on the intermediate or advanced level (generally having at least one prerequisite in the same discipline).

2. ______ The title of the AOC is appropriate and accurately reflects the chosen courses.

3. ______ The courses make up a coherent plan of study that increases in complexity over time.

4. ______ The courses will prepare the student for graduate study.

5. ______ Each course is from a department at a senior college that offers a BA or BS in the related field. Graduate courses can be included.

6. ______ If using prior-to-CUNY BA courses, at least 50% of the AOC will be completed as a CUNY BA/BS student. Also, no more than 50% of the courses can be used from outside CUNY.

7. ______ For all AOCs in Psychology, Experimental Psychology must be included.

8. ______ All courses are being taken for letter grades (not Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit, unless a particular course is only offered P/F or CR/NC).

9. ______ Two mentors are needed for interdisciplinary areas and for dual areas.

10. ____ Two independent studies/internships can be used. If there is an academic reason to include more, this should be justified to the Program Academic Director. The student must provide the mentor and the Program Academic Director with a 1-2 paragraph description at the conclusion of each.

SAVE THE DATES!!

Mon, May 5, 2008  5:30-7:30 pm, Reception for all CUNY BA Program Faculty Mentors hosted by Graduate Center President William Kelly and Thomas W. Smith, Benefactor, Academic Fellowships. At the Graduate Center, Skylight Terrace, Room 9100.

Mon, June 9, 2008  10:30 am, CUNY BA Program Commencement Exercises, to be held at the Cooper Union. Mentors who have students graduating will receive an invitation this month.

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