

Brooklyn College

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Brooklyn College originated in 1930 with the establishment of an extension division of the City College for Teachers. The school then began offering evening classes for first-year male college students in 1917. In 1930 by the New York City Board of Higher Education, the college authorized the combination of the Downtown Brooklyn branches of Hunter College – at that time a women's college – and the City College of New York – a men's college – both of which had been established in 1926. With the merger of these branches, Brooklyn College became the first public coeducational liberal arts college in New York City.

U.S. News & World Report has ranked the school tied for number 83 as a Regional college (North region). The school was ranked in the top ten for value, diversity, and location by Princeton Review in 2003 and in the top fifty for value in 2009.

Campus history

Construction and early decades

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In 1932, the architect Randolph Evans drafted a plan for the college’s campus on a substantial plot of land his employer owned in the Midwood section of Brooklyn. He sketched out a Georgian-style campus facing a central quadrangle, and anchored by a library building with a tall tower. Evans presented the sketches to the President of the college at the time, Dr. William A. Boylan. Boylan was pleased with the plans, and the lot of land was purchased for \$1.6 million (\$23,900,000 in current dollar terms). Construction of the new campus began in 1935, with a groundbreaking ceremony attended by Mayor Fiorello La Guardia and Brooklyn Borough President Raymond Ingersoll. In 1936, the President of the United States Franklin D. Roosevelt went to Brooklyn College to lay the cornerstone of the Brooklyn College Gymnasium. President Boylan, Borough President Ingersoll, and President Roosevelt all had buildings on Brooklyn College’s campus named after them.

Harry Gideonse was the second President of Brooklyn College, from 1939 to 1966. During his tenure Brooklyn College was one of the top colleges in the US in terms of the number of alumni receiving doctorate degrees. In May 1983, Brooklyn College named its library the Harry D. Gideonse Library.

John Kneller was the fifth President of Brooklyn College, from 1969 to 1979. Students occupied his office at the college during a student strike after the Kent State shootings and the Cambodian Campaign in 1970. He terminated classes, but kept campus buildings open for students and faculty. A member of the Brooklyn College Fencing Team introduced streaking to the college in 1974, dashing across the Quad. The campus located in Midwood became the only Brooklyn College campus after the school’s Downtown Brooklyn campus was shut down during the 1975 budget emergency.

Robert Hess was the sixth President of Brooklyn College, from 1979 until 1992. In a 1988 survey of thousands of academic deans, the college ranked 5th in the United States in providing students with a strong general education. Brooklyn College was the only college in the top five in the survey that was a public institution. While Brooklyn College was referred to as “the poor man’s Harvard,” Hess quipped: “I like to think of Harvard as the rich man’s Brooklyn College.”

Modern campus history

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The demolition of Gershwin Hall, replaced by The Leonard & Claire Tow Center for the Performing Arts, is the most recent construction on an evolving campus. Other changes to the original design include the demolition of Plaza Building, due to its inefficient use of space, poor ventilation, and significant maintenance costs. To replace the Plaza Building, the college constructed West Quad Center, designed by the notable Uruguayan architect Rafael Viñoly. The new building contains classroom space, offices, gymnasiums and a swimming pool. It houses the offices of Registration, Admissions, Financial Aid, and the Department of Physical Education and Exercise Science. The grounds contain a quadrangle with grassy areas and trees. New façades are being constructed on Roosevelt and James halls where they once connected with Plaza Building. The 2009–10 CUNYAC championship men's basketball team now plays its home games in the West Quad Center.

This follows a major library renovation that saw the library moved to a temporary home while construction took place. The Brooklyn College library is now located in its original location in a completely renovated and expanded LaGuardia Hall. Noted as one of the most beautiful in the United States, In 2016, Brooklyn College announced a new home for the Koppelman School of Business, with the construction of a new building, Koppelman Hall, on property adjacent to the 26-acre campus bought in 2011. This increased the campus size to 35 acres.

The campus has been shown on numerous movies and television shows.[citation needed]

Schools

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Murray Koppelman School of Business

School of Education

School of Humanities and Social Sciences

School of Natural and Behavioral Sciences

School of Visual, Media, and Performing Arts

Academics

Undergraduate curriculum

- *Brooklyn College offers over a hundred majors varying from the visual arts to Women's Studies.*
- *In the fall of 2013, Brooklyn College embarked on CUNY's new general education alternative, the Pathways curriculum, consisting of three components: Required Core (four courses), Flexible Core (six courses) and College Option (four courses)—totaling 42 credits.*

Beginning in 1981, the college instituted a group of classes that all undergraduates were required to take, called "Core Studies". The classes were: Classical Origins of Western Culture, Introduction to Art, Introduction to Music, People, Power, and Politics, The Shaping of the Modern World, Introduction to Mathematical Reasoning and Computer Programming, Landmarks of Literature, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Geology, Studies in African, Asian, and Latin American Cultures, and Knowledge, Existence and Values.

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Graduate programs are offered in
Accounting,
Acting (MFA),
Africana Studies,
Anthropology and Archaeology,
Art,
Biology,

Chemistry,
Computer and Information Science,
Directing (MFA),
Earth and Environmental Sciences,
Economics,
Education,
English,
Film,
Health and Nutrition Sciences,
History,
Judaic Studies,
Mathematics,
Modern Languages and Literatures,
Music,
Performing Arts Management (MFA),
Physical Education and Exercise Science,
Physics,
Political Science,
Psychology,
Puerto Rican and Latino Studies,
Sociology,
Speech Communication Arts and Sciences,
Television and Radio, and
Theater History and Criticism (MA)

B.A.–M.D. program

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The Brooklyn College B.A.–M.D. program is an 8-year program affiliated with SUNY Downstate Medical Center. The Program follows a rigorous selection process, with a maximum of 15 students selected every year. Each student selected to the program receives a Brooklyn College Presidential Scholarship. B.A.–M.D. students must engage in community service for three years, beginning in their lower sophomore semester. During one summer of their undergraduate studies, students are required to volunteer in a clinical setting where they are involved in direct patient care. B.A.–M.D. students are encouraged to major in the humanities or social sciences. A student who majors in a science must choose a minor in the humanities or social sciences. All students meet the pre-med science requirements by taking cell and molecular biology, botany, physiology, general chemistry, organic chemistry, and general physics. B.A.–M.D. students must maintain at Brooklyn College an overall grade point average of 3.5, and a pre-med science GPA of 3.5.

The Scholars Program

- *Once admitted, they receive a Brooklyn College Foundation Presidential Scholarship of up to \$4,000 for every year of their undergraduate study at Brooklyn College and a laptop computer.*
- *Upon graduation from Brooklyn College, many Scholars continue their education in competitive programs at top-ranked universities like Princeton, Yale, and New York University.*

The Scholars Program is home to a small number of students with strong writing ability and academic record. Being the oldest honors program in the CUNY system, The Scholars Program has served as a model for many other honors programs nationwide. It was established in 1960 and is an interdisciplinary liberal arts program. The program offers honors-level Core courses and seminars as well as small, personalized classes. Upon graduation from Brooklyn College, many Scholars continue their education in competitive programs at top-ranked universities like Princeton, Yale, and New York University. The program accepts incoming freshmen in addition to matriculated sophomores and transfer students (up to 48 credits). Once admitted, they receive a Brooklyn College Foundation Presidential Scholarship of up to \$4,000 for every year of their undergraduate study at Brooklyn College and a laptop computer.

Coordinated Engineering Program

- *Students admitted as incoming First-Year receive a Brooklyn College Foundation Presidential Scholarship that provides full tuition for their two years of full-time undergraduate study in the Coordinated Engineering Program.*
- *Students who maintain the required academic level are guaranteed transfer to one of the three coordinating schools—NYU-Poly, City College of New York School of Engineering, and the College of Staten Island Engineering Science Program—to complete their bachelor's degree in engineering.*

The Coordinated Honors Engineering Program offers a course of study equivalent to the first two years at any engineering school. Students who maintain the required academic level are guaranteed transfer to one of the three coordinating schools—NYU-Poly, City College of New York School of Engineering, and the College of Staten Island Engineering Science Program—to complete their bachelor's degree in engineering. Coordinating Engineering students have also transferred to Stony Brook University, University of Wisconsin, University of Michigan, Cooper Union, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Students admitted as incoming First-Year receive a Brooklyn College Foundation Presidential Scholarship that provides full tuition for their two years of full-time undergraduate study in the Coordinated Engineering Program. As members of the Honors Academy, Engineering Honors students take advantage of individual advising, faculty consultation, and early registration. In the Commons they find study facilities, computer access, academic, scholarship, internship, and career opportunities, and, above all,

intellectual stimulation among other talented students like themselves. Students applying to the Engineering Honors Program will also be considered for the Scholars Program.

Brooklyn College Feirstein Graduate School of Cinema

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Athletics

- *The Bulldogs are a member of the City University of New York Athletic Conference (CUNYAC).*
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Mascot

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People

Alumni

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Shirley Chisholm, first black woman elected to United States Congress, (B.A. 1946)

California Senator and Representative Barbara Boxer (B.A. 1962)

Biochemist and Nobel Laureate Stanley Cohen (B.A. 1943)

Social psychologist Philip Zimbardo (B.A. 1954)

Alan Dershowitz, noted attorney and law professor (B.A., 1959)

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Itzhak Perlman

Notable faculty

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F. Murray Abraham – actor of stage and screen; professor of theater, winner of the Academy Award for Best Actor

Vito Acconci – designer, landscape architect, performance and installation artist

Eric Alterman – liberal journalist

Hannah Arendt – philosopher and political theorist; author of *The Origins of Totalitarianism* (1951) and *The Human Condition* (1958)

John Ashbery – poet, Pulitzer Prize winner

Robert Beauchamp – painter

William Boylan (1869–1940) –first President of Brooklyn College

Edwin G. Burrows – historian; Pulitzer Prize winner for co-writing Gotham: A History of New York City to 1898 with Mike Wallace

Frances Sergeant Childs – historian; one of the college's founding faculty members

Eleanor Cory – composer

Michael Cunningham – novelist; winner of Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and PEN/Faulkner Award for The Hours

Rudy D'Amico – professional National Basketball Association scout, and former Brooklyn College and professional basketball coach who coached Maccabi Tel Aviv to the Euroleague Championship

Charles Dodge – composer, founder of the Center for Computer Music

Alphonsus J. Donlon – Jesuit and president of Georgetown University

Paul Edwards – Professor of Philosophy, editor of the Encyclopedia of Philosophy

John Hope Franklin – American historian, former Chairman of the History Department, president of Phi Beta Kappa, and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom

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Ralph Goldstein (1913–1997), Olympic épée fencer

David Grubbs – musician, composer, recording artist

Carey Harrison – novelist/dramatist

Amy Hempel – short story writer, journalist, and coordinator of the MFA Fiction-Writing Program

Seymour L. Hess – meteorologist and planetary scientist.

Agnieszka Holland – film director, best known for Europa Europa (1992)

Carl Holty – painter

John Hospers – first presidential candidate of the United States Libertarian Party; professor 1956–66

Paul Jacobs – classical pianist; specialist in modern music

KC Johnson – Professor of American history

Béla Király (1912–2009) – professor emeritus, former Hungarian general taught military history and central European history

Tania León – Cuban-born composer and conductor

Don Lemon – CNN anchor and journalist

Ben Lerner – poet and writer

Abraham Maslow – psychologist in the school of humanistic psychology, best known for his theory of human motivation which led to a therapeutic technique known as self-actualization; taught 1937–1951

Wilson Carey McWilliams – political scientist, author of *The Idea of Fraternity in America* (1973, University of California Press), for which he won the National Historical Society prize in 1974

Denise O'Connor (born 1935) – Olympic fencer

Ursula Oppens – pianist, co-founded the contemporary music ensemble *Speculum Musicae*, Conservatory of Music

Philip Pearlstein – Distinguished Professor Emeritus, influential painter known for his Modernist Realism nudes

Itzhak Perlman – violinist, Conservatory of Music

Mark Rothko – influential abstract expressionist painter

Susan Fromberg Schaeffer – novelist and Brooklandian Professor of English

Albert Schatz – microbiologist, co-discoverer of streptomycin

William Schimmel – composer

Eileen Southern – musicologist, researcher, author, and teacher

Mark Strand – Pulitzer Prize-winning poet, essayist, and translator

Glenn Thrush – Politico senior writer, author

Hans L. Trefousse – Distinguished Emeritus Professor of History; taught 1946–1998, historian and author

Ad Reinhardt, Elizabeth Murray, Vito Acconci, William T. Williams, Archie Rand, Jennifer McCoy, Patricia Cronin – artists (1950s to present)

Carleton Washburne – Director of Teacher Education, known for his progressive education works

Ethyle R. Wolfe -- Professor from 1947 to 1989, created the Ethyle R. Wolfe Humanities Institute at the college.

Theresa Wolfson – Professor of Labor Economics, won the John Dewey Award of the League for Industrial Democracy

Joel Zwick – professor in the Film Department, director of Full House, Fuller House, Family Matters, My Big Fat Greek Wedding and Fat Albert

References

External links

- *Brooklyn College at Curlie*

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