

# CUNY BACCALAUREATE FOR UNIQUE AND INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

## AREA OF CONCENTRATION (AOC)

This form is an agreement among students, faculty mentors, and the Academic Director. Revised versions may be submitted if changes are needed.

### TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT

If you have two AOCs, please use a separate form for each. If you have two faculty mentors for one AOC, please have each fill out a separate form.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ EMPLID \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Term Admitted \_\_\_\_\_

☐ This is a revised AOC form  
☐ This is one of two AOCs

### TO BE COMPLETED BY FACULTY MENTOR

I AM A FULL-TIME FACULTY MEMBER at a CUNY college, and I agree to serve as the faculty mentor for this student.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
College \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_

### TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT AND FACULTY MENTOR

An Area of Concentration (AOC) is meant to be a unique endeavor. Students and faculty mentors collaborate to develop an AOC that aligns with the student's academic and professional goals. AOCs are often interdisciplinary in nature, containing courses offered through different departments and CUNY colleges. Below are points to help guide the development of the AOC. Changes to the AOC may be requested by the CUNY Baccalaureate program to ensure it conforms to program policies. CUNY Baccalaureate Academic Advisors can assist with questions about AOC requirements.

#### Please use the checklist as a guide to ensure base requirements are met:

- ☐ AOC title is appropriate and reflects the chosen courses; courses likewise align with the title.
- ☐ Courses form a coherent plan of study that maintains an adequate level of academic rigor for an undergraduate degree area.
- ☐ Courses are at an *intermediate* or *advanced* level (usually having at least one pre-req. in the same discipline, though other criteria may apply).  
Each course is at a senior college in a department that grants a bachelor's degree (courses leading only to an associate's cannot be applied).
- ☐ Both the course and credit minimums are met (note that more courses may be listed, and faculty may require more than the minimum):  
For a student with *one* AOC (single AOC): This AOC includes a minimum of 8 courses *and* 24 credits.  
For a student with *two* AOCs (dual AOC): This AOC includes a minimum of 6 courses *and* 18 credits.

Please also note that:

- At least 50% of any AOC must be completed in CUNY as a CUNY Baccalaureate student.
- Courses must be completed for a letter grade (C- or better; except for CUNY courses where CR was earned in Spring or Fall 2020).
- Independent studies or internships can be included (up to two in a single AOC or one in each of a dual AOC; maximum total 6 credits).
- Graduate-level courses can be included if the faculty mentor believes the student is adequately prepared. Students are responsible for obtaining any necessary permissions from the faculty and department offering the courses and cannot have any unresolved grades.
- For all AOCs in Psychology, Experimental Psychology must be included.

List Area of Concentration (AOC) courses completed, in progress, and to be taken. For completed courses, indicate semester taken and grade earned. For an independent study, indicate topic (if known). For an internship, indicate subject/field and location (if known).

#### Area of Concentration (AOC) Title: \_\_\_\_\_

College	Course	Course Title	Credits/Term/Grade	OFFICE USE
Eg: Brooklyn	PSYC 2100	Social Psychology	3 / Spring 2019 / A	PTE GLC IIS
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10. _____				<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

**MENTOR:** ☐ Check here if student must complete *all* courses listed

**Student and Faculty Mentor:** We agree to the AOC title and courses listed above. We have also reviewed the AOC narrative (if the AOC is being submitted for the first time).

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY** ☐ Approved  
☐ Not Approved

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Mentor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Director's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_