In the late 1960s, a group of faculty and students suggested that CUNY allow individual faculty and students to define their own programs of study, with access to courses across campuses. On February 22, 1971, the NYS Board of Higher Education agreed, authorizing first a University-wide B.A. and, soon after, a B.S. First known as the CUNY Baccalaureate Program and renamed in 2008 the CUNY Baccalaureate for Unique and Interdisciplinary Studies, the degree is commonly called CUNY BA or CUNY Baccalaureate. Since CUNY BA’s establishment, the program has been housed, operated, and accredited under the auspices of the CUNY Graduate School and University Center, which authorizes the degree on behalf of the University. CUNY BA is an individualized degree intended for highly motivated, academically strong students who have well-formulated academic and career goals and the vision and drive to design, with faculty mentors, their own areas of concentration. This degree is for students who wish to pursue areas of concentration not available as majors at any of the four-year CUNY colleges. Sixty-five percent of CUNY BA students are over the age of 24, many are working adults (often raising families), and a significant number are returning to school, often after a hiatus of from five to even thirty years. The program has an annual enrollment of approximately five hundred students with over seven thousand alumni. At any given time, over four hundred full-time CUNY faculty are serving as mentors. Students must matriculate at a CUNY college (their “home college”), but are able to take courses throughout the CUNY system (including the Graduate Center), and are encouraged to pursue independent research, fieldwork, study abroad, and other academic opportunities.

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The CUNY Graduate School of Journalism offers two Master of Arts degrees: a three-semester M.A. in Journalism and a four-semester M.A. in Entrepreneurial Journalism. Both are full-time programs with a paid summer internship between the second and third semesters. The school is located next door to the headquarters of the New York Times, a mere 15-minute walk from the Graduate Center.

As the journalism profession reinvents itself for the digital age, the CUNY J-School is at the forefront of equipping the next generation of journalists with the tools to find stories and tell them effectively—using print, broadcast, visual, interactive, and social media. Candidates for the M.A. in Journalism choose one of five subject specialties: arts & culture, business & economics, health & science, international, or urban reporting. Entrepreneurial students spend the fourth semester studying a blend of business, technology, and journalism while they develop their own startup projects.

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Students at Macaulay Honors College, founded in 2001 by former Chancellor Matthew Goldstein, enroll in one of eight CUNY senior colleges (Baruch, Brooklyn, City, Hunter, John Jay, Lehman, Queens, or Staten Island) and earn a degree conferred jointly by their home campus and Macaulay. Through the unique Macaulay advising program, each student develops a coordinated, individualized academic program that includes research, global learning, graduate and professional mentoring, community service, and close faculty-student collaboration. Innovative seminars designed to nurture critical thinking skills link students with the history, arts, and resources of New York City. Students learn from master teachers, whose special experiences inspire and motivate them to explore new ideas and apply that knowledge to real life experiences. Macaulay students are awarded a full-tuition merit scholarship,* giving them the freedom to pursue their academic goals without financial burdens. Macaulay further enriches students’ academic experience by providing a laptop and technology support, and an Opportunities Fund to support study abroad, service, or research opportunities.

*Students must meet CUNY New York State residency requirements for in-state tuition to receive the full tuition scholarship.