

# NEW STUDENT INFORMATION

## HOSTOS LINGO

**Blackboard:** An online tool that allows you to view important announcements from your professors, participate in online discussions, access course materials and submit your class assignments.

**Bursar:** Where you pay or ask questions about your tuition bill, and setting up a payment plan. D-B105

**CUNYfirst:** Online platform to register for classes, see your financial aid award, view and/or pay tuition bill and check grades.

**DegreeWorks:** Provides you with a checklist of classes you need to take each semester for your major, to help you stay on track to graduation.

**FAFSA:** Free Application for Federal Student Aid, this form is used by the college to put together your financial aid package, including federal and state aid, grants, work-study, scholarships, etc. Be sure to submit the FAFSA every year to get money to cover your college costs.

**FERPA:** Family Education Rights and Privacy Act provides guidelines and regulations for when and how an academic institution can share student/parent records with third parties.

**Full-Time Student:** A student is considered full time when they take 12 or more credits per semester.

**Part-Time Student:** A student is considered part time when they take less than 12 credits per semester.

**Hybrid Class:** A mix of online and traditional face-to-face classroom instruction.

**Synchronous:** A virtual class with a set meeting schedule and live discussions.

**Asynchronous:** A virtual class where students communicate with instructors and other classmates on their own time.

## RESOURCES ON CAMPUS

<https://www.hostos.cuny.edu/Student-Services>

### Academic Support

[HALC](#) - Tutoring Support | C-596

[Writing Center](#) | C-596

[First Year Experience](#)

[Undocumented Student Support](#)

[ESL Program](#) | B-519

[Library](#) | A-308

### Advising Teams

[SSCU](#) - Coaching Unit | B-208

[ASAP](#) | C-490

[College Discovery](#) | D-101

### Other Resources

[Financial Aid](#) | D-B112-115

[Dual Degree/Program Office](#) | B-445

[Career Services](#) | D-210

[Transfer Services](#) | D-101

[OCD](#) - Compliance and Diversity | A-336

[Counseling](#) | C-330

[Student Health Services](#) | A-334C

[Wellness Office](#) | D-101K

[DVP](#) - Domestic Violence Program | D-101D

[ARC](#) - Accessibility Resource | D-101L

[Public Safety](#) | C-030

[Succeed @HOSTOS](#)

[CUNY Start](#)

[Ms. MacKenzie Scott's Gift](#) | *President's Initiatives for Student Success, College Growth and Stakeholders' Engagement*

## GOOD HABITS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

- Attend and participate in class
- Keep a planner/ schedule and set reminders
- Check the Hostos Academic calendar for deadlines
- Talk regularly with your advisor
- Apply for FAFSA and/or TAP/Dreamer's TAP yearly
- Check your HOSTOS email for your weekly Caiman Clues
- Attend all FYE events for more info