“Buy One Course, Get One Free” – It’s Back!
Summer Course Tuition Waiver FAQs

1. What is the Summer Course Waiver?
   This waiver encourages undergraduate students to accelerate their degree path to graduation by earning additional credits during the summer. It provides funding to eligible students in good academic standing (2.0 cumulative GPA or greater) to take a second course tuition-free.

2. Who is eligible for the “Buy One Course, Get One Free” waiver?
   Undergraduate CSI students who matriculated during the 2015-2016 academic year that are in good standing (at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA) and who remain in good academic standing at the end of the summer are eligible.
   *Eligible students also include those in good academic standing, who:
   • Matriculated in fall 2015 but not spring 2016, and readmits for the fall 2016; but who also
   • Did not enroll in any other higher education institution during the spring 2016 semester.

3. Are all CSI students eligible for the course waiver?
   No. Graduate, full-scholarship stipend (excluding those receiving Pell and all other non-tuition financial aid awards), paraprofessional, some readmits, entering summer and fall 2016 freshmen and transfer, visiting students and continuing students not in good academic standing are currently ineligible.

4. If I graduate with my Bachelor’s Degree at the end of the spring semester, do I qualify for the waiver?
   No.

5. Is there an application process?
   Yes. Students can complete the required application by clicking here. Upon receipt and review, students will receive an email via their CIX email confirming their eligibility status. A tuition waiver in the amount of the lower cost course will be applied to the students CUNYfirst account.

6. Must both courses be taken during the same summer session?
   No, either or both course(s) can be taken during any summer session.

7. If I take both a four- and a three-credit course, how much will I be responsible to pay?
   The lower-cost course tuition is reimbursed. Therefore, in this example the student will need to pay for the four-credit course and will receive a tuition waiver for the three-credit course.

8. Does a science lecture and its required lab course count as two courses?
   No. Science lecture/lab co-requisite courses are considered one course. Students who choose to take two such lecture/lab attached courses during the summer will receive a tuition waiver for the second course as long as it’s their lower cost course taken over the summer.

9. Are internships and independent study courses eligible?
   Yes.
10. Are study abroad courses included?
   Yes, under specific conditions. Only tuition owed to CSI for study abroad courses are included in this initiative.

11. Do I need to pass both courses to receive a waiver?
   No. However, students must complete courses with one of the following letter grades (A, B, C, D, F [including +/-]) to receive a waiver. Withdrawals, official or unofficial, do not qualify.

12. If a student withdraws from a course will they remain eligible for the waiver?
   No. Grades (W, WU, WN, and WD) are not eligible for reimbursement. Once recorded, the waiver will be void and the student will be billed all appropriate tuition charges.

13. Do repeat courses qualify?
   Yes, under specific conditions. However, neither course can be one which is being repeated for more than the second time. If this is determined to be true, the waiver will be void and the student will be billed all appropriate tuition charges.

14. How will waivers be paid?
   Waivers will be applied to a student’s CUNYfirst account once he/she completes an application and is determined to have met the eligibility requirements. After application submission, an email confirmation is sent to the student’s CIX account. A student lacking completed grades in both courses, and/or who doesn’t remain in good academic standing at the conclusion of the summer sessions, and/or who is determined to have completed unauthorized spring 2016 courses elsewhere, will have their waiver revoked.

15. I am a currently enrolled student who pays out-of-state tuition; do I still qualify for the waiver?
   Yes.

16. Do summer courses taken through E-Permit at another CUNY school qualify?
   Yes. If the student’s tuition is being paid to CSI, the appropriate waiver will be applied. Tuition costs paid to fellow CUNY Colleges do not qualify.
   *Please note, to qualify for E-Permits, a student must have attended CSI during the spring semester.

17. Will this affect my financial aid eligibility?
   Your total aid for the semester including loans and any waiver cannot exceed your Cost of Education (COA). If you have a loan and it is affected, any excess amount will be returned and you will owe less money on the loan. Students may address questions regarding their award amounts and COA to the Office of Student Financial Aid.

18. Can I qualify for BOGO and STEM?
   Yes.

19. Who do I contact with further questions?
   Further questions can be addressed with your faculty or professional advisor during your advising session, can be sent to BOGO@csi.cuny.edu, and can be answered at CAAS, Bldg. 1A, Room 101.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, ALSO VISIT:
www.csi.cuny.edu/summeratcsi/faq.html