Pathways Opt-In Contract &
Pathways Course Appeals Request Form

Student Name: ______________________________________________ Date: ________________

Student ID#: ________________ Phone#: ________________

CSI Email Address: ______________________________ Credits Completed: ____________

Current Major: ___________________________________________________________________

PLEASE NOTE: Students requesting to opt in to Pathways must complete Section I; and/or
Students requesting Course Appeals must complete Section II.

I. Pathways Opt-In Contract (For Continuing Students Only):
After reading the terms on the back of this form, and consulting with an academic advisor, I hereby accept and
agree to OPT IN to Pathways. I understand that once I opt in, I cannot reverse this decision and must complete the
new Pathways requirements to earn my degree.

Student Signature: __________________________________________

Advisor Signature: __________________________________________________________________

II. Pathways Course Appeals for Substitution and/or Waiver Requests:
Fill in all required information in the boxes below per the example provided.

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<th>Course</th>
<th>Semester Taken</th>
<th>Grade Received</th>
<th>Institution Where Class Was Completed¹</th>
<th>Requested Pathways Area</th>
<th>Committee Decision</th>
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<td>Ex: CIN 100</td>
<td>Fall 2011</td>
<td>B+</td>
<td>College of Staten Island</td>
<td>Creative Expression</td>
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If approved, changes will be reflected in the student’s CUNYfirst account² and the student's Degree Works audit within
15 business days. The Provost’s office will communicate results to the student via CSI email if appeals are denied. If the
committee needs additional information to rule on your appeal, you will be contacted via your CSI email.

CSI decisions are appealable to CUNY through their University Transfer Credit Appeals Form located at:

Student Signature: __________________________________________

Pathways Appeals Officer Signature: _____________________________

¹ Attach course description for courses taken at a non-CUNY school.
² See the requirement designation column in “course history” in the student service center.

Please submit form to 1A-101 during regular business hours.
CUNY Pathways Opt-In Contract Factsheet

Starting in Fall 2013, CUNY adopted across its undergraduate colleges a new general education curriculum called Pathways. It lays out requirements that undergraduate students across CUNY must meet. Importantly, it also guarantees that general education requirements fulfilled at one CUNY college will carry over seamlessly if a student transfers to another CUNY college. **Students wishing to change their existing general education requirements to Pathways must OPT-IN.**

The centerpiece of this initiative is the 30-credit general education Common Core and, for those in baccalaureate degrees, the College Option. The Common Core consists of 12 credits toward the Required Common Core and 18 credits toward the Flexible Common Core. Additionally, those enrolled in Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BS) degrees are also responsible for completing the College Option requirement, which requires students to complete a specified number of credits ranging from 6-12 credits. The total number of College Option credits required will depend upon your particular status when entering Pathways, so please be sure to review this information with an advisor before submitting this contract.

Students who entered CSI prior to Fall 2013, and those who return from a leave that was longer than one semester, are also required to complete the above requirements. Continuing students who entered CSI prior to Fall 2013, and/or those who recently returned from a one-semester leave only, can choose whether they wish to complete their existing General Education requirements or to opt-in to Pathways.

Things to consider when choosing to opt-in:

- Changing to Pathways may change the degree requirements needed to obtain a degree, which may extend the anticipated date of graduation.
- Changing to Pathways will require students to take Pathways-approved courses required for the Common Core and Flexible Core. Courses already taken that are not Pathways-approved may be appealed to request if they may apply to Pathways. If they are not approved, this may affect a student’s eligibility to receive federal and state financial aid.
- Once a Pathways Common Core requirement is completed, this requirement is also considered fulfilled upon transfer to any other CUNY college.
- Students who decline to opt-in to Pathways will still be required to fulfill Pathways requirements at all other CUNY colleges upon transfer.
- Pathways ensures that courses successfully completed under the Common Core transfer to any other CUNY college; however, students must still meet transfer admission requirements to be accepted to specific CUNY programs and colleges.

**It is in your best interest to review all of the Pathways requirements with an advisor in CAAS (1A-101) prior to opting-in.**