

Reading/Writing (English) Start, based on the CUNY Start reading/writing program, is an innovative CUNY program that helps associate degree-seeking students get a **Strong Start** in College. In a collaborative, student-centered learning environment, students build key reading and writing skills including argumentative and analytical writing, prepare for college-level coursework, and are able to meet CUNY’s proficiency milestone in English in only 8 weeks.*

Reading/Writing Start will offer only online classes in summer 2021

To join summer Reading/Writing Start, students need the following:

- Have earned a high school or high school equivalency diploma
- Completed all [CUNY admissions](#) requirements
- Required to take an English intervention before attending a college-level English course**
- Able to commit to the academic schedule and to actively participate in online classes



You have a team behind you!

Our teachers, advisors and writing assistants are here to help you succeed and prepare for college-credit English courses by fall.

Committed, specially-trained teachers

Instructors have been specially trained to help you reach your English proficiency milestone by providing full-class online instruction, as well as group and individual support for your learning each day of summer class.

Designated advisor

As a Reading/Writing Start student, you have a designated advisor to help support you through the college planning process. Your advisor also teaches three-to-five online, academic success seminars to help you prepare for entering CUNY in the fall and is available for individual support. Advisors can help answer questions about financial aid, course registration and other non-academic supports.

Low cost to students

Students pay \$35 (all fees include materials), and preserve their tuition and financial aid dollars for credit courses that count towards their degree.

Well-defined pathway to ASAP

Advisors can help you enroll in [CUNY’s Accelerated Study in Associate Programs \(ASAP\)](#) for students who intend to enroll in college full-time. ASAP offers benefits designed to help students earn their associate degrees as quickly as possible

*Evening classes are slightly longer, but all Reading/Writing Start programs complete before the start of the fall semester.

**Received a CUNY proficiency index score that indicates you need to meet proficiency in English.

Reading/Writing Start will begin offering summer classes starting in May 2021

You will find college-specific class dates below. Calendar dates are subject to change. Please check with the CUNY Start contact at individual colleges to confirm.

COLLEGE CALENDARS & SCHEDULES		
Dates	Colleges	Class Hours
May 27th - July 26th	Queensborough CC	Daytime: M-Th, 9:00am-3:00pm
May 27th - August 20th	Queensborough CC	Evening: M-Th, 5:30pm - 9:15pm
June 30th - August 19th	Hostos CC	Daytime: M-Th, 9:30am-3:30pm
	Queensborough CC	Daytime: M-Th, 9:00am-3:00pm

What your week and daily schedule will look like

Reading/Writing Start’s summer program is intensive because we are dedicated to helping you succeed. Students should be prepared to participate in class 4-days a week, working both online as a member of class, in small groups and individually. Students also participate in a series of college success seminars led by their Reading/Writing Start advisor. Homework will be assigned to be done outside of class time. For more information on weekly schedules students should be prepared for, see details below:

3.5 hour schedules

- 45 minutes to 1 hour of live online instruction with your teacher and classmates
- 2.5 hours to 2 hours and 45 minutes of individual and small-group work (the remainder of the 3.5 hours not spent in live online sessions)
- A break of 10 to 15 minutes
- Additional time to complete homework assignments on your own (plan for 1-1.5 hours per day)
- Reading/Writing tutoring is also available outside of class hour

5 hour schedules

- 1 hour and 15 minutes to 2 hours of live online instruction with your teacher and classmates in two separate sessions
- 3 hours to 3 hours and 45 minutes of individual and small-group work between the required live sessions
- A break of 30 minutes to one hour
- Additional time to complete homework assignments on your own time (plan for 1-1.5 hours per day)
- Reading/Writing tutoring is also available outside of class hours

For more information, contact the Reading/Writing Start program at one of the following colleges:

Hostos Community College CUNYStart@hostos.cuny.edu
 Queensborough Community College CUNYStart@qcc.cuny.edu

