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| CITY TECH  |
| ARE YOU ASTUDENT WHO…? | **PROGRAMS OVERVIEW** |
| * Has practiced skills for navigating a spread out campus?
* Is not afraid to ask for help and ask questions?
* Works with others – peers, advisors, and professors – to do your best?
 | If you are headed to City Tech, there are multiple programs that you should know about to smooth the transition. City Tech has resources available, but demands that students be able to advocate for themselves and connect with resources pretty independently.**Pre-Freshman Summer Skills Immersion Program*** FREE. Students assigned to ONE\* remedial course (or a special combination of reading and writing) should sign up for and attend Summer Immersion.

 **Intersession Basic Skills Immersion Program*** January opportunity to complete remedial requirements.

**First Year Learning Communities*** Freshmen have the opportunity to participate in first year learning communities – taking classes with the same group of peers in a block schedule.
* Students in learning communities say they form study groups, get extra help from professors, and deal with common first-year issues together.

**Black Male Initiative/BMI*** Though it is part of CUNY’s initiative to support black men in higher education, BMI programs are open to all students. Everyone is welcome.
* BMI offers a supportive community – peer mentoring, approachable staff, & twice monthly all-male/all-female open sessions to discuss issues in or outside of college.
* BMI supports internship and paid STEM research opportunities with City Tech professors in biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, etc. ($1,000-$4,000/year stipends, 2.7+ required GPA).
* Special opportunities include BMI book club, inauguration trip to DC, annual picnic, participation in CUNY-wide BMI conference, and the BMI club that meets weekly.

**SEEK:*** SEEK eligible students should contact the SEEK office as soon as they get their acceptance. (Eligibility is determined by family income and college-specific academic admissions criteria.)
* SEEK is an education opportunity program that offers a community within a community, individualized advising, tutoring and academic support.
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| ADMISSIONS &ELIGIBILITY |
|  High school diploma or GED77.5 GPA (SEEK = 73 GPA)855 SAT (SEEK = 811)  |
| APP PROCESS& TIMELINE |
|  CUNY APP DEADLINES: Fall: Feb. 1Spring: Sept. 15 1. Apply to CUNY by WINTER BREAK.
2. Get CUNY acceptances – commit to City Tech.
3. Take CUNY placement test (March/April).
4. Get placement test scores. If assigned to 1 remedial, sign up for Summer Immersion.

*If assigned to multiple remedials, consider CUNY Start on a two-year campus first.*1. On registration day at New Student Center also get info on first-year learning communities, and visit the BMI office (and SEEK office if eligible.
2. All matriculation steps & paperwork to City Tech.
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| **KEY INSIDER INFORMATION**  |
| City Tech students need to be informed and proactive:* Get more info, sign up, and/or visit the offices of above programs during **Freshman Advisement in the New Student Center**. (also don’t be afraid to call the offices)
* Apply and take your placement test on time in order to do Freshman Advisement in the SPRING, that way you will be lined up to do summer opportunities.
* City Tech may not reach out to you about programs/opportunities – ask the advisor you meet with during Freshman Advisement lots of questions.
* After taking your placement test, the testing office will give you a date for advisement - a window of time rather than an appointment – but don’t be late!
* The advisor you meet with **will not be** your freshman advisor – advisors are assigned by major/department. It is the **STUDENT’S RESPONSIBILITY**, and very important, to **initiate a close relationship with their advisor**.
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| LINKS | **FAQs** |
| HOME:<http://www.citytech.cuny.edu/>LEARNING COMMUNITIES:<http://www.citytech.cuny.edu/academics/cue/learning/index.shtml>FRESHMAN YEAR PROGRAM & SUMMER IMMERSION:<http://www.citytech.cuny.edu/academics/cue/fyp/about.shtml>SEEK:<http://websupport2.citytech.cuny.edu/seek/>BMI:<http://websupport1.citytech.cuny.edu/faculty/rlansiquot/bmi/>BEOC:<http://www.bkl.eoc.suny.edu/> | 1. **How should I prepare for Freshman Advisement?**
* For many first-year college students it feels counter-intuitive to ask questions. But at City Tech, you really need to go in prepared to ask lots of them. Find out about what programs are on campus, who you should talk to, what you should do, etc.
* The programs above are HIGHLY RECOMMENDED – and the way you do any of them is by talking to someone during Freshman Advisement.
* Research and call the offices before your advisement session – get to know more about the programs, ask if they have info sessions, etc.
* After meeting with a freshman advisor, visit the offices of the programs you want to take part in THAT DAY.
1. **What if I don’t pass the placement test?**
* This is a common issue.
* Many students are accepted to City Tech, but do not pass the placement test

(reading, writing, and math sections).* This is because while all CUNYs give the same placement test, they have different cut-off scores to determine remediation depending on the selectivity of the college.
* Students in this situation are most often referred to a two-year college or CUNY Start. Either of these options requires acceptance to a two-year campus. Call the campus admissions office immediately to discuss “reallocation”. CUNY Start is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.
* City Tech also often refers students to BEOC (a SUNY based learning center that offers a placement test prep course for four-year CUNY bound students in addition to career training programs). It is 2 blocks from City Tech and low cost.
1. **What if I’m assigned to remedial courses?**
* Whenever and however possible, students should not spend their financial aid on remeidals. Financial aid is limited to 8 semesters.
* Students in remedial courses start out behind in maintaining the academic progress needed to finish a four-year degree on time.
* Sign up for summer immersion, take advantage of the January skills session, and if assigned to multiple remedials, consider CUNY Start as a prep for college.
1. **Do the programs have applications?**
* BMI has an application, but it’s more of the program’s way to get to know you and get your contact info.
* After filling out the application, BMI will contact you to attend an open house (August/October).
* All students who want to be a part of BMI are invited to an orientation in September.
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| ALUMNI TO TALK TO | **CONTACT INFORMATION** |
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