

QU IN LA PROGRAM GUIDE SPRING 2021



The Quinnipiac University in Los Angeles (QU in LA) program offered through the School of Communications is a semester-long experiential learning opportunity open to both undergraduate and graduate Quinnipiac students.

Located in the unique and vibrant working environment of Los Angeles, the program is available during the fall and spring semesters, as well as a summer option. Students studying in the fall or spring balance an internship experience with their required coursework to maintain full-time student status. In the summer, students participate in experiential learning with the option of also completing online coursework, if desired. This guide includes helpful information for students interested in applying to the QU in LA program for Spring 2021.

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Student Checklist

- Attend a mandatory QU in LA information session the semester prior to the term for which you are applying.
- Speak with your adviser and/or school's point person about how the QU in LA program might fit within your degree requirements and professional aspirations. See the table below right for a list of point persons for each school.
- Apply to the QU in LA program by the appropriate deadline. See the table at right for the schedule of deadlines. This application process is separate from the process of applying for internships.
- Make certain your resume and cover letter are carefully reviewed and align with the types of internships that appeal to your goals and interests. Apply for a variety of internship opportunities. Do not wait to be accepted into the QU in LA program to begin researching and applying.
- Register for regular on-campus QU classes as usual, in case your plan to be part of the QU in LA program does not work out.
- If your application for QU in LA is approved, meet with your school representative(s) to discuss your plan for internship credits and course credits and complete the QU in LA course pre-approval paperwork.
- Once you receive an internship offer, follow your school's process for internship approval. School of Communications students should apply on QUCC at qu.edu/qucc to be approved and enrolled in the internship course(s) per the plan outlined with your school representative. Follow the application instructions carefully.
- Following the approval of your internship for credit on QUCC, confirm your registration with your school contact to ensure your on-campus courses are dropped and your QU in LA credits are added.

Program Considerations

Undergraduate students: must have completed 57+ credits (junior standing) by the start of the planned QU in LA semester; have a 3.0 *minimum* cumulative GPA, and no existing or pending conduct sanctions. Previous conduct sanctions will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Graduate students: typically, must have completed at least two graduate courses and completed at least one semester at Quinnipiac with a 3.0 *minimum* cumulative GPA and no existing or pending conduct sanctions. Graduate students must check with their program director to determine their eligibility for the QU in LA program.

The QU in LA program is a competitive program, and the students who participate in the program are representing Quinnipiac University. In addition to the above minimum credit and GPA requirements, we look for successful candidates who are mature individuals with outstanding communication skills and able to effectively manage their time and tasks at a high level of excellence. *We are looking for students who communicate promptly and professionally throughout the application and selection process, as it reflects how you will likely conduct your business in Los Angeles.*

QU in LA Dates and Deadlines

Spring 2021	
Application deadline	October 5, 2020 at 5 p.m.
Notification of results	October 13, 2020
Housing deposit due	TBD
Internship approval deadline	TBD
Move-in date	TBD
QU in LA orientation	TBD
First day of internship	TBD
Last day of internship	TBD
Move-out date	TBD

School Representatives

Work with your academic advising point person to discuss how the QU in LA program might fit into your curriculum. A listing of potential courses for Spring 2021 is located on page 3. Work with your career development contact for any questions about the process of internship approval or your internship search.

	Academic Advising	Career Development/Internship & Externship Advising
College of Arts & Sciences	Jonathan Lee	Rick DelVecchio
School of Business	Michael Taylor	Jill Koehler
School of Communications	Danielle Reinhart	Lila Carney
School of Education	Beth Larkins-Strathy	Beth Larkins-Strathy
School of Engineering	Corey Kiassat	John Bau
School of Health Sciences	Colleen Thompson	Cindy Christie
School of Law	Carolyn Kaas	Carolyn Kaas & Shelley Sadin
School of Nursing	Debra Fisher	Debra Fisher

Courses Offered

The elective courses for Spring 2021 are still pending. Please see below for the previous offerings from Spring 2020 to give you an idea of which courses may be available. Students participating in the QU in LA program in Spring 2021 need to maintain full-time student status by registering at least 3 credits of internship plus enough courses to equal a minimum of 12 credits total.

ARB 210	Arab Culture & Society (online, full-semester)	3 CR [UC]
COM 150	Public Speaking (online, full-semester)	3 CR [UC]
COM 215	Social Media: Digital Age (online, full-semester)	3 CR
COM 350	Media, Culture & Arts of Los Angeles (on-ground)	3 CR [UC]
FTM 322	History of Film & Television II (online, full-semester)	3 CR [UC]
HS 112	The West in the World (online, full-semester)	3 CR [UC]
HS 132	U.S. History Since Reconstruction (online, full-semester)	3 CR [UC]
HS 394	Doctors, Disease & Death in the Western World (online)	4 CR [UC by variant]
MG 210*	Essentials of Management & Organizational Behavior (online)	3 CR
MG 211*	Operations Management (online)	3 CR
MG 302*	Managing People, Projects & Change (online)	3 CR
MK 312*	Advertising (online)	3 CR
PL 103	Logical Reasoning (online, full-semester)	3 CR [UC]
SCI 102 & 102L	Earth Sciences & Earth Sciences Lab (online, full-semester)	4 CR [UC]
SCI 161	Nutrition: An Investigative Experience (online, full-semester)	3 CR [UC]
SCI 202	Environmental Science (online)	4 CR
SPS 280	The Art of the Podcast (JRN 280) (online, full-semester)	3 CR [UC]
WS 395	Feminist Theory & the Body (online)	4 CR [UC by variant]

* For School of Business majors/minors only. See prerequisites.



Estimated Costs



Tuition

Same as on-campus tuition. Financial aid is applicable. Students who receive or need to receive aid should meet with the Financial Aid Office to discuss their situation prior to applying to the QU in LA program.



Program Fee

TBD (~\$750-1,000)



Housing

To aid in your financial planning, the Fall 2019 QU in LA students paid \$5,340 when living at LEVEL Furnished Living (12 weeks).

However, the rate is subject to change each semester. Because the housing rate depends on a number of factors that are not finalized until late in the process (the factors include the number of students in the LA cohort, the gender breakdown of rooms, move-in and move-out dates, availability at the apartment complex, etc.), the final housing rate will be confirmed and billed just before students depart for Los Angeles. The earlier you can land your internship and successfully complete your QUCC application for approval, the earlier the housing rate can be finalized for all students participating.

Students living on campus should pay their regular \$500 housing deposit as usual, and that deposit will be credited toward the \$500 QU in LA housing deposit due within two weeks of being accepted into the program, in order to reserve a spot. Commuter students must pay the \$500 housing deposit within two weeks of being accepted into the program.



Estimated Transportation

\$500 airfare (round trip estimate from NYC to LAX)

Car rental options:

Compact car rental through Enterprise:

- Drivers under 21: ~\$855/month (plus taxes/fees)
- Drivers 21 and older: ~\$555/month (plus taxes/fees)

Electric car rental through Join Borrow:

- No age restrictions
- \$299-1,499/month (depending on model)

Auto transportation service (an alternative to car rental to ship your car to LA)

- One-way estimated cost: \$1,200

Parking fee: ~\$600 per term



Personal Expenses

This includes items such as groceries, entertainment and gasoline for a rental car.

The amount varies by individual. Students should budget monthly for these expenses.

QU in LA Contacts

General questions about the QU in LA program: housing, life or professional opportunities in LA

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Academic advising or registration planning for the QU in LA program

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Internships, professional opportunities and resume reviews

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Tuition or financial aid during the QU in LA semester

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