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Outline:

## Welcome and Moto

### Introduction

Intro to yourself, why you're in front of a group, and what is to come

### Mihi Cura Futuri

Hunter College was founded in 1870 and started out as a women's teachers college in a building you will see on tour called Thomas Hunter Hall. Mihi Cura Futuri stands for the "Care of the Future is Mine" (or yours) and this motto has driven Hunter's approach to academic, to student services, and to our admissions review as well. Everything we will cover today is available for students and we are looking for students who will come in and take on all these wonderful opportunities.

## Hunter Today

Over the last 150+ year, Hunter has grown and changed a great deal:

- **Diverse student body:** Today, Hunter has become a coeducational liberal arts public institution with an undergraduate population of around 17,000-18,000 students from 37 states and 153 countries. The diversity of our student body closely resembles the diversity of New York City and about 52% of the undergraduate community are first-generation college students.
- **Multiple Facilities:** Today's tour will cover the main campus where you will see our library, athletics facilities, new student union space, and just general main campus facilities, so I will not go into details on those. But there are a few places that are worth mentioning:
  - Roosevelt House is a NYC historic landmark that houses our Public Policy and Human Rights programs, and students can potentially take a class in the same location where FDR and Eleanor Roosevelt held their fireside chats back in 1920s.
    - o Baker Theatre Hall is located half a block away from campus and Hunter is the only school in NYC that has a whole building dedicated specifically to performing arts. (Ooohh aahhh!)
    - o You will learn about the hospital row that is a few blocks away during your tour today, but something that is not on this map is our new Belfer Research Building. While it is not a campus location per se, it is entirely dedicated to scientific research that is done in collaboration with faculty from Weill Cornell Medical. Undergraduate students pursuing undergraduate research with faculty at Hunter could potentially do their research there too.
- **Location & Culture:** Today, the location of our main campus buildings and facilities place our students within walking distance or a subway ride away from some of the most world-renowned businesses for internships, research opportunities and job placement. In addition, the location of

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our main campus buildings allow students to explore areas such as Central Park, the Met, and other world famous attractions for free or at a reduced cost.

## Academics

Hunter offers over 70 different majors with an endless combination of minors, and additional certificate programs that serve as an add on. And remember, our motto is still the driving principle here as well.

Three parts to the degree:

- **CUNY CORE** and the biggest part of the degree is designed to give our students a strong liberal arts base. Think of these are you general math, history, science, etc. However, one of the coolest parts of CUNY CORE is that you can gear these general education classes towards your interests. So for example: if you're interested in studying music, instead of taking general US history course, you can opt in to take history of music or history of hip hop, or even history of Beatles class that is very popular.
- **Major and Minor** will be another big part of your academic journey. This will be your main academic focus, something you absolutely love studying or something that will set you up on a professional pathway to graduate school or career. Our students can do many major/minors combos:
  - o Some choose to pursue minors completely unrelated to their major just because they enjoy the subject – A lot of our science students pick up a dance or an art minor to de-stress from the intense science and math courses.
  - o Others choose to line majors and minors up towards career exploration – For example a lot of our Accounting student, or pre-med students, or even comp sci students opt in for a Business Certificate to make sure they get the business coursework covered to open their own practices or be more marketable when applying to MBA programs later.
  - o And that actually brings me to the Certificate Programs I mentioned earlier. Hunter offers certificate programs in Arts Management, Business Studies, Human Rights, Public Policy, and Spatial Data Science, and none are confined to a major for students.

So if a student on pre-law track has an appreciate of the arts and wants to learn how to manage art spaces, curate a gallery, or run a dance company – they can add on the Arts Management Certificate to their coursework. Data Science Certificate is brand new and will allow students in any major to learn the foundations of geospatial technologies from the fundamentals of geo-referencing to the spatial analytic models used to find solutions to the world's most pressing problems including migration patterns, food shortages, and much more.

The choice on what majors, minors, and certificates to pursue is entirely up to the student as the care of the future is theirs, it's just a matter of how much sleep they want to get ☺ (Get it, Mihi Cura Futuri)

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- **Hunter Focus** - And the last part of Hunter's degree that is unique to Hunter is this Hunter Focus component.
  - o Hunter requires all students to complete a foreign language which is what we call a Focus. The goal of the focus is to make our students proficient in a different language which in turn will make them more marketable on the international job market upon graduation.
  - o For students who speak another language at home or have achieved fluency and can test out from a particular language, the Focus will look like a concentrated study in a topic that is completely unrelated to their major. Again, focus on something different to make sure they are well rounded and stand out in the job or graduate school applicant pool later on. A lot of students complete a certificate or a minor we discussed previously.

## Life at Hunter

The motto and the care of the future are far more than just the academics themselves. There are three major components of life outside of the classroom: Student Life On Campus, Residence Life, and Study Abroad, so let's dive into the info.

- **Student Life:** With over 100 different clubs, our students have a chance to find their community and friends in many ways. There are cultural and affiliated clubs like Brazilian Student Club, Ukrainian Club, Muslim Student Organization, or Sikh Society, Hillel, or Queer Student Union, that are focused on students' identify. There academic organizations like Psychology Collective, Accounting Student Society, and Mock Trials Club, which are meant to enhance student's academic experience outside of class. And there is a sub-set of clubs that are purely interest based to give students a chance to find friends with the same interests – for example: the Hawkapella (out on-campus competitive acapella group), the Knitting Club, or the Anim and Manga club.
- **Athletics & Recreation** – For those with a competitive side, Hunter offers 18 Division III teams. Our Hawks have won more than 130 conference championships and have consistently brought many individual titles home. During the 2021-22 season, the Hawks claimed four Championship titles alone. While there are no athletic scholarships at Hunter since we are Division III, our athletes are a very tight knit group – so if you're considering being a DIII athlete, reach out to the coaches for tryouts directly. It's a great way to find your small niche community in a large school. And for those of you who may not want to be on a competitive team, do not forget that Hunter offers free recreation classes and intramurals too, so you can join pick-up basketball or volleyball, or just go for a swim in your own time too.
- **Residence Life** – For those who want to try out a true college experience and live on campus, Hunter offers 2 residence halls. Both are different in the type of accommodations they offer and distance from campus, so make sure to check out the website if you're interested in Living@Hunter. In total, Hunter houses about 1,000 students and offers a ton of great events and activities hosted by the residence life staff to ensure a smooth transition not only to residence

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halls, but to NYC as a whole. \*\*\* CHECK HUB – Some days we will offer 51<sup>st</sup> Street tours right after this session, please make sure to invite the group to join after.

- **Study Abroad** – While living on campus may be limited to a small number of students, our Study Abroad opportunities and a chance to engage themselves in another culture and are open to all undergrads. Studying abroad opens your mind and expands your worldview. Through studying abroad our students embody the Hunter College motto, The Care of the Future is Mine, by deepening their empathy and embracing their responsibility to care for the world, now and in the future

Hunter offers both short-term and long-term study abroad programs. Short-term programs are typically 4-8 weeks long and occur in the winter and summer semesters – some students do language courses, others opt out to take some CORE classes abroad, and some may simply take an elective or two for fun, so think 1 or 2 classes at most. Long-term programs are for students who want to become part of the exchange university community for the duration of the whole semester or a year. These students would generally take the entire course load, live with students in host families, and really immerse themselves in the culture of the country they are visiting. Huge perk, if you partake in an exchange program through Hunter, you are paying Hunter's tuition to be abroad. And there are numerous study abroad scholarship opportunities available for students too.

- One outlier that is worth mentioning is our Chinese Flagship Program that is the most distinctive study abroad option at Hunter. Hunter is one of just 13 colleges that offer this program. Students get to learn Mandarin at Hunter during their first three years and then spend the fourth year in China or Taiwan to complete their degree program. It's a full immersion experience.
- **Internal Talking Point:** Morocco Photo Description- Anik, a Richter Scholarship recipient participated in a winter program abroad in Rabat, Morocco
- Paris, France Photo Description: Leo study abroad in Paris

## Student Support

With so many different opportunities available to our students, we look for students who will come in and make our community their own; those will live out the motto and take a part in all that is offered not only inside the classroom, but also outside, but we do not expect them to do this on their own.

- **Academic Advising:** Hunter offers a one on one advising model for students that has a few different tiers or levels:
  - Freshmen are assigned a Peer Advisor in their first semester and receive their schedules at freshman orientation in the summer. Peer Advisors are usually upper classmen who can answer basic questions of CORE classes, where to find textbooks, how to get from one class to the next in time, etc.
  - After the first semester for freshmen, students are then assigned professional Academic Advisors. Their academic advisor will go over degree requirements and outline a plan for the next four years to make sure the student stays on track for graduation.

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- On top of an Academic Advisor, our students also get an Major Advisor – so a faculty member in the academic program of their choice. Major advisors are there to discuss major specific coursework, what classes to take depending on the career aspirations with that major, and potential research opportunities or career pathways of that specific field.
- Another layer of support is what we call Pre-Professional Advising team. There is an entire Pre-Professional Advising Office that is designed to help students who have decided to pursue MBAs, Law Schools, and Medical Schools upon graduating Hunter College. The pre-professional team will advise students on what should be completed on pre-requisites, internships, or research to make them stand out in the graduate school application process.
  
- **Libraries & Tutoring Support:** Hunter has four wonderful libraries available to students which house our Dolciani Math Center, Skirball Science Center, Rockowitz Reading and Writing Center. Our student ambassadors will give you a lot more info on their tour today, so don't forget to ask them about the CUNY Plus advantage.
  
- **Wellness & Counseling Center:** For students who many need it, personal counseling is available. For some students it could be a one time meeting to sort out anxiety before a test, while others can benefit from weekly confidential meetings - all for free!
  
- **Career Services:** is another tool at your disposal. What better way to advance your knowledge than by putting it into practice. Career Services help with resume writing, interview practice, internship search, and much more. The best part – Career Services will remain your tool even after you graduate!

## Scholarships & Programs

In addition to academic and personal support, there is also financial support available to our students.

**Freshmen Scholarships** - For those of you who are incoming freshmen out of high school, there are several honors programs which come with a merit scholarship:

- Macaulay Honors is a CUNY-wide honors program where students receive uniquely broad interdisciplinary undergraduate experience. The Macaulay honors seminars allow Macaulay students to investigate the role of immigration, arts, sciences, and economics in shaping New York City's identity, past, present, and future in general.
- Hunter Scholars Program are specific to Hunter and to the student interests. What that means is that each cohort has a specific focus for the students in their honors seminars.
  - Muse Scholar Program – Visual and Performing Arts
  - Daedalus Scholar Program – Computer Sciences.
  - Nursing
  - Roosevelt – Public Policy, Social Sciences, Law, and Civic Life

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- Yalow - Scientific Research and Pre-Health
- Athena- Humanities and social sciences
- Salud-Public Health & Access
- NextGen- Education, Social Work and Advocacy
- Perks for scholars programs (MHC and Scholars) include significant merit scholarship, priority access to on-campus housing, priority registration for classes, peer mentoring programs, and dedicated academic advisors specific to the honors program.
- Reminder MHC only covers in state tuition. For out of state encourage merit scholarship from Scholar program
- KNOW A FEW THINGS ABOUT EACH PROGRAM HERE, find information on the [website](#)

**Transfer Scholarships** – There are also scholarships available for our transfers who performed exceptionally well at their previous community college. Scholarships generally range in the amount and would be awarded for up to 2 years. Scholarships can range from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

FYI for counselors – talking points, not part of presentation:

- MHC admission rate at Hunter is about 8%
- Scholars admissions rate is about 10-12% depending on the program
- Transfer scholarships – about 30 transfers get selected every semester
- Hunter Promise Program Scholarship: Students who participate in the Hunter Promise Program and complete their associate degree with a 4.0 GPA at one of our partner community colleges will be selected to receive the Hunter Promise Program Scholarship.
- Dream.US is a scholarship program for undocumented students that covers tuition fully. All Information remains confidential. You can review the Dream.Us website for more information and for eligibility overview.

**Scholarships for Continuing Students** – You should know that Macaulay Honors, Freshmen Scholar Programs, and Transfer Scholarships are very very competitive and will be awarded only to a small number of our incoming students. However, there are additional ways for you to become an honors student at Hunter after you start the academic journey with us. There are a ton of different fellowships and scholarships available for students who have completed at least a year of studies at Hunter and who have done exceptionally well. So think of your honors journey not as a one time investment, but something that you can work and continue at Hunter even if you are not selected for an incoming student opportunity.

For example:

- Noyce Scholarship – Supports students who want to be science teachers, they give you a scholarship for 2 years (junior/senior) of undergrad studies and pay a portion of you graduate program too.
- Mellon Fellowship – Is for academically strong students to pursue an internship in the arts. The fellowship will essentially provide funding for you to explore your passion as long as you perform well academically in your studies at Hunter.

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- Thomas Hunter Honors – is a competitive interdisciplinary honors program at Hunter for students with GPA of 3.5 or better who have the desire to pursue a deeper understanding of a topic and write a thesis in their time in the honors program.

## Admissions Info

- Admissions Profile: Middle 50% of admitted class, not minimums for freshmen and transfer. Just to offer ballpark for students to understand.
- Admissions review is certainly more than just the GPA
- Deadlines
- How to apply – remind all that Hunter specific app is supplemental.
- Selective programs – supplemental review and process for all.

## SEEK

We've discussed some of the admission requirements and you may be wondering what if I'm ineligible for general admissions? What if you're just below our admissions profile? The path to college isn't always straightforward. But at Hunter we are committed to making college a possibility for all. That's why we believe in providing students opportunities, a community and resources through one of our well known programs. The Percy Ellis Sutton Search for Education, Elevation, and Knowledge also known as the SEEK opportunity program is designed to support students both academically and financially throughout their time in college. SEEK is similar to opportunity programs of HEOP and EOP in private and SUNY colleges. If you previously participated in EOP or HEOP you may be eligible to transfer into SEEK and continue receiving support.

Academically, SEEK connects students with an assigned counselor to help them with class registration and map out your major throughout your time at Hunter. You also have the option for tutoring assistance, peer review groups, study groups and workshops to help you find internships. Financially, students can receive supplemental financial aid (TAP) for an additional 2 semesters meaning that you can potentially use some of your financial aid for your first year of grad school! Students are provided an educational and transportation stipend that's a little over \$1000 per semester.

Eligibility is based on GPA and income. Our cohort generally consists of about 500 students and has a close knit community which allows our students to empower one another to succeed.

For more information take a look at our website for all eligibility requirements.

## Hunter Promise Program

Another key program we want to highlight is the Hunter Promise Program. This program offers students who were denied to Hunter for their freshman year multiple pathways to a seamless transfer experience in the near future! Your journey to Hunter will look a bit different as you'll begin college at one of our partner CUNY or SUNY community colleges. You'll work towards completing an associates degree of arts or an associate degree in science, then apply for a guaranteed admission to Hunter as long as you maintain a GPA of 2.5 or above. The Hunter Promise Program offers:

- A 2+2 pathway, where students complete their associate degree from a list of eligible majors before transferring to Hunter.

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- The Alternative Transfer Pathway, available exclusively for majors within the School of Arts and Sciences.

To participate, you'll receive an email from us with information of the structure and additional next steps.

## Cost & Fin Aid

Discuss in-state and out-of-state cost, affordability of tuition in comparison to other colleges and reduced cost potential with financial aid and scholarship opportunities.

We also have funding opportunities for undocumented students through the Jose Peralta New York State DREAM Act. The DREAM Act allows undocumented and other students access to New York State-administered grants and scholarships such as TAP, Excelsior and other opportunity programs. For full eligibility details, we recommend reviewing the website.

## Hunter Value

The value of Hunter College and our education goes far beyond just our affordable tuition. Hunter students are accomplishing some amazing things by the stats you see on the screen.

- Bring up one or two example from the screen – know what those programs are and why they are highlighted.

And don't forget, Hunter offers a generous transfer credit policy, so if you took any AP, IB, or college courses while in HS, you can potentially get those credits which will open up some room for a minor or a certificate.

## Conclusion

Thank you for joining and hope the session gave you an insight into our Hunter community. Don't forget, Mihi Cura Futuri, the care of the future is yours – so:

- Apply now – tells you all you need about applying, what docs are needed, and where to send them.
- Chat with students – is a great way to ask student about their lives, what clubs are like, or what their favorite lunch spot is around campus.
- View – will give you a more in-depth look at specific programs you may be interested in. So check it out, it allows you to create your own customized viewbook.

Introduce the ambassadors and encourage attendees to ask SA questions.