

Greetings Professor,

First and foremost, I treat everyone at Baruch College with the utmost respect at all times. That includes professors, staff, security guards, and students. Treating people respectfully is more important than anything.

I understand that everyone is doing their best and CUNY is a great school.

Everything you're saying makes perfect sense. I respect and understand your position.

I believe that my point of view is compelling as well.

1. This is my situation. There are some students, including me, that are not allowed to choose their classes at the same time as other students. The students in my category have to wait 3 days after other students choose the classes they want.

By the time I'm allowed to choose the classes I want, a lot of them are already filled up. Therefore I am very limited with the classes that are available now.

2. I have had several students at Baruch College and LaGuardia Community College single me out, insult me, and yell at me for reasons that I don't know.

I never partake in controversial conversations at school. I also have no idea who any of the students are.

I did not respond. I reported the students to security and they told me the video cameras were broken. I was also told not to contact security again.

3. I am in the process of speaking with City Council offices and other city/government agencies to try and be excused from having to get into groups with students.

The process is going to take time. It's not going to happen by this semester.

4. There are thousands of complaints from students against students and students against professors and staff in New York every year including several at CUNY.

In addition to many people who are banned from CUNY, I think there are some facing criminal charges.

I can't even believe the number of complaints is as high as it is but it's true.

There have even been professors and staff from CUNY quoted in the mainstream press about the alarmingly high number of complaints from students against students and students against professors and staff.

There have been mainstream media coverage of issues between students at Baruch College that I'm not going to name here out of respect for the victims.

Just to let you know a little bit about me. If someone poured a can of paint on my head at Baruch College or CUNY I would not say a word.

I love Baruch College. It's the best opportunity ever. Baruch College has opened doors for me.

As I mentioned in a previous email I have been living in the street homeless for 5 years. I don't like the shelters. I hope with the inspiration provided by Baruch College that I have a roof over my head one day soon.

So far at LaGuardia Community College, I had a 3.975 GPA with 36 credits. Clearly, I was not disruptive, I was a model student.

At Baruch College last semester I earned a 4.0 GPA with 12 credits. I believe my professors would say I was a positive contribution to my classes. With that being said I did not interact with any students.

I don't drink. I don't smoke. I don't party. I don't do anything illegal. I don't have a criminal record. I have places to shower and keep clean clothes.

I'll be respectful to everyone as I always am. If you have to give me an F for keeping to myself I understand. I don't take it personally.

On Rate My Professors all the students say you're as good as it gets. That's why I'm excited to take your class, even if it earns me an F and it's the last class I take because I failed out of Baruch College.

I'd prefer to fail out of school because of a grade than having a student make up lies about me for unknown reasons.

One time at LaGuardia Community College I was in a classroom with a security camera. A student stands up in the middle of class and starts yelling at me.

I have no idea who the person is. I picked up my things and moved to the other side of the room. If I had any interaction with the student in a student group or any conversation the student could have made up any lie they want about me and it would be their word against a 45-year-old homeless person.

Another time at Baruch College a student started insulting me during a Zoom class. I ignored the person.

I didn't even have a laptop when I started at LaGuardia Community College, I was living in the street, and I earned all As.

If a student asks me a question in your class I will respectfully say I don't know and go back to minding my business.

I'm confident there are a lot of CUNY parents that would not want their children breaking into groups with 45-year-old homeless people who live in the street.

I mostly sleep on subway platforms. I'm going to avoid sleeping anywhere near Baruch College so no one from there sees me. Sometimes I sleep on the steps at the 77 St subway and places like that. Not 68 St because that's Hunter College :-)

I promise I have never, nor will I ever be disruptive. If you have to fail me I respect your decision.

I did interact with students when I was working at the LaGuardia Community College library. I never had any issues. There were security cameras and I was helping students print their essays.

This is a tiny fraction of the articles about this topic. There is a CUNY Professor quoted in the first article. I would contact him and thank him but they told me I'm not allowed so I'm not.

<https://nypost.com/2020/01/11/cornell-nyu-top-list-of-new-york-colleges-with-most-sexual-violence-complaints/>

<https://gothamist.com/news/cuny-dean-accused-of-sexual-harassment>

<https://nypost.com/2020/04/12/sex-misconduct-complaints-up-more-than-50-percent-across-nyc-schools/>

<https://nypost.com/2019/07/06/cuny-hires-high-priced-law-firm-to-handle-sexual-misconduct-allegations/>

<https://nypost.com/2018/10/13/professor-offered-me-good-grades-to-sleep-with-him-suit/>

Let's say I'm talking with a student in class. A few weeks later I run into the student in the subway or the student sees me sleeping on the floor in the subway or something like that. Let's say the student says I think that homeless guy from my class is following me.

What's going to happen to me?

Who is going to stand up for me?

CUNY is spending millions of dollars for lawyers right now to defend teachers and staff from student accusations. It's public information.

Anyone can say what they want about me. I'm respectful but I'm not interacting with students unless it's to respectfully say I don't know or I'm working for RF CUNY the HRA job program at Baruch College.

One thing about me is I am never disruptive and I'm never disrespectful.

I like people. I'm a people person. I'm just not socializing with students at Baruch College when there are thousands of complaints from students against students and students against professors and staff every year at New York colleges.

In regards to participating in class, I love to participate in class, with the teacher.

I used to provide web marketing services to companies for about \$1,000 per month for each customer.

I came across people all the time who needed my help but didn't have the money. I helped dozens of people without charging them.

My goal in life is to be happy, successful, and have a positive impact on my community. I'm not going to get from homeless to that position by partaking in risky behavior.

It's clear that at New York colleges, everyone needs to move cautiously because there are thousands of people connected with New York Colleges, that have to fend off complaints every year.

Baruch College is all I have so I have to protect it.

Thank you and have a great day.

Ever upward,

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