QUEST Cohort Policies

- All QUEST students must take BMGT/ENES 190H, 390H, and 490H with their cohort in the semesters outlined on the cohort timeline.
- A student who is unable to take one of these courses on schedule due to a health emergency, family emergency, or a conflict with a course required for that student’s major may take that course in another semester with another cohort; the student must explain the conflict or emergency with the QUEST office before the semester in which the course is scheduled (a course conflict must be due to the courses being offered on the same day and time).
  - A study abroad semester, co-op, or other voluntary activity is not a legitimate excuse to skip taking courses with one’s cohort.
- A QUEST student may petition the Quality Guild for an exception from taking the core QUEST courses (190H, 390H, 490H) on schedule (with the student's cohort).
  - To submit the petition, the student should email the members of the Quality Guild with a complete explanation of the opportunity, the importance of the opportunity to the student's education or professional development, and the student's plans to complete the QUEST requirements if the exception is granted. The student should submit the petition no later than the week that registration for that semester (the one in which the student is scheduled to take a core course) begins.
  - The exception may be granted for cases in which the student will be off-campus for multiple semesters in order to participate in a scholarship program or other extraordinary educational program or professional development program that cannot be completed at any other time. The exception is not automatic; the Quality Guild will consider the opportunity for the student as well as the impact on the student's cohort and the program. If the Quality Guild does not grant the exception, the student may appeal to the Dean of Undergraduate Studies or the Dean of the student’s home college.
- If a student fails to take one of these courses on schedule without a legitimate excuse, then the student cannot continue with the QUEST curriculum. A student in this position may choose to stay in the QUEST community (and receive email and other notices through the QUEST program listserv and other means) but will not earn a transcript notation and cannot claim to have completed the program.
  - These students and alumni are welcome to attend events and participate in the community, but they may not participate in QUEST leadership roles and in certain events with limited space (this includes, but is not limited to, leadership or voting member positions within QSO, QUEST Recruiting, QUESTPress, QUEST Corporate, and the QUEST Alumni Board).
- All students who indicate a desire to drop QUEST before completing the curriculum will be asked to meet with the QUEST Program Director.