Voter Registration Information for Students

As a student you are able to register locally or you can register/maintain registration at your permanent hometown address. The choice is yours.

You should know that if you register locally, you can vote in all elections, including local elections that impact New Paltz. Likewise, you would not be able to vote in local elections in your hometown. If you reside on campus AND you are registered to vote locally, your designated polling location for major elections is typically the Student Union. In some special elections, the polling location may be within the village of New Paltz. Students living off campus should check the county board of elections website for their polling location.

If you choose to maintain voter eligibility in your hometown, be advised you will not be able to vote on campus during elections. You will either need to make arrangements to vote in your hometown on election days or vote absentee.

Following is a variety of resources to help you better understand voter registration in New York State. Voter registration is done by county so registration and change of registration is coordinated by the county board of elections.

For general questions regarding voter registration or upcoming elections, please contact the Office of Student Activities and Union Services at 845-257-3025, visit Student Union 211, or e-mail saus@newpaltz.edu.

2016 New York Election Dates:
April 19, 2016     Presidential Primary (12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)
June 28, 2016     Congressional Primary (12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)
September 13, 2016 Local and State Primary (12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)
November 8, 2016  General Elections (6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.)

Other Important Dates for 2016 Elections:
October 14, 2016  Last day to mail/postmark your voter registration form for General Election and last day for in-person registration at a board of elections office. Also the last day to change your party affiliation.
October 19, 2016  Last day for a change of address for an existing registered voter to be received in person at a board of elections office.
November 1, 2016  Last day to mail/postmark an absentee ballot application for general election.
November 7, 2016  Last day to apply in person at a board of elections office for an absentee ballot application for general election.
November 7, 2016  Last day to mail/postmark completed absentee ballot. Must be received by the county board of elections no later than November 15, 2016.
November 8, 2016  Last day to deliver completed absentee ballot in person to the county board of elections, by close of the polls (9:00 p.m.) on election day.

Students with Disabilities:
The Disability Resource Center serves as the campus site coordinator for those that request or apply for accommodations or services with the location. The staff in the Disability Resource Center will assist those students that request accommodations with completing and submitting their voter registration.
The Disability Resource Center is located in Student Union 211 or can be contacted at 845-257-3020.

**Important Resources:**
- NYS Board of Elections ([http://www.elections.ny.gov/index.html](http://www.elections.ny.gov/index.html))
- NYS State Voter Registration ([http://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingRegister.html](http://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingRegister.html))
- Ulster County Board of Elections ([http://ulstercountyny.gov/elections](http://ulstercountyny.gov/elections))
- New Paltz Campus Guidelines for Political Campaigning, Distribution of Campaign Materials and Activity ([http://www.newpaltz.edu/current/politicalpolicy.html](http://www.newpaltz.edu/current/politicalpolicy.html))