The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

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Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
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The College of the Liberal Arts & Sciences is the largest academic unit on campus, serving students through their major, minor and general education requirements.

2680
Undergraduate Majors

1164
Undergraduate Minors
Minors – Liberal Arts & Sciences
Majors – Liberal Arts & Sciences

https://www.newpaltz.edu/collegelas/
The department sponsors an archeological field school annually, which provides opportunities to participate in excavations at a significant archeological site in the Mid-Hudson region.

Internship Opportunities:
- New York State Museum in Albany
- Historic Huguenot Street
- American Museum of Natural History

Majors encouraged to study abroad:
- China
- Vietnam
- Spain
- Ireland
- Mexico
- Tanzania
Asian Studies

Asian Studies is the second fastest growing interdisciplinary major at New Paltz. The faculty is comprised of 12 affiliated faculty members from multiple disciplines within the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences.

Majors enter the workforce with a competitive advantage by studying two of the three largest world economies (China and Japan), as well as the world's largest democracy (India).

The Friends of Asian Studies Endowment supports study abroad and student-faculty research.
Black Studies

Founded in 1969 to provide an accurate and thorough treatment of the history of people of African ancestry.

Offers majors in liberal arts and sciences and elementary education.

Curriculum is multi-disciplinary with courses drawn from history, humanities, sociology, psychology, political science and economics.
Communication

Curriculum combines theory and practice, with the goal of helping students achieve a broad liberal arts education while also developing specific skills they need for today’s job market.

Offers concentrations in:

- Interpersonal/Intercultural Communication
- Organizational Communication
- Public Relations (soon to be renamed Strategic Communication)

Students participate in internships at for-profit and non-profit companies, both locally and in New York City.
Communication Disorders

Newly renovated department spaces encourage student/faculty collaboration.

Undergraduate majors participate in specialty clinics, field work and independent study.

Student groups include the National Student Speech, Language and Hearing Association (NSSLHA) and Autism Speaks.

Graduate students gain clinical experience in the campus Speech, Language and Hearing Center, schools, medical and health practices.

Graduate program concentrations

- Speech-Language Pathology
- Speech and Language Disabilities
Digital Media & Journalism

Majors in Journalism, Digital Media Production and Digital Media Management

Students have access to professional production equipment, audio and video editing suites and a state-of-the-art television studio.

Students earn regional, state and national awards for journalism, documentaries and public service announcements.

The James H. Ottaway Sr. Visiting Professorship hosts Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists and best-selling authors.

*The Legislative Gazette* offers opportunities for student writers, photographers and videographers.
Economics

The department emphasizes quantitative research methods, writing, history of economic thought and effective communication.

Economics student groups organize field trips to New York City's financial district and professional conferences.

The program prepares students for graduate studies in a variety of fields, including economics, business, law and international relations.
Students receive a well-rounded liberal arts foundation and skills such as writing and research that help prepare them for a wide range of careers. The updated and diversified curriculum includes works by major authors from Shakespeare to Kundera and Lahiri, creative writing courses in fiction, poetry, memoir and young adult literature.

The teaching assistant program trains graduate students to become teachers while earning tuition credit and a stipend.

Graduate Pathways:

- Five-Year BA/MA Program
- New MA with Creative Writing Concentration
Geography, the study of the earth and its people, offers courses on climate, land, ocean and culture.

Internships are available in regional/state agencies:
- Department of Environmental Conservation
- Scenic Hudson
- Ulster County Department of the Environment
- Dutchess County Planning and Development
- Mohonk Preserve

Students present research at professional conferences such as the Middle States Division of the Association of American Geographers.

Gregg Krupp ’19, used his GIS expertise to create a “heat map” of demand for meals through the Kingston Emergency Food Collaborative.
The department's innovative and rigorous curriculum trains students in historical methodology, research skills and critical thinking.

Internship opportunities include:

- Franklin Delano Roosevelt Library and Museum in Hyde Park, N.Y.
- Historic Huguenot Street in New Paltz
- Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Graduates of the History Department have attended prestigious law, graduate and professional schools, ranging from Harvard to the University of Iceland.
The department advances proficiency in foreign languages and multicultural awareness in an increasingly global society.

Languages (frequently taught by native speakers) offered include:
- Chinese
- French
- German
- Italian
- Japanese
- Hebrew
- Kiswahili
- Portuguese
- Spanish

The department collaborates with several other departments to offer interdisciplinary courses in subjects such as Asian Studies and Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies.
The Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program offers courses in areas such as history, geography, economics, political systems, artistic and literary expressions and activism.

As international trade expands through new agreements and trade associations, employees with experience and training in Latin America will be increasingly valuable.

The program supports student-led groups:
- Latin American Student Union
- Afrolatin@ Leaders
- Caribbean Students Organization
- Spanish Club

It also hosts conferences, speaker series, film festivals and Cinco de Mayo celebrations.
Philosophy

Students participate in undergraduate research opportunities such as independent studies and the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience, which fosters close working relationships between students and faculty. As a result, many philosophy students have gone on to present their work at undergraduate research conferences.

Students graduate from the philosophy program with a strong and broad set of intellectual skills, including reading, writing, analysis, and argumentation, that are useful in any career path.
Political Science & International Relations

Programs integrate academic rigor with real-world experience.

The department offers a wealth of experiential learning opportunities, including:

- Global Engagement Program
- United Nations Semester
- Harvard Model United Nations
- SUNY Model European Union

Students complete internships at the international, federal, state and local levels.

Graduates are accepted into prestigious graduate schools and law schools, while others have landed positions at Fortune 500 companies, law firms, government agencies, or have begun careers in finance and consulting.
Psychology

All psychology majors take a writing-intensive capstone seminar. Elective courses in anthropology, biology, business, communication, computer science, history, philosophy, political science and sociology are strongly encouraged.

Students collaborate on faculty research, present at conferences and write articles for industry journals. These accomplishments help students get accepted into graduate programs and begin great careers.

Graduate Programs include:
- M.S. in Psychological Science
- Combined BA-MS 4+1 Program (complete BA psychology and MS psychological science in 5 years)
Psychology - Counseling

The counseling program includes intensive supervised practicum and internship experiences during which students actively work with clients and other students in mental health-related training settings.

Practitioner-scholar oriented program:
- 100 hours for practicum (fieldwork in second semester of first year)
- 600 hours for internship (beginning in second year)

Graduate Programs include:
- M.S. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- M.S. in School Counseling
- Advanced Certificate in Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- Advanced Certificate in Trauma/Disaster Mental Health
Sociology

Students complete required field work internships that emphasize diversity and an understanding of social systems.

Concentration possibilities include:
- basic sociology
- human services
- criminology

Graduates can continue their education in graduate school and often become lawyers and social workers.
The program began in the 1970s, making it one of the oldest such programs in the SUNY system. Faculty members are well-rounded and come from several different disciplines including history, economics and sociology.

Students gain valuable experience through participation in practicums, special courses and local and on-campus internships.

The department hosts a biannual women's studies conference on campus, alumni events and faculty research colloquia.

The program’s fieldwork and outreach include:
- Presentations of educational programming in public schools
- Organizing conferences
- Conducting advocacy work
JFT Lobby Renovation
Events: Department Specific

**PLEASE JOIN US**

for the campus introduction of noted photojournalist

**MATT MOYER**

2020 James H. Ottaway Sr. Visiting Professor of Journalism

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020**

SUNY New Paltz Honors Center • 6 PM

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**WHAT JUST HAPPENED?**

A CONVERSATION ABOUT THE 2020 ELECTION

Join our distinguished panel of experts for a conversation about the 2020 election, as they present their thoughts from a variety of different disciplinary perspectives. There will be Q & A session afterwards.

**Host**

Kathleen Dwyer, Associate Professor and Chair, Departments of Political Science

**Panelists**

Lee Berenson, Professor of American History

Teddi Carson, Assistant Professor of Sociology

Nancy Kang, Professor of American Politics

Scott Mollenb, Associate Professor of American Politics

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5 • 5 PM**

[Web link](https://muse.newpaltz.edu/sunynewpaltz/)

**INSURRECTION, IMPEACHMENT, & INAUGURATION**

A Faculty Panel Discussion of Upheaval in Washington

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 26**

4:30 PM

Via WebEx

Panelists are experts in fields ranging from the early American Republic, to American Presidents, constitutional law, World War II, the relationship between imperial power and the Constitution, American history, foreign policy, and political economy.

Please join us for this important conversation, moderated by Kathleen Dwyer, Associate Professor and Chair, Departments of Political Science, and in tandem, the Benjamin Center for Public Policy programs.
Events: LA&S Newsletter

- Published biannually
- Distributed to campus community and alumni
Students: Internships

LA&S students registered for credit bearing internships & field work experiences
(Summer 2018 - Spring 2019)
Students: Internship Experiences

- First-Year Internship program
- Beth King, Internship Coordinator
- Networking Fair for Jobs & Internships each semester
- Additional internship resources available
- Career Resource Center
- @NPCareers and @SUNYNewPaltz on Instagram
Students: Living-Learning Communities

East-West

Rivera House LGBTQIA+

Romance Languages

Sustainability
Students: Study Abroad

LA&S students studied abroad in 2018.
Alumni: Classroom to Career

- Partnership with LA&S and Career Resource Center
- Stresses importance of transferable skills gained from pursuit of liberal arts degrees
- Career Resource Center offers:
  - General Resume, Cover Letter and Job Search Guidance
  - Internship Search
  - Job Search
  - Career Planning and Choosing a Major
  - Graduate School Exploration

LA&S Career Resource Center liaison
Nicole St. Onge
Alumni: Classroom to Career

Graduates of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences enjoy employment in a wide variety of careers.
Alumni: Liberal Arts in Action

LIANNA FARUOLO ’11
(INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
Market Research and Due Diligence Analyst in the Greater China Region
“The comprehensive nature of the programs has given me an edge whereby I can seamlessly transition from one industry to another.”

AYOUB AGUAD ’13 (HISTORY)
Distribution Analyst at The Children’s Place
“Don’t let experience stop you from chasing your dreams. Instead, focus on the skills you are developing that will be an asset to any company.”
Rather than seeing environmental problems as purely technical issues, my liberal arts training has taught me to question the source of these problems and how they are dealt with differently across social, economic, geographic and historical contexts. Embedded in almost every social and environmental problem are questions of cultural meaning, value, ethics and aesthetics that are only deeply explored in non-technical coursework.

Alex W. Peimer ’10
(Geography)
Before studying at New Paltz, I thought I would spend my college years studying strictly technical television production skills. I was terribly wrong. Studying the liberal arts and history in particular has made me a better producer and a better creative by having the tools to write and think critically. My liberal arts education prepared me to be a global citizen in a world that is extremely connected and diverse. The tools I learned through my liberal arts education are applicable in every aspect of my career.

Miriam Ward ’15
(History, Digital Media Production)
It's commonly said that medicine is equal parts art and science, but I think this is true of all fields. If you can't approach a business deal with sensitivity, respect, and a keenness toward your partner's motivations, likely you're not fully capitalizing on the opportunity. If you're in a science or technology field and lack an appreciation for the unknown, the random, and the beautiful mysteries of life, your calculations will always fall short.

Sarah Tatko ’06, ’08g
(Communication Disorders)
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Department Events
Please click on department name to access Webex/zoom meeting link

**Anthropology**
Tuesday March 30th 4:00-5:00p

**Asian Studies**
No event scheduled but students are encouraged to reach out to Dept. Chair Akira Shimada

**Black Studies**
Interested students please email Administrative Assistant, Alaine (Gina) Salvati

**Communication**
Prospective student video coming soon

**Communications Disorders**
Saturday March 27th 10:00-11:00a

**Digital Media/Journalism**
Monday March 29th 6p

**Economics**
Saturday March 27th 3:00-4:00p password: vQgTUhmA786

**English**
Wednesday March 31st @ 4:00p
Webex Password 647025623
Or join by phone +1-415-655-0001 US Toll with access code: 647 025 623

**Languages, Literatures and Cultures**
Thursday March 25th 5:30-6:30
Spanish language program
French language program

**Latin American & Caribbean Studies**
Video presentation available

**Philosophy**
Saturday April 3rd 3:00p

**Political Science and International Relations**
Thursday April 1st 4:30-5:30p
Or join by phone +1-415-655-0001
with access code: 185 066 9770

**Psychology**
Thursday March 25th 5:45-6:45p

**Sociology**
Tuesday March 30th @ 6:00p
Presentation PDF

This presentation is available in PDF form on the Liberal Arts & Sciences webpage: https://www.newpaltz.edu/media/college-las/AcceptedStudentsPresentation.pdf
Thank you.

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