The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

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LA&S Departments

Anthropology
Asian Studies
Black Studies
Communication
Communication Disorders
Digital Media & Journalism
Economics
English
Geography & Environmental Studies
History
Languages, Literatures & Cultures
Latin American & Caribbean Studies
Philosophy
Political Science & International Relations
Psychology
Counselor Education
Sociology
Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies
Liberal Arts & Sciences
The College of the Liberal Arts & Sciences is the largest academic unit on campus, serving students through their major, minor and general education requirements.

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Undergraduate Majors

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Undergraduate Minors
Majors – Elementary & Adolescence Education

Elementary Education & Adolescence Education
https://www.newpaltz.edu/elementaryed/
https://www.newpaltz.edu/adolescence-education/
Majors – Liberal Arts & Sciences

https://www.newpaltz.edu/collegelas/
Anthropology

The department sponsors an archeological field school annually, which provides opportunities to participate in excavations at significant archeological sites 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
- Strategic Communication

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

Renovated department spaces encourage student/faculty collaboration.

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

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
Counselor Education

Counselor Education 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
Digital Media & Journalism

Majors in Journalism, Digital Media Production and Media Studies.

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, an online paper based in Albany, offers opportunities for student writers, photographers and videographers.
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, and memoir.

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 and Environmental Studies

Geography, the study of the earth and its people, offers courses combining the study of climate, land, political-economy and culture. Environmental Studies is an interdisciplinary program that builds on a foundation in Geography with perspectives from a range of other social and physical sciences.

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 History Department offers a wide range of courses from ancient Rome to Modern China. It's packed full of award-winning professors who encourage students to take advantage of internships at many of our local historical sites. 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.
Latin American & Caribbean 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.
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

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.
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)
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.
Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies

The program began in the 1970s, making it one of the oldest such programs in the SUNY system. Faculty members 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 program’s fieldwork and outreach include:

▪ Presentations of educational programming in public schools
▪ Organizing conferences
▪ Conducting advocacy work
Events: Without Limits Speaker Series

2015-16
Screens & Scenes

2016-17
Food

2017-18
Citizenship

2018-19
March of the Machines

2019-20
The Anthropocene

2020-21
COVID-19

2021-22
Solving Big Problems

2022-23
Intersectional Activism
Events: Department Specific

Mobilizing Infrastructures of Solidarity: Challenging Disaster Capitalism from Below in Puerto Rico

Jacqueline Villarrubia-Mendoza
Associate Professor of Sociology
Colgate University

Roberto Vélez-Vélez
Associate Professor of Sociology
SUNY New Paltz

Thursday, April 21st
5:00-6:30pm
Honors Center

Bi Guanliang
Traditional Chinese Art Performance

Join us for a Special Guest Performance: Bi Guanliang is a Traditional Chinese Painting and Calligraphy artist at the Mid-Summer Festival.

Where: Sojourner Truth Library Lobby
When: Wednesday, September 21st, 2022
Time: 5-7pm

This may be your last chance to hear first-hand from someone who witnessed the atrocities of the Holocaust. Most of our friends, and even some of your neighbors, will never hear directly from Holocaust survivors. In just a few years, there won’t be a single living Holocaust survivor left in the world. We must make sure that as many people as possible hear this message and everywhere. Register now to ensure that memory and honor their precious memory.

Tibor Spitz
World Renowned Artist, PhD in Chemistry, Survivor

HEAR HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR
SPEAK LIVE
7pm Tue Sep 13th
SUNY New Paltz
Lecture Center Room #108

RSVP: www.NewPaltz.com/Holocaust

Brought to you by the Jewish Studies Program, the Jewish Student Union, the History Club, & Chabad of New Paltz
Students: Internships

LA&S students registered for credit bearing internships & field work experiences (Summer 2022 - Spring 2023)
Students: Living-Learning Communities

East-West

Rivera House LGBTQIA+

Romance Languages

Sustainability
Students: Study Abroad

LA&S students studied abroad 2018-2023.
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 Key Bergin
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 AOUAD ’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.”
Alumni: Liberal Arts in Action

"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)
Alumni: Liberal Arts in Action

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)
I would never abandon the liberal arts to pursue a STEM education alone; on the contrary, I view my studies in mathematics and computer science as natural extensions of the humanities. The liberal arts provide a wellspring of knowledge that never ceases to pique my curiosity. To devote myself exclusively to the humanities or to STEM would have been to deprive myself of so many opportunities and encounters with interesting people on both sides of the spectrum.

Conor O'Riordan ‘19, ‘20g
(History, Mathematics and Computer Science)
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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

About the College
We are the largest and most diverse academic unit at the State University of New York at New Paltz. We are home to 17 departments and interdisciplinary programs, primarily in the Humanities and Social Sciences. In addition to undergraduate major courses of study and graduate programs, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences currently offers eleven interdisciplinary minor curricula, often in conjunction with other schools on campus. We are also host to allied units such as the Speech-Language and Hearing Center and the Center for Middle Eastern Dialogue. Through these programs, students develop the knowledge and skills of a liberal education and acquire focused expertise in fields of major and minor study.

Our faculty’s work at New Paltz reflects their passionate intellectual and professional engagement. Together with our students, in curricular and co-curricular learning experiences, we promote reasoned, compassionate dialogue. We are devoted to students’ success as lifelong learners and to

Latest News

Coronavirus and Communities of Color: A College of Liberal Arts & Sciences event, March 31

The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences invites all members of the campus community to a panel event on Wednesday, March 31, dedicated to exploring the pandemic’s disparate effects on...

Eight new faculty members join 2020-21 SUNY PRODIG cohort

The College is pleased to announce that eight faculty members who joined the campus community for the fall 2020 semester have been accepted into the SUNY PRODIG cohort for the...

“Ben (Not the Fish)”, Student film wins Broadcast Education Association Award of Excellence
Where to go next?

Exit Lecture Center 100 into Lobby areas to visit with professors from LA&S departments.

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- Economics
- Black Studies

Campus side - across from John R. Kirk Planetarium and Coykendall Science Building
Thank you.

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