

The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

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LA&S Departments



Anthropology

Asian Studies

Black Studies

Communication

Communication Disorders

Counselor Education

Digital Media & Journalism

Economics

English

Geography & Environmental Studies

History

Languages, Literatures & Cultures

Latin American, Caribbean & Latinx Studies

Philosophy

Political Science & International Relations

Psychology

Sociology

Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies

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

962

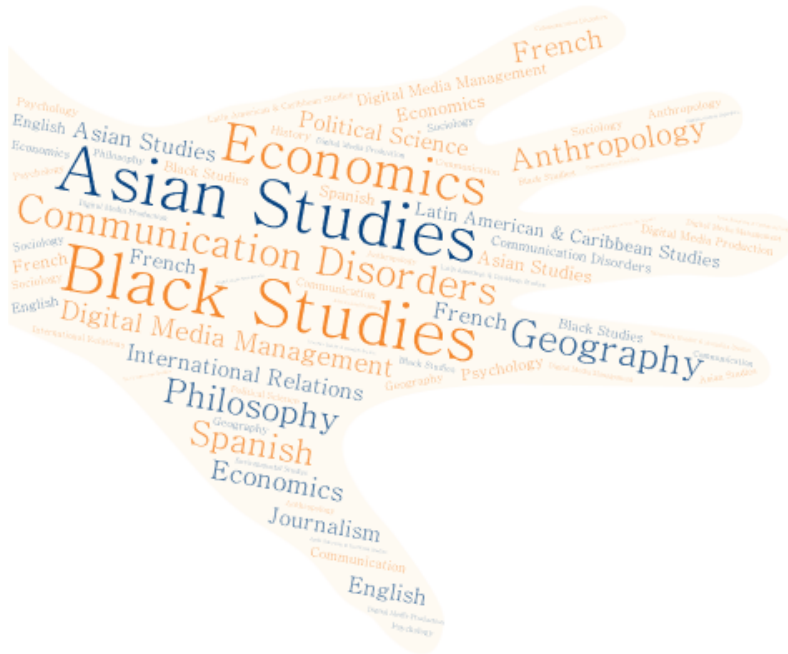
Undergraduate Minors

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



Top: Lunar New Year Celebration
in February 2024

Bottom: Amber Davidson ('23)
in Fukuoka, Japan

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.

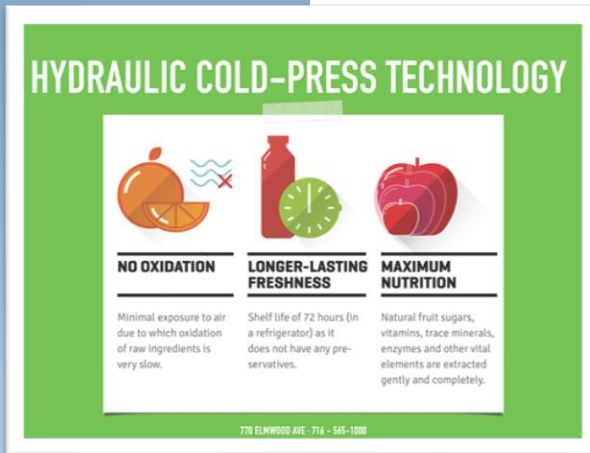


Curriculum is multi-disciplinary with courses drawn from history, humanities, sociology, psychology, political science and economics.

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.



Student project – Public Relations Campaign

Offers concentrations in:

- Relational 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.



Economics



The department teaches quantitative research methods, writing, history of economic thought and electives on business and international economics.

Economics student groups organize events on campus and field trips to New York City's financial district.

The program prepares students for a wide range of careers in government, private, and nonprofit sectors and well as for graduate studies in a variety of fields, including economics, business, law and international relations.

English



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:

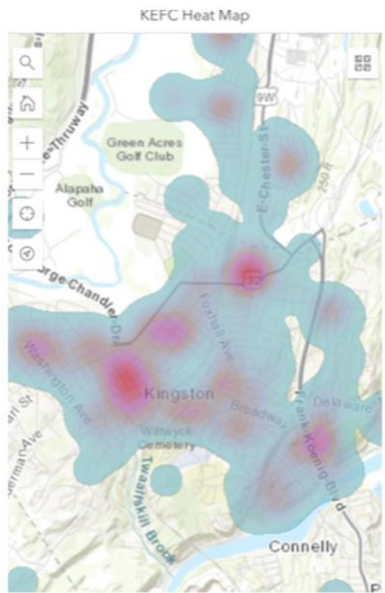
- Five-Year BA/MA Program
- New MA with Creative Writing Concentration

Geography and Environmental Studies



Geography is about how or why processes or phenomena happen where they do, often using map design and visualization to help study them. Environmental Studies is concerned mainly with social dimensions of environmental change and exploring ecologically sustainable solutions to environmental problems. Both Geography and Environmental Studies draw from a range of social and physical sciences.

Gregg Krupp '19, used his GIS expertise to create a “heat map” of demand for meals through the Kingston Emergency Food Collaborative.

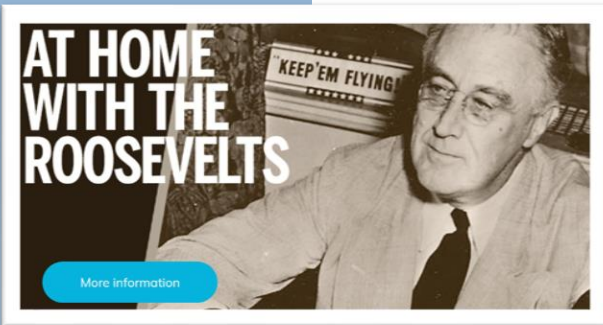
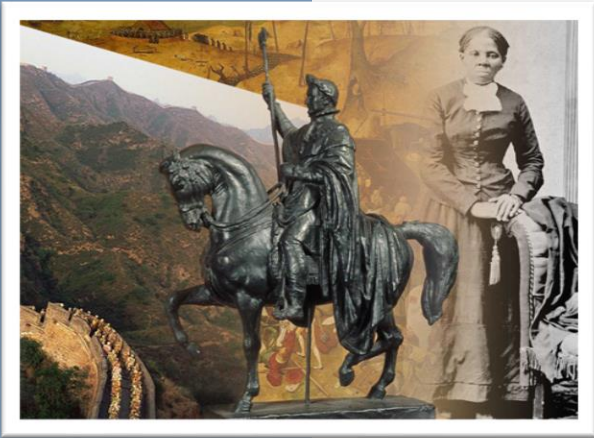


Internships are available in regional/state agencies:

- 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.

History



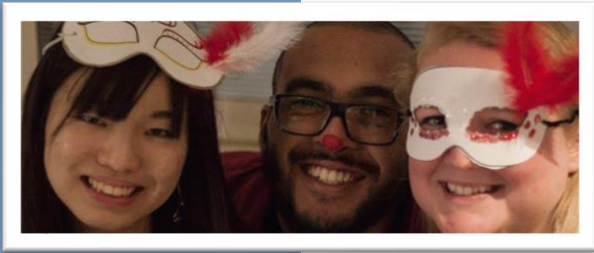
The History Department offers a wide range of courses from ancient Rome to Modern China. It's packed full of award-winning professors who encourage students to take advantage of internships at many of our local historical sites.

Internship opportunities include:

- The New Paltz Town Historian
- 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.

Languages, Literatures & Cultures



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 & Latinx Studies



The Latin American, Caribbean and Latinx 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.

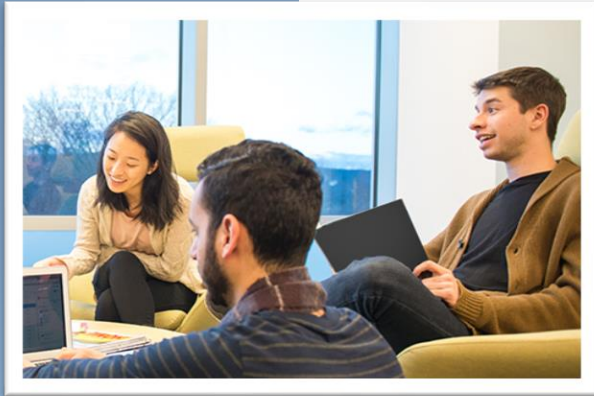


The program supports student-led groups:

- 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



Philosophy is the study of fundamental questions concerning human beings and the nature of the world. The curriculum immerses students in a diversity of sources from ancient times to the present.



Students graduate from the philosophy program with a strong and broad set of intellectual skills, including analysis, argumentation, and clear communication.

Graduates have gone on to successful careers in business, the non-profit sector, the law, and many other areas.

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
- Model European Union

Students may 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, non-governmental organizations 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)

Sociology



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

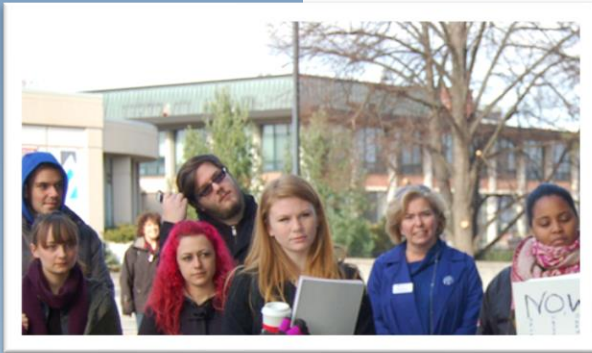
Concentration possibilities include:

- basic sociology
- human services
- criminology



Graduates can continue their education in graduate school and often become lawyers and social workers.

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



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



2023-24

Liberty &
Technology

Events: Department Specific

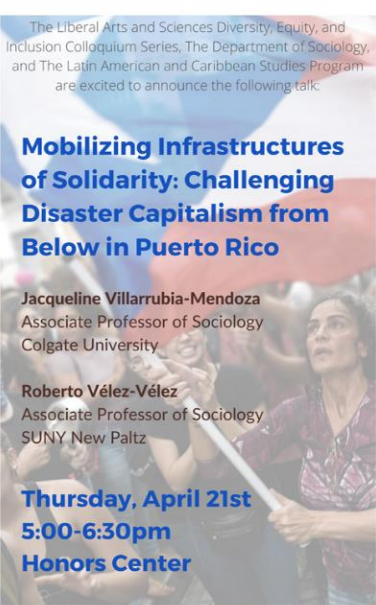
The Liberal Arts and Sciences Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Colloquium Series, The Department of Sociology, and The Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program are excited to announce the following talk:

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**



MID AUTUMN FESTIVAL

**Wed, Sept. 27
5-7 PM
Library Lobby**

Food, Games, Presentations,
Singing Performance, and
more!

Organized by Asian Studies Program and
East-West Living and Learning Community,
co-sponsored by Center for International
Programs



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HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR

HEAR
SPEAK LIVE

**7pm Tue
Sep 13th**

SUNY New Paltz
Lecture Center
Room #108

Tibor Spitz World Renowned Artist,
PHD in Chemistry, Survivor

This may be your last chance in your entire life to hear first hand from someone who survived the atrocities of the Holocaust.

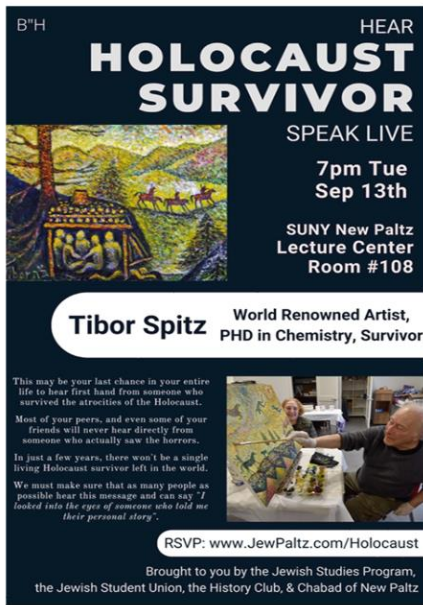
Most of your peers, and even some of your friends will never hear directly from someone who actually saw the horrors.

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 can say "I looked into the eyes of someone who told me their personal story."

RSVP: www.JewPaltz.com/Holocaust

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



Students: Internships

Career Resource Center Story #7
#hawkflyhire

Sylvie

One True Thing
I decided to take on an internship after seeing the spotlight exhibit in the library last fall. My internship was the key to building success in my career field. When you put your all into an internship, people see that. Even if you don't get hired on, that experience and those connections will really help you get a leg up.

Internship: **NYS SENATE**

Sylvie Sherlach '21
Major: Political Science | Hometown: Pawling, NY

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Career Resource Center Story #11
#hawkflyhire

Shantana

One True Thing
I'm very introverted, and it was hard for me to communicate with the residents at my internship at first. Gradually, I was able to overcome that. To make the most out of an internship, go in with an expectation to learn new things. Be open-minded and willing to face challenges.

Internship: **FAMILY OF WOODSTOCK**

Shantana Blake '21
Major: Sociology | Hometown: Kingston, NY

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Career Resource Center Story #8
#hawkflyhire

Shayna

One True Thing
When you're learning history in class, you're not often doing the work of a historian. You're not going to the archives, you're not creating exhibits. I wanted to get some real life experience and apply what I was learning in my history classes to what I'd actually be doing in a job. It was cool to see how they use history in a very active way to change the world, which can be hard to see when you're doing something that really focuses on the past.

Internship: **HISTORICAL INTERN, ELEANOR ROOSEVELT CENTER**

Shayna Murphy '20
Major: History/Anthropology | Hometown: Saratoga Springs, NY

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LA&S students registered for credit bearing internships & field work experiences (Summer 2023 - Spring 2024)

Students: Living-Learning Communities



East-West



Rivera House LGBTQIA+

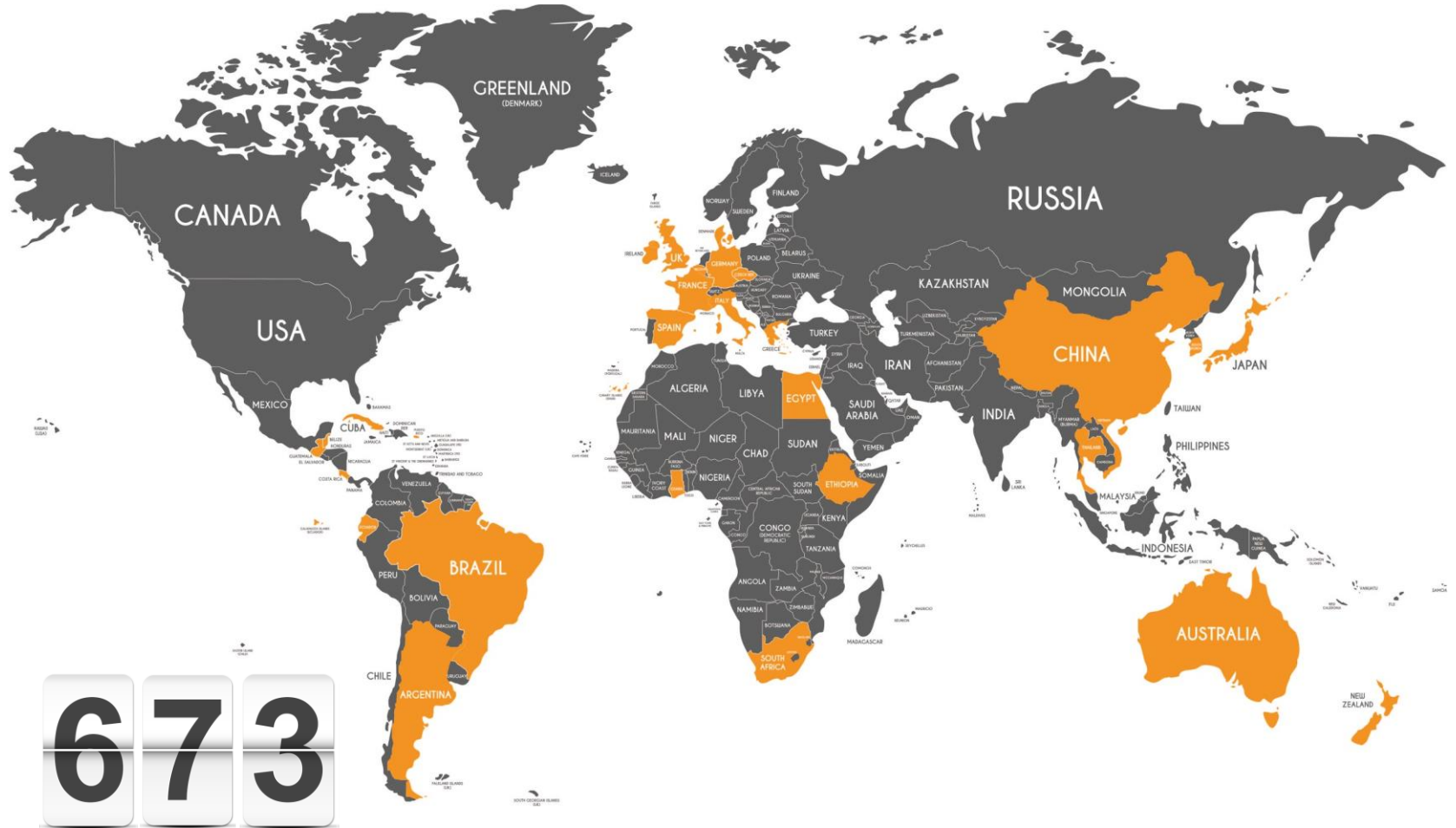


Romance Languages



Sustainability

Students: Study Abroad



LA&S students studied abroad 2018-2024.

Alumni: Classroom to Career



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- 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

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."*

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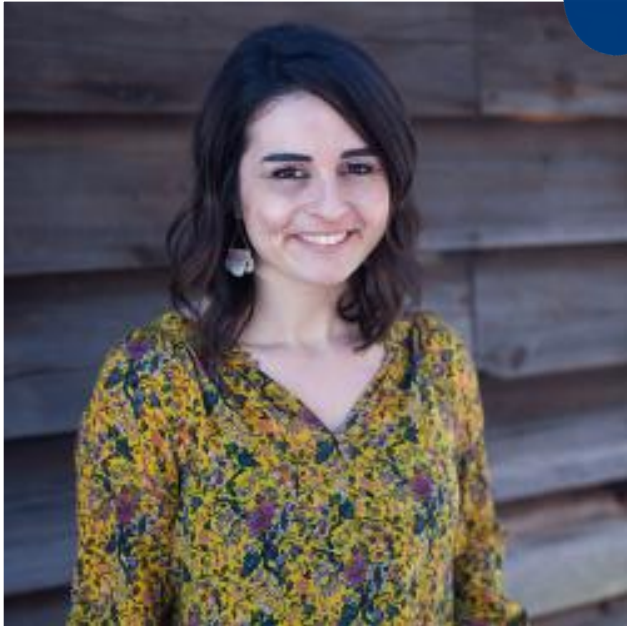
AYOUB AOUAD '13 (HISTORY)

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."*

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Alumni: Liberal Arts in Action



Miriam Ward '15

(History, Digital
Media Production)

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.

Alumni: Liberal Arts in Action



Sarah Tatko '06, '08g

(Communication Disorders)

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.

Alumni: Liberal Arts in Action



Alex W. Peimer '10
(Geography)

“ 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.

Alumni: Liberal Arts in Action



Conor O'Riordan '19, '20g

(History, Mathematics and
Computer Science)

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.

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Presentation PDF

This presentation is available in PDF form on the Liberal Arts & Sciences webpage:

https://www.newpaltz.edu/media/college-las/AcceptedStudentsPresentation_2024.pdf

The screenshot displays the website for the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences at New Paltz. At the top, a dark blue header contains the text "College of Liberal Arts & Sciences" and "New Paltz » College of Liberal Arts & Sciences". Below the header, there are four rounded rectangular buttons: "About the College", "Faculty & Staff", "Departments & Programs", and "Liberal Arts in Action". To the left, a "RESOURCES" section lists various links, with a red arrow pointing to "Prospective Students Presentation". The main content area is titled "COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES" and contains two columns of text. The left column, "About the College", describes the college's size and interdisciplinary programs. The right column, "Latest News", features three news items, each with a small image and a title: "Coronavirus and Communities of Color: A College of Liberal Arts & Sciences event, March 31", "Eight new faculty members join 2020-21 SUNY PRODIG cohort", and "Ben (Not the Fish)": Student film wins Broadcast Education Association Award of Excellence".

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

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- Fieldwork Form
- Fieldwork Guidelines
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- Independent Study Form
- Independent Study Guidelines
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- Withdrawal After Deadline Form

Interdisciplinary Programs

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Advisory Board


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 as


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?

Please follow directional signage to visit with professors from LA&S departments

Lecture Center Rm 100

Psychology

Lecture Center South Lobby

Economics

Philosophy

English

History

Asian Studies

Lecture Center North Lobby

Communication Disorders

Communication

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Career Resource Center Lobby

Anthropology

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Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies

Jacobson Faculty Tower Lobby

Languages, Literatures & Cultures

Latin American, Caribbean & Latinx Studies

Geography and Environmental Studies

Political Science & International Relations

Sociology

Thank you.

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