



New Paltz
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

COLLEGE OF
**LIBERAL ARTS
& SCIENCES**



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PUBLIC RELATIONS SPECIALIST, PSYCHOLOGIST,
WRITER, SOCIAL WORKER, PRODUCER, HISTORY
PROFESSOR . . .

IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES,
YOU WILL GAIN THE FOUNDATION FOR A
LIFETIME OF LEARNING . . . TAUGHT BY FACULTY
WHO PROVIDE A TRULY TRANSFORMATIVE
EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE.



LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES: AN EDUCATION THAT MATTERS

and endures, one that will challenge you to ask big questions about the world, your future and yourself. You want to make a difference not just in your life, but in the lives of others. You want to explore – and possibly change – the world. You're in the right place.

Each spring, the **Department of Political Science & International Relations** offers the **United Nations Semester**, which combines traditional classroom study of international organizations with weekly trips to the United Nations for pre-arranged meetings with diplomats, policy makers and UN personnel. The department sends students to participate as an official delegation to the Harvard Model United Nations each February in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

YOUR EDUCATION AT SUNY NEW PALTZ WILL ENABLE YOU TO **SUCCEED IN PROFESSIONS**

as diverse as television production, government service, psychological counseling, environmental economics, human services and publishing.

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Interdisciplinary majors and minors hosted or co-hosted in LA&S.

Take courses from across the college to study topics ranging from environmental sustainability to disaster response, gender studies to the possibilities and challenges of new technologies, the ancient world to globalization. Draw on a wide range of faculty expertise in order to better understand our rapidly changing world. Develop unique methods that cut across traditional fields of study to arrive at innovative processes and insights.

95%

Our classes are small, with 95% having fewer than 40 students.

70%

The vast majority of our classes (70%) have fewer than 30 students.

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Number of languages you can study

A photograph of two young women sitting at a table in a library, looking at a document together. The woman on the left is wearing a teal long-sleeved shirt and has her hair in braids. The woman on the right is wearing a blue tank top and is smiling. In the background, there are bookshelves filled with books. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

LA&S COURSES FORM THE CORE OF THE CAMPUS-WIDE GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM.

In our classes, you will learn to think critically and creatively and to express yourself in speech and writing with clarity and precision.

YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONDUCT ADVANCED RESEARCH

in capstone courses, as well as fieldwork, internships, service learning and study abroad to test theory and knowledge in real-world situations. Using widely applicable creative thinking skills and knowledge gained from conversations among disciplines, you will become an engaged citizen of the world, solving problems with creativity and integrity.

The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences is the foundation of education at the State University of New York at New Paltz, providing most of the general education curriculum for all students. We prepare LA&S majors for an array of careers, as well as graduate and professional education.

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UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

Anthropology
Asian Studies (BA only)
Black Studies
Communication Disorders (BA only)
Communication Studies
Digital Media Production & Management
Journalism
Political Science
Psychology
Sociology
Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies (BA only)
Pre-Professional Advising: Pre-Law

LA&S GRADUATE DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Master of Arts in Teaching, Adolescence Education 7-12 in English and Social Studies
Master of Science in Education, Adolescence Education 7-12 in English and Social Studies
Master of Science in Communication Disorders
Master of Arts in English
Master of Arts in Teaching in English
Master of Arts in Psychology
Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling
Master of Science in School Counseling
Certificate Program in Foundations of Communication Disorders
Advanced Certificate in Mental Health Counseling
Advanced Certificate in Trauma and Disaster Mental Health Counseling

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THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES is the largest and most diverse academic unit on the SUNY New Paltz campus, home to seventeen departments and programs in the humanities and social sciences, as well as host or co-host to a growing number of interdisciplinary programs.

Our classes are small, allowing you to work closely with faculty in both introductory and advanced courses. In addition to being wonderful teachers, our faculty are well-respected scholars whose works are published in their fields' top journals and by prestigious university presses. We offer an expansive array of opportunities for undergraduate research, internships, study abroad experiences, and living-learning communities. We hope you'll join us as you prepare for a lifetime of questioning, learning, and growing.

Please visit the web pages of our departments and programs to learn more about our

ANTHROPOLOGY

newpaltz.edu/anthropology

Anthropology explores human diversity across geographic space and evolutionary time in four sub-fields:

- *Archaeology* investigates the behaviors and cultural patterns of past human societies by examining material artifacts.
- *Biological Anthropology* considers the biological diversity and evolution of humans and our closest primate relatives.
- *Cultural Anthropology* considers social and cultural diversity among living populations.
- *Linguistic Anthropology* studies social and cultural dimensions of language.

From these diverse perspectives, anthropologists study such wide-ranging topics as human evolution, culture change, health, nutrition and disease, personality, family and marriage, politics, gender and sexuality. Training in the concepts and methods of anthropology prepares students to make sense of the multi-cultural, globalized world in which we live.

A background in anthropology is a valuable asset in today's job market, providing skills that are applicable to careers in education, international development, public health, social and environmental activism, contract archaeology, cultural resource management, museum studies, government and business.

BLACK STUDIES

newpaltz.edu/blackstudies

This program explores and analyzes the history and cultures of African people in the United States, the Caribbean and Africa. Black Studies illuminates the contributions of African people to world culture, correcting traditional approaches that have tended to bypass the Black

Diaspora experience. In Black Studies courses, students examine the impact of current economic, social and political forces on the Black experience, gain a basic understanding of the unique issues facing people of African ancestry today, and study their artistic expressions and contributions.

Black Studies at New Paltz was established in 1969, making it one of the first programs of its kind in the country. Black Studies courses create opportunities for research and creative activity on campus and in the community. Students may focus on liberal arts and social sciences, or opt for a major in Elementary Education/Black Studies to qualify for teacher certification.

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

newpaltz.edu/communication

The Department of Communication studies how people send and receive messages in different contexts. Majors can concentrate in interpersonal/intercultural communication, organizational communication, or public relations. The interpersonal/intercultural concentration in communication emphasizes human contact in a variety of contexts. In this concentration, intercultural communication dynamics are folded together with interpersonal communication, providing students with a broad spectrum of human communication knowledge and skills.

Organizational communication offers students a chance to analyze numerous organizational processes that will enable them to better understand how communicative behaviors are central to organizing. Students examine interpersonal or group relations, informal and formal communication practices, elements of power within organizations, and interaction with computer technology.

The public relations concentration in communication is a unique program offering courses that cover historical, technological, critical and ethical analyses and overviews of public relations. Students learn persuasive tactics in multi-media formats (from phonetic literacy to viral videos), understand various publics and stakeholders from multiple perspectives, and conduct actual skills-based learning in traditional and social media.

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

newpaltz.edu/commdis

The programs in Communication Disorders fill a regional need for liberal arts and professional education in communication disorders at the undergraduate and graduate levels, offering humanistic, multi-disciplinary preparation in speech-language pathology and audiology that emphasizes the nature of communication disorders across the life span, the scientific bases of clinical work, cultural diversity, professional ethics and health care delivery systems.

Our on-site Speech-Language and Hearing Center provides valuable training with a large and varied caseload and state-of-the-art equipment.

Our network of external clinical practicum sites offers a wide variety of opportunities for students to work with major hospitals, rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, preschools, public schools and private practices.

DIGITAL MEDIA & JOURNALISM

newpaltz.edu/digitalmediajournalism

The Department of Digital Media & Journalism is one of the largest academic departments on campus, with

more than 350 students majoring in Journalism, Digital Media Production and Digital Media Management. The department has 13 full-time faculty, many of whom are also industry professionals in film (documentary and narrative), journalism and photography. The disciplines represented combine methods from both the humanities and social sciences in the study of how people share, represent, interpret and receive and send ideas through the media. Our faculty value freedom of speech and the press as tools for informing and promoting a democratic dialogue. The programs are based on a strong liberal arts platform that is theoretical and practical with required internship and fieldwork, along with respective capstone seminars for all majors. Our students have won awards for documentaries, fiction films, and music videos, and their work has been screened at prestigious film festivals.

Faculty also play a significant role at the Legislative Gazette, a weekly newspaper published by journalism students in Albany, which focuses on the business of the New York State government (online only as of spring 2016). In addition, we have The Little Rebellion e-zine and various other pre-professional production pieces. **Students and faculty have won audio and video awards from various venues at regional and national competitions.** Students have published in such regional and national newspapers as the Poughkeepsie Journal, Times Herald Record, and the New York Times. Our majors have a very high success rate in getting great internships and gainful employment regionally and nationally.

The department offers the college's only endowed visiting professorship and has had Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists and

best-selling authors on campus to teach classes. Students and faculty have earned regional, state and national awards for journalism, documentaries and public service announcements. State-of-the-art editing software for audio, video, graphics, publishing and green-screen, along with iMac labs, dedicated video and editing studios, and a recently upgraded professional television studio, are available 24 hours to Digital Media and Journalism majors.

ECONOMICS

newpaltz.edu/economics

No dimension of human activity is unaffected by economic forces. Economics helps us understand social and political problems such as economic recessions, unemployment, distribution of income and poverty, taxation and economic behavior, labor relations and terms of international trade. Economics is central to our lives as informed, articulate, and responsible citizens.

The economics program prepares students for careers in the private and public sectors. In addition to general economics, the program offers concentrations in business and international economics. Our alumni have found rewarding careers in the banking sector, government sector and consulting firms.

Research opportunities with faculty are also available, as are two merit-based scholarships available to juniors and seniors annually.

The Economics Honor Society (Omicron Delta Epsilon) and the Economics Club are committed to promoting economic literacy on campus and in our community. Students have organized trips to the Federal



Students minoring in **Environmental Studies** have a wide range of locations in which to study, including the Hudson River, Black Creek, Shawangunk Mountains, Catskill Mountains and the expansive Hudson Valley region itself.

Reserve Bank of New York, the New York Stock Exchange, and to various economic conferences. They also regularly participate in organizing economics lectures and conferences on campus.

ENGLISH

newpaltz.edu/english

Our literary heritage has a far-reaching influence on our lives. It nourishes our understanding and expression of life's ordinary and extraordinary experiences; it helps us reinvent those experiences creatively in poems, stories, essays and plays; and it is essential to our development of critical thinking and writing skills.

Students may choose from one of the following undergraduate programs in English:

- Liberal Arts
- Creative Writing
- Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2)
- Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
- Adolescence Education (Grades 7-12).

The Department of English also offers the following graduate programs: Master of Arts; Master of Arts in Teaching; Master of Science in Education-Adolescence (Grades 7-12). Undergraduates wishing to move at an accelerated pace can apply to the master's program during their junior year and complete both their undergraduate and master's degrees in English in 5 years.

Department publications include *New Voices*, *New Visions*, an annual anthology of the best work in our freshman writing courses; *The Stonestrow Review*, an annual literary journal of the Creative Writing program featuring the best student writing of the year; and *The Shawangunk Review*,

featuring literary criticism and creative writing of our graduate students.

GEOGRAPHY

newpaltz.edu/geography

Focusing on the spatial patterns and relationships found on the Earth's surface, geographers provide perspectives and skills for understanding a tremendous range of issues: environmental quality, watershed management, soils, resource distribution, regional planning, population problems, migration patterns, ethnic conflicts, territorial disputes, international affairs and social inequalities based on gender and ethnicity.

Geography students will learn to use Geographic Information Systems, a critical skill in many public and private sector work environments and a technique that is changing the way research is conducted. Students also receive training in statistics, cartography and remote sensing.

HISTORY

newpaltz.edu/history

The Department of History promotes understanding of the past through original scholarship and innovative teaching. Historians study change and continuity over time as a means of gaining multiple perspectives on the human experience, understanding how societies function, and informing decisions in the present and future. We also practice and teach the skills of the historian—the ability to analyze documents, to formulate arguments, to appreciate the importance of context, and to conduct independent research—which serve students well in a variety of careers and communities.

The Department of History at New Paltz is a community of scholars committed to excellence in teaching, research and service. That commitment shows in the classroom, where we provide a student-centered approach emphasizing historical consciousness, critical inquiry, individualized research, engaged discussions, and development of written and oral arguments. History faculty receive national and international recognition for their work and are also active community members who participate in local public history projects and educational activities.

Our small research seminars allow students to produce original works of history in areas that interest them. Beyond coursework, the department connects students with regional historical societies and historic sites to provide opportunities for seminars, fieldwork experiences, and internships. History majors have completed internships at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Library and Museum in Hyde Park, New York and Historic Huguenot Street in New Paltz, among others. Graduates of the History Department have attended prestigious law, graduate, and professional schools, ranging from Harvard to the University of Iceland. They have gone on to careers in education, historic interpretation, information science, journalism, law, government and business.

LANGUAGES, LITERATURES & CULTURES

newpaltz.edu/foreign_lang

In a time of growing internationalization, the Department of Languages, Literatures & Cultures advances second language proficiency and multi cultural and global understanding. Currently, we offer instruction in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Hebrew, Kiswahili, Portuguese, and Spanish with

majors in French and Spanish and contract majors in Italian Studies, German Studies, Romance Languages, and Translation Studies.

We train teachers and prepare students for graduate study in a variety of disciplines and careers in many fields including business, industry, education and government. The department achieves its goals through diverse and interdisciplinary research, support of excellence in teaching, and experiences in and out of the classroom designed to enhance language acquisition, the study of literature and culture, and international awareness. The department is central to the College's general education requirements, to its diversity mission, and to the fulfillment of the university's role as a center of humanistic inquiry.

The Department of Languages, Literatures & Cultures collaborates with other departments to offer language and content courses in interdisciplinary programs in a broad range of areas including Ancient Studies, Asian Studies, Latin American & Caribbean Studies, Medieval & Early Modern Studies, Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies, and the Honors Program.

In all of our degree programs, students gain knowledge of the complexity of language, the art of literary expression, and the richness of cultural traditions and practices. **With the increasing importance of international business and the multinational character of American society itself, knowledge of a second language is an asset favored by employers in nearly every occupation.**

Some of our students combine the study of one or more languages to become teachers, translators or interpreters, while others seek to complement their studies in anthropology,

art, art history, communication, history, international business, international relations, journalism, the sciences and other fields. As an integral part of our mission, we facilitate study and internships abroad to qualified undergraduate and graduate students. We enable students to value and acquire knowledge of language, culture, and literature, and make informed cultural comparisons, even after they complete their coursework. Our department plays a pivotal role in providing students with communication skills in languages and knowledge of literatures and cultures essential for them to function effectively as global citizens, whatever their field of professional expertise.

PHILOSOPHY

newpaltz.edu/philosophy

The Department of Philosophy engages students in fundamental questions relating to ethics, logic, knowledge and the nature of reality. Philosophy majors receive a strong foundation in the history of both Western and non-Western philosophy. We offer courses that examine a diverse range of topic areas, such as philosophical questions relating to religion, language, art, love, life and death; and we offer courses from a variety of philosophical traditions and perspectives.

The philosophy major is relatively small (just 36 credits), which makes it easy to combine with a minor or even a second major in another subject, as many of our students do.

Students in our program develop strong skills in reading, writing, analysis and persuasion, skills useful in every career and profession. Recent students have entered graduate school in law, philosophy, counseling, social work, urban planning,

agriculture management and logic and computation. Our graduates work in business, publishing, information technology, government, teaching and other fields. In addition, studying philosophy is one of the most interesting things you can do in college, with benefits that last one's whole life.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

newpaltz.edu/polisci_intrela

Political Science studies power and collective decision-making, whether at the level of the state or by sub-state actors. We provide students with the building blocks to inquire, understand and evaluate the basic elements of political and extra-political processes that help shape our collective understandings of community, identity, justice and citizenship.

Mastery of the building blocks enables closer examination of specific issues such as global warming, health care policy, military conflicts, federal-state governmental relations, and civil liberties and civil rights clashes.

We offer programs that integrate academic rigor with real-world experience at the local, state, federal, and international levels, both in and out of the classroom. Students focus on a particular subfield: American politics, comparative politics, political theory, international politics or law.

PSYCHOLOGY

newpaltz.edu/psychology

The Department of Psychology is dedicated to providing students with broad knowledge in the methods, findings and applications related to human behavior, thought, and emotion. As psychologists, we strive to uphold the

scientist-practitioner model, applying research results to best help individuals and groups tackle problems.

At the undergraduate level, the Department of Psychology offers a major and minor in psychology, major concentrations in physiological and industrial/organizational psychology, and an interdisciplinary minor in disaster studies. At the graduate level, it offers master's programs in psychology, mental health counseling and school counseling, along with certificate programs in mental health counseling and disaster mental health. Undergraduates wishing to move at an accelerated pace can apply to the master's in psychology program during their junior year and complete both their undergraduate and master's degrees in psychology in 5 years.

SOCIOLOGY

newpaltz.edu/sociology

If we want to understand why people behave and think as they do, we need to examine the social conditions under which people live.

Sociologists study the relationship between societies' organization and problems, such as poverty, crime, inequality, racism, gender discrimination and ecological degradation. Analyzing the origins of these problems provides us with insight into how to solve them.

While all sociology majors share many core requirements, our program offers three options:

- The basic *sociology program*, which explores a wide array of sociological topics;
- The concentration in *human services*, which prepares students to work with people in need of support; and

- The concentration in *criminology*, which is designed for students with a focused interest in the issue of crime.

INTERDISCIPLINARY MAJORS

ASIAN STUDIES

newpaltz.edu/asianstudies

The Asian Studies program at SUNY New Paltz draws on the expertise of faculty from more than a dozen departments in the College, with the broad mission of promoting greater awareness and understanding of East Asia, South Asia and Southeast Asia.

The Asian Studies program faculty teach interdisciplinary courses for undergraduate and graduate students, augmented by a superb library collection of books and periodicals on Asia. The New Paltz campus serves as a base for the New York Conference on Asian Studies, one of eight regional conferences of the Association for Asian Studies. Its annual meetings bring together people interested in Asia for a full spectrum of both academic and non-academic papers, panels, presentations, and performances related to Asia. The program also holds an annual spring festival and special film screenings.

Why study Asia?

Graduates with an informed, global perspective and expertise in Asia are sought by employers in a wide range of professions.

Overseas programs

The Asian Studies Program strongly encourages study abroad by providing academic advising for students interested in studying and teaching in Asia.

Our annual **Multicultural Festival** provides breathtaking live performances, arts, food, activities and informational resources to our campus community.



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

newpaltz.edu/polisci_intrela

International Relations is the study of behavior among states and nations. The primary objective of this interdisciplinary field is to understand the various elements, such as history, economics, area studies, political processes and institutions (governmental, non-governmental and intergovernmental), that play a role in how nations interact with each other.

The discipline utilizes both qualitative and quantitative modes of analysis to explain events and behavior, to predict future outcomes, and to understand the complex forces that shape the international system. This field explores such issues as security, war and peace, international economics, environment, development, immigration, civil society, terrorism and human rights. It draws courses from political science, history, economics, geography, black studies, anthropology and sociology.

LATIN AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN STUDIES

newpaltz.edu/las

The Latin American & Caribbean Studies Program is designed to give students a comprehensive understanding of the diverse cultures and complex historical and contemporary relationships of Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Latinas and Latinos in the United States.

Students explore artistic, cultural and linguistic expression; contemporary and historical events; and economic, political and social issues that affect the region. Coursework extends across the social sciences and humanities, including anthropology, economics, education, geography, history, international relations,

music, sociology and women's, gender and sexuality studies. Majors achieve proficiency in Spanish, Portuguese or French, and complete an original senior research project with mentorship under a program faculty member.

The program promotes multiple campus activities, including academic symposia, cultural events and participation in campus student associations related to Latin America and the Caribbean. Many majors and minors participate in study-abroad programs, which include courses, service learning and internships in Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador and Mexico. Through academic, extracurricular and international study experiences, students gain valuable language, research and cross-cultural skills that will make them competitive in today's job market.

WOMEN'S, GENDER & SEXUALITY STUDIES

newpaltz.edu/wmnstudies

The Department of Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies offers both a major and an minor encompassing interdisciplinary study. Drawing upon the expertise of faculty jointly appointed in other departments (history, economics, sociology, English) as well as faculty based fully in the department, the program enables students to develop feminist and anti-racist perspectives on traditional disciplines and to cross disciplinary boundaries in order to explore women's and LGBTQ+ experiences in the U.S. and globally.

Students examine the ways that gender intersects with other systems of domination, think critically about ways to challenge violence and injustice, and work together to envision a more just and humane world. The capstone to the major in the senior year

includes a seminar as well as a practicum that allows students to gain real-world experience in placements related to their interests. Regular placements include the following: working in the New Paltz school system with teen and adolescent girls; providing assistance at a regional domestic violence shelter; performing educational outreach at Planned Parenthood of the Hudson Valley; working for a local women's artist collective; and curating women's history exhibits at Huguenot Street or Eleanor Roosevelt's residence at Val Kill. Each of these placements allow students to bridge feminist theory and praxis.

The Department of Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies department is committed to improving the lives of women and LGBTQ+ identified individuals on campus and in our community. It sponsors lectures, panels, film series and periodically hosts an interdisciplinary conference on themes as varied as reproductive justice; sex, money and power; women and science; and women, war and peace, in collaboration with local feminist organizations in the community.

INTERDISCIPLINARY MINORS

ANCIENT STUDIES

newpaltz.edu/ancientstudies

Ancient Studies is an interdisciplinary program that lets students focus on studying the world before the Middle Ages. Courses allow students to study a broad range of temporal and geographical topics from a variety of perspectives. Our offerings cover everything from the Paleolithic period to the late Roman Empire, including the Near East (Israel, Mesopotamia, Persia and their neighbors), Egypt, Greece, Rome,

China, India, Japan and all regions in between.

The minor also encompasses the study of the cultures of the Americas before the arrival of the Europeans in the 15th century, including the North American Indians, the Maya, the Inca and the Aztecs. With courses in anthropology, art history, english, history, philosophy and political science, students in the Ancient Studies Minor can explore and learn about the ancient world from almost any angle.

DEAF STUDIES

newpaltz.edu/ugc/las/deaf_studies

The Deaf Studies minor is open to all students majoring in all disciplines, but may be especially attractive to students in liberal arts and sciences, business and theatre. It is designed to develop the use of American Sign Language and prepare students for further education in sign language interpretation or deaf education. This minor will increase students' understanding of hearing loss, deafness and deaf culture, and will allow students to communicate with deaf persons at a basic level, as well as gain cultural knowledge. Its offerings are available through the following programs: communication disorders, sociology, psychology and communication.

DISASTER STUDIES

newpaltz.edu/idmh

Working in collaboration with SUNY New Paltz professionals and community leaders, the Institute for Disaster Mental Health offers education and training in disaster mental health, including conferences, workshops and seminars that reflect recent research and best practices.

Programs include training and consulting in disaster mental health for professionals,

paraprofessionals, and community members. **The interdisciplinary undergraduate minor focuses on disasters of natural, technological and human-induced origin and on how these affect individuals, communities, organizations and the nation.** Those completing the minor will become certified responders for the American Red Cross.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

newpaltz.edu/environmentalstudies

The Environmental Studies minor gives an overview of the causes and consequences of current environmental problems such as global warming, spread of disease, environmental degradation, extinction of species and lack of biodiversity. Students in this program gain the basic tools and understandings necessary to become active participants in the solutions to these problems. Course work draws from anthropology, chemistry, geography, geology, mathematics, political science and sociology. *[See School of Science and Engineering Viewbook as well.]*

EVOLUTIONARY STUDIES

newpaltz.edu/evos

Funded partly with a grant awarded by the National Science Foundation, the Evolutionary Studies program fosters opportunities for faculty and students to

- Develop a deep understanding of evolutionary ideas;
- Conduct cross-disciplinary research using evolution as a synthesizing paradigm; and
- Contribute to novel ideas across disciplines guided by evolutionary reasoning.

FILM & VIDEO STUDIES

newpaltz.edu/ugc/film_studies

The Film & Video Studies minor is an interdisciplinary program between the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences and the School of Fine & Performing Arts. Students will learn critical approaches to film and video, and acquire historical, theoretical, intercultural and practical tools to study films and video from around the world. They will familiarize themselves with reading the art of cinema as cultural critics, and have the option to learn the basics of screenwriting and production.

ITALIAN STUDIES

newpaltz.edu/ugc/las/foreign_lang/italian.html

Italian Studies is a program for students seeking a comprehensive understanding of Italy and its contributions to Western Civilization. The minor builds upon a strong language foundation—the key that opens the world of Italian art, literature, history, music and philosophy. Highly motivated students are encouraged to apply for a contract major in Italian. The contract major is usually completed by combining Italian courses on campus with a semester or more of study in Italy.

JEWISH STUDIES

newpaltz.edu/ugc/las/jewish_stud/index.html

Drawing on a number of disciplines including history, international relations, languages, religion, culture and literature, the Jewish Studies program enables students to study the social, historical, artistic, intellectual and political experiences of Jews. Jewish Studies works with the Louis and Mildred Resnick Institute for the Study of Modern Jewish Life, which hosts an annual lecture series.



Our students have the opportunity to participate in the **Woodstock Film Festival** that brings together thousands of film makers and film lovers annually. Pictured above is one of our students with Karen Allen, famous for her roles in such films as "National Lampoon's Animal House," "Raiders of the Lost Ark," "Scrooged" and many other films and television shows.

LAW & POLITICS

newpaltz.edu/polisci_intrela/programs_minors.html

The Law & Politics program introduces students to the nature and principles of the legal system. Required and elective courses examine:

- The role of law in America;
- The history, organization, and dynamics of legal institutions;
- The relationship of law to contemporary social questions;
- Legal principles governing business, commerce, and labor; and
- Law in the contemporary international system.

The Law & Politics minor draws courses from political science, philosophy, sociology, journalism, black studies, women's studies, business and economics.

LINGUISTICS

newpaltz.edu/linguistics

Linguistics is the scientific study of language—its structure and use, how humans acquire it, how they represent it and process it in the brain, how it varies by speaker and situation, and how it changes over time. Linguists explore both the diversity of human languages and their common patterns.

Linguistics is an interdisciplinary program with strong ties to communication disorders, communication and media, psychology, philosophy, Black studies, English, and languages, literatures & cultures.

MEDIEVAL & EARLY MODERN STUDIES

newpaltz.edu/mems/index.html

Medieval & Early Modern Studies is an interdisciplinary program that builds on

the strengths of New Paltz faculty who specialize in Europe and its colonies from the end of the Roman Empire to the transition to the modern world ushered in by the French and Industrial Revolutions. The focus on this time and place provides students with rich material for understanding Western cultural, intellectual, political and social development. They will learn of the origins and development of modern institutions like capitalism, university education, centralized states and legal systems. They will discover ways of thinking both familiar and foreign as they study the arts, ideas, cultures and faiths of the past. The minor includes courses in history, literature, religion, philosophy and political theory. By bringing separate disciplines together and cutting across the traditional boundaries of the liberal and fine arts, this program exposes students to varied perspectives and methodological approaches unified by the time and place under study. The minor thus provides the critical thinking and familiarity with the fine and language arts that medieval and early modern intellectuals, universities and academies advocated as the basis for forming an educated, liberated mind.

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES

newpaltz.edu/ugc/las/native_american_stud/index.html

Native American Studies builds on the strengths of New Paltz faculty who specialize in Native American archaeology, Native American history and Native American ethnography as well as geography and literature. The focus of this program is to expose students to 14,000+ years of Native American archaeology and ethnography from the southern cone of South America to Alaska. Students will learn about the history of specific Native

American societies and their languages, technology, economy, kinship and belief systems. Drawing on courses in history, literature and anthropology, students will explore the unique heritage and significant contributions of the first Americans. They will also develop a perspective on current Native American views of American society.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

newpaltz.edu/religiousstudies

The Religious Studies minor helps students examine religion from the perspective of different disciplines, including anthropology, art history, history, literature, philosophy, political science and sociology. Some courses concern religion in general, while others focus on particular religious traditions, texts and practices.

SOME COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES ALUM

Kevin Cabill '97 (Political Science), NYS Assemblyperson

Ed Carroll '85 (Communication and Media) Chief Operating Officer, AMC Networks

Doug Genzer '93 (Geography), Senior Geographic Information Systems Analyst, City and County of Denver

Heather Graham '97 (Black Studies), Digital Director, Daily Gazette

Jessica Gross '12 (Psychology), Organizational Development Specialist for NYC Health: Hospital Corporation

Fran Mascia-Lees '76 (Anthropology), Professor of Anthropology, Rutgers University

Judith O'Brien '70 (Sociology), Field Vice President, Travelers Insurance

Brenda Swigart '10 (Asian Studies), Linux Systems Administrator, Columbia University

Miriam Ward '15 (History, Digital Media Production), Segment Producer, The Rachel Maddow Show, MSNBC

Zach Zarba '97, (Political Science) NBA Referee

AT A GLANCE

Character: Very selective, 4-year, residential, regional, state assisted university, liberal arts/professional studies.

Location: New Paltz, NY, a small, historic village (population of 14,000) in New York State's Hudson Valley region, midway between Albany and New York City.

Faculty: 357 full-time and 301 part-time with 82% of faculty holding a Ph.D. or terminal degree.

Campus: 257 acres and 49 buildings.

Enrollment: 6,642 undergraduates (6,167 full-time and 549 part-time), and 1,050 graduate students (484 full-time and 566 part-time).

Academic Structure:

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences; School of Business; School of Science & Engineering; School of Education; School of Fine & Performing Arts; The Graduate School.

Average Class Size:

69% of our classes have fewer than 30 students; 92% of classes are fewer than 40 students.

Student/Faculty ratio:

15:1

Social Mobility Index:

Listed in the top 3% on the 2019 Social Mobility Index
www.socialmobilityindex.org



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