

AMERICAN STUDIES



The **Bachelor of Arts in American Studies** is an interdisciplinary and individualized degree in the social and cultural analysis of the United States and its borderlands. The most flexible major at Pace, it offers students the opportunity to create connections between diverse fields and subjects, the freedom to design their own area of expertise, and the capacity to apply skills to virtually any professional field today.

BA IN AMERICAN STUDIES

As an American Studies major, students will choose one of the concentrations below and then customize their degree with elective courses selected from a designated list including: Anthropology, Art, Biology, Communication Studies, Criminal Justice and Security, Dance, Economics, English/Literature, Environmental Studies and Science, Film and Screen Studies, History, Latina/o Studies, Performing Arts, Philosophy and Religious Studies, Political Science, Sociology, Spanish, and Women's and Gender Studies. The American Studies program therefore connects students to a broad network of faculty and departments, making it easy to double major and to complete one or more minors, and it features personalized academic advising by the director of the program.

CULTURAL STUDIES CONCENTRATION

Students create their own interdisciplinary path through any or all of the following areas: American Arts, American Publics, and Transnational America.

CRITICAL RACE & ETHNICITY STUDIES CONCENTRATION

Students design an education that strengthens their antiracist analysis, appreciation of global cultural ethnic diversity, and capacity to lead such much-needed conversations.

LAW CONCENTRATION

Students choose coursework that provides a multifaceted understanding of the law and its relationship to justice from the perspectives of arts and culture, business and technology, and the social sciences, furnishing a unique preparation for law school and political work.

AMERICAN STUDIES MINOR

This minor provides a cultural studies framework for understanding U.S. national ideals, as well as contradictions through elective coursework in the areas of American Arts and/or American Publics.

CRITICAL RACE & ETHNICITY STUDIES MINOR

The CRES minor provides a comparative framework for understanding racial and ethnic identities and formations through elective coursework in American Arts, American Publics, and/or Transnational America.

CURRICULUM

The American Studies major offers a flexible curriculum wherein students take three required courses, complete an internship, and then customize their degree with twenty-four additional credits of electives.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION & REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

The American Studies major provides an opportunity for motivated, independent thinkers seeking preparation for careers in a variety of fields to round out their studies with internships. Our students have gained internships in:

MEDIA:

The Daily Show with Jon Stewart (Veteran Immersion Program); Penguin Group (Managing Editorial Intern); Levine Greenberg Literary Agency (Reader and Editorial Intern); Super Duper Records; Warner Music Group; Bar/None Records; The Fashion List

GOVERNMENT and LAW:

Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney; Legislator Dave Mejia's Campaign Office; Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP

NONPROFIT ADMINISTRATION:

Firefly TheaterWorks; 34th Street Partnership and Bryant Park Corporation; National Gay and Lesbian Task Force; Battery Park City Authority; www.donorschoose.org

SUCCESS STARTS HERE

Full-time jobs secured by recent American Studies majors:

- Editorial Assistant, Oxford University Press
- Foreign Rights Manager, The Friedrich Agency
- Development Assistant, Committee to Protect Journalists
- ESL Instructor, Kaplan International
- Legal Assistant, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP
- Marketing Coordinator, Mediaocean Advertising