

# POLITICAL SCIENCE

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The Department of Political Science at Pace University offers a **Bachelor of Arts in Political Science**, a **Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Global Studies**, and a **Bachelor of Arts in Latina/o Studies** (New York City campus). We also offer minors in Latina/o Studies and Political Science.

As a student, you will be afforded opportunities to study governmental and non-governmental institutions at the local, state, national, and international level in the classroom, and we also ensure that you get to experience these institutions yourself through guest lectures, formal visits, forums, conferences, internships, and job opportunities. We provide you with a learning environment that will prepare you to become active and engaged citizens at every level, while we equip you with the skills required of an increasingly competitive and complex job market.

Whether it is through internships in New York City, Pleasantville, or in Washington, DC, or through our award-winning Model United Nations team, our department utilizes every intellectual and institutional avenue at our fingertips.

## BA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

This discipline focuses on a diverse range of issues and concepts, including: conflict, justice, rights, distribution of power, voter choice, political campaigns, political leadership, social movements, the functioning of political institutions, and decision making. Students will research and address major challenges such as racial injustice, gender violence, war and conflict, poverty and inequality, the climate crisis, ideological conflicts, democratization, and globalization.

Political Science at Pace connects theory and practice, scholarly work and civic engagement, local politics, and international affairs. Students develop the critical insights, skills, and contacts needed for success.

## BA IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND GLOBAL STUDIES

This major prepares students for global citizenship by requiring them to follow an interdisciplinary course of study. Students will take courses in political science and will choose an area of focus based on individual interests. They will gain the tools needed to understand trends in a complex global world by analyzing dilemmas such as, why sometimes countries go to war, and when they are able to forge peace; what is the relationship between wealthy countries and poorer ones, and how do we create a just society. Students bring empirical questions and questions of justice together, examining how institutions like the United Nations, the World Bank, the EU, and the IMF work to promote peace, security, prosperity and economic relations. They will also think about how such institutions may be in need of reform.

## COMBINED DEGREES

Students enrolled in a combined degree program can save a year of full-time study and earn their undergraduate and graduate degrees in five to six years.

### BA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE / MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMIN

With an MPA degree, you will graduate prepared for leadership and management positions in government, healthcare, and nonprofit organizations.

### BA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE / JD IN LAW

Applicants to the JD program apply during their junior year to begin law classes in their senior year, and must achieve an LSAT score of at least 155.

## DEPARTMENT CONTACT

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## BA IN LATINA/O STUDIES (NYC)

In this program, students will learn about the culture, history, language, literature and politics of the largest ethno-racial group in the United States: Latina/o/x. They have the opportunity to develop professional skills sets for a wide variety of vocational pathways, and are uniquely qualified to act as a bridge between the general population and the growing Latina/o/x population.



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## FACULTY

- **Amy Freedman, PhD**, professor and chair of Political Science is an adjunct associate research scholar at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University. She is the author of several books such as *Threatening the State: the Internationalization of Internal Conflicts* and *Political Change and Consolidation: Democracy's Rocky Road in Thailand, Indonesia, South Korea and Malaysia*, as well as numerous journal articles.
- **Matthew Bolton, PhD**, professor of Political Science and director of the International Disarmament Institute. He was part of the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize-winning advocacy of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN). He is author of *Foreign Aid and Landmine Clearance: Governance, Politics and Security in Afghanistan, Bosnia and Sudan* and co-editor and co-author of *Occupying Political Science: The Occupy Wall Street Movement from New York to the World*.
- **Paul Londrigan PhD**, Clinical Assistant Professor of Political Science. He teaches courses in political theory and serves as the university's faculty advisor to the Model United Nations program. His research interests include the politics of forgiveness, the history of political thought, theories of sovereignty including approaches to destituent power, and democratic theory.
- **Meghana Nayak, PhD**, professor of Political Science. Nayak, author of *Who is Worthy of Protection? Gender-Based Asylum and U.S. Immigration Politics* and co-author of *Decentering International Relations*, is a recognized scholar on the issues of gender violence and human rights. She is also co-editor and co-author of *Occupying Political Science: The Occupy Wall Street Movement from New York to the World*.
- **George Picoulas, PhD**, lecturer of Political Science. He began working as a journalist, then as consultant to members of Congress, and then for a presidential campaign as a media specialist in 2004. In 2005, he came to Pace to teach media and politics, campaigns and elections, American government and political institutions, comparative politics, and theory courses.
- **Laura Tamman, PhD**, clinical assistant professor of Political Science. She is a scholar of American and Urban Politics and uses quantitative methods to study political persuasion in the context of race and ethnicity. She has two decades of experience working on the frontlines of political campaigns, is an expert on New York City politics, and has coauthored reports on the implementation of Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) and voter turnout.
- **Timothy Waligore, PhD**, associate professor of Political Science and director of the Global Studies major. He specializes in political theory, Indigenous peoples, global justice, Kant, and reparations. He is co-editor of *Domination and Global Political Justice* and has published in journals such as *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*; *Global Justice: Theory Practice Rhetoric*; and *Moral Philosophy and Politics*.

## SUCCESS STARTS HERE

The following are just some of the fields in which our students have created meaningful careers:

- United Nations and diplomacy
- Nonprofit nongovernmental organizations
- Journalism, media and communications
- Elected office and political campaigns
- Teaching political science, diplomacy, government and public administration
- Federal, state, and local government
- International corporations
- Violence prevention and conflict resolution
- Environmental policy
- Law

Our students have also won prestigious Fulbright scholarships, among others. Many have reported that their education at Pace prepared them for the rigorous writing, research, and thinking required by law schools and graduate programs.

## MODEL UNITED NATIONS

The Model United Nations (MUN) is an internationally recognized competitive team of students dedicated to learning how to create peace, justice, and security in the world. MUN is a class and club designed to simulate the United Nations, wherein students act as countries, observers, and nongovernmental organizations in various United Nations committees. Students engage in debate on important world issues gain skills in diplomacy, consensus building, policy analysis, and policy writing. For more information, contact Paul Londrigan, PhD at [plondrigan@pace.edu](mailto:plondrigan@pace.edu).

## PROGRAM / DISCIPLINE SOCIETIES

Pi Gamma Mu is the International Honor Society in Social Sciences. Pace is the New York Tau Chapter. For more information, visit [www.pace.edu/dyson/pi-gamma-mu](http://www.pace.edu/dyson/pi-gamma-mu).

Pi Sigma Alpha is the National Political Honor Society. Pace is the Alpha Kappa Sigma chapter, and holds the National Pi Sigma Alpha Newsletter.



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