

# 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 Global Studies** (Pleasantville campus), 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.

Students majoring in Political Science quickly realize that the wall between the classroom and the real world doesn't exist. On the New York City campus, City Hall, state legislative offices, the federal courts and the United Nations, and the offices of most non-governmental organizations are nearby.

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 GLOBAL STUDIES (PLV)

This degree program prepares students for global citizenship by requiring them to take courses in history, economics, political science, as well as in Pace University's Lubin School of Business. This interdisciplinary approach gives students the tools they need to analyze trends and moral dilemmas in a complex world. Students formulate empirical questions and questions of justice in asking how to reform global institutions, preparing them for careers in the United Nations, UNICEF, international journalism, NGOs, and international business.

## 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.

### BA IN GLOBAL STUDIES (PLV) / MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMIN

The five-year combined degree program offered by Global Studies and Public Administration prepares students for 21st century professional careers in foreign service, government agencies, international organizations, non-governmental organizations or multinational corporations.

## BA IN LATINA/O STUDIES (NYC)

The Latina/o Studies program at Pace University is centered on the notion that identity—of others and ourselves—often colors the lens through which we see, understand, and interact with the world.

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.



## FACULTY

- **Amy Freedman, PhD**, professor and chair of Political Science is an adjunct associate research scholar at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University. Freedman's work examines Southeast Asia, primarily Indonesia and Malaysia. 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 relating to political economy questions, minority politics, and questions about political Islam.
- **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. He is currently working on a book manuscript that will be an adaptation of his dissertation, *Forgiveness Withheld: a critique of the sovereign prerogative*.
- **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. He often appears as an expert on local and national media.
- **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.