



If you appreciate reading, writing, and the power of stories to shape our lives, you are ready to grow and learn in the department of Writing and Cultural Studies on the Pleasantville campus. We offer a **Bachelor of Arts in English** and a **Bachelor of Arts in Writing and Rhetoric**, as well as minors in Creative Writing and Literature. Qualified students may take advantage of an Early Start Program to earn an **MST in Adolescent Education** or a combined degree program that leads to an **MS in Publishing** or a **JD in Law**.

What makes our program stand out? Our majors enjoy small classes and mentoring from faculty with strong records in scholarly publishing, digital writing, and creative nonfiction. Many students enroll in unique study abroad courses that travel to Greece or Costa Rica. All our students complete one or more internships and benefit from career-centered guidance. Our undergraduates also present scholarly work at academic conferences, enjoy writing for campus publications, and take advantage of department literary, cultural, and social events.

COMBINED DEGREE PROGRAMS

BA IN ENGLISH / JD IN LAW

Students in the undergraduate English major may apply for the combined BA English / JD Law, which enables them to complete both degrees in six years.

MINORS

CREATIVE WRITING

A workshop approach to writing in genres such as poetry, fiction, memoir, and travel writing, designed to help students improve their craft.

FILM STUDIES

A focus on film analysis, including the historical development of cinematic traditions and technology, and the artistic and social impact of cinema.

LITERATURE

Seminars that prioritize reading, class discussion, research, and interpretive work that actively engages students and develops critical thinking skills.

BA IN ENGLISH

BA in English majors may concentrate on Literature or Writing as they hone their strong communications skills. The program serves as a solid foundation for graduate professional study, but it also prepares students for exciting and challenging careers in many fields, including communications, publishing, public relations, education, human resources, and industry, as well as government and the not-for-profit sector.

BA IN WRITING AND RHETORIC

Our BA in Writing and Rhetoric program helps students develop and refine the skills they need to succeed in the wide variety of careers available to writers who write clearly, persuasively, and artfully. These skills are in high demand for jobs such as content/copy writer, editor, journalist, communications officer, creative writer, grant/proposal writer, public relations coordinator, teacher, and marketing associate. The program's diverse learning opportunities allow students to focus their study of writing through different lenses, including those of digital and cultural rhetorics, creative and professional writing, literacy studies, new media, and composition theory, in order to achieve their personal and professional goals.



CO-CURRICULAR

Cultural Events

Faculty and students take advantage of the local community and nearby New York City with outings to the Jacob Burns Film Center, the Hudson Stage Company's productions, Lincoln Center, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. On-campus events include visits from creative writers, book-making workshops, and exhibits at the Mortola Library.

Chroma

Students can gain editorial experience and publish their own creative work in *Chroma*, our undergraduate literary magazine.

Shape Your Story

Our department blog provides opportunities for students to gain experience with social media writing while engaging in an online community network that includes not only students but also faculty, alumnae/i, and a wider online audience.

The Pace Chronicle

Students with an interest in journalism, professional writing and editing gain hands-on experience working on our

student newspaper.

Sigma Tau Delta

Networking opportunities are available through Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society.

Career Events

Department faculty work with Pace University's office of Career Services to coach students on career choices, resumes, interviewing, and other topics. Internship fairs, career fairs, and field trips to workplaces such as HarperCollins Publishers bring opportunities directly to our students.

CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

Our majors offer both breadth and depth so students can select engaging courses, with popular options including: Avatars, Identity and the Internet, The Art of Content Creation, Intro to Fairy Tales, Literature of the Harlem Renaissance, Children's Literature, and Shakespeare on Film. Small class sizes, international travel and study abroad courses, civic

SUCCESS STARTS HERE

"The English Department at Pace University provides students with many opportunities to explore. I have made personal connections with my teachers, whether it be as their student or from meeting and engaging with them in passing. The faculty make an effort to remember your name and make you feel important. With the English Department co-sponsoring events like the *Chroma* Launch Party and setting up a career panel of alumni, students get to experience what it is like to be an English major outside of the classroom. If you're looking for a place to feel connected to your teachers and your campus, Pace is the place to be."

Paige Touse '20

"I love the support and encouragement I receive from faculty. During my first semester, I was extremely nervous and did not know what to expect. The faculty at Pace encouraged me to express myself and reflect on who I am. They share my love for creativity, which makes me excel as an English major. They have shown me where this major can take me, and I am excited to shape my own destiny."

Jaquay Dee-Hardmon '18

"Being an English major has given me a versatility that I imagine would be hard to find with any other major. The critical and analytical thinking that English majors are taught has allowed me to adapt to a wide variety of work, from understanding mortgage licensing requirements to writing my very own novel. The English Department at Pace has been an invaluable resource."

LeeAnn Reynolds '16