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President's Welcome

Purchase College is a place where creativity happens everywhere and where Think Wide Open isn't just a slogan, it's a clarion call and a way of life.



Dr. Milagros "Milly" Peña

President

Purchase College

Founded in 1967 as part of the State University of New York comprehensive system, Purchase College was the fulfillment of Governor Nelson Rockefeller's vision to create a learning community which combined professional conservatory programs in the performing and visual arts with rigorous studies in the liberal arts and sciences.

This vision continues to be the guiding force in our quest to provide an exceptional educational experience.

We are grateful to our many alumni and community members who support the college through scholarships, professorships, and distinguished programs. We will continue to provide access to scholarship and creativity to meet the needs of all of our constituents.

Purchase College is a vibrant, dynamic and diverse community. Join us here on campus, or virtually, and explore the many opportunities for **engagement** and **leadership**. Resources for **learning** and **personal growth** abound. Attend a **performance**, **exhibition**, or **lecture**; get involved and enjoy the rewards of **making a difference**.

Purchase welcomes you to Think Wide Open!

About Purchase College

Mission, Vision, Values

Purchase College, SUNY embraces its public mission by bringing together students in the liberal arts, sciences, and conservatory arts programs in a vibrant, creative community where in-depth knowledge grows from open-minded engagement, questioning boundaries, and inspiring possibility.

Vision

Purchase College will be a model teaching institution where creativity, boldly applied across and within disciplines, serves as a critically needed response to the challenges of increasing complexity, by empowering future generations of artists, scholars, scientists, and activists to engage in and make their own meaningful contributions to society.

Values

The Purchase College community values:

- Delivering an exceptional education to a diverse student body
- Artistic and scholarly achievement

- Personal and professional creativity, inquiry, and expressiveness
 - Openness to emerging ideas that promote alternatives and variance
 - Free and expressive speech
 - Diversity, equity, and inclusion
 - Respect for individuals' liberties
 - Lifelong learning
 - Meaningful collaboration toward shared goals
 - Civic engagement
 - Sustainability (environmental, social justice, economic, health related, etc.)
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Institutional Learning Outcomes

Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs) are the knowledge, skills, abilities, and attitudes that students are expected to develop as a result of their overall experiences throughout their time in college. ILOs are designed to help guide individual departments and disciplines in the development of learning outcomes for their programs, courses and services, and to help shape decision-making processes across the college.

Recognizing the interconnectedness and complexity of all facets of our world, we commit to sustaining an environment of openness and collaboration in which students develop:

- **Critical thinking skills**, so that they are able to engage a lifelong building of knowledge through observation, reflection, curiosity, dialogue, and the evaluation and synthesis of information.
 - **Creative and expressive skills**, so that they may propose innovative solutions to problems, and innovative manifestations of their own thoughts and feelings.
 - **Articulation skills**, so that they are able to communicate their thoughts and choices clearly, carefully, and purposefully, to themselves and to others.
 - **Adeptness in multiple research methodologies and in multiple forms of literacy**, so that they may further expand and enrich their appreciation of the complexity of our world, within and beyond college.
 - **A sensitivity to nuance**, to traditional and non-traditional knowledges, and to ideas and experiences different from their own, so that they are able to bridge the gap between themselves and others, and between the local and global, while advocating for the importance of diversity in all its manifestations.
 - **A commitment to the planet and to the welfare and equity of all of its peoples**, by respecting the sanctity of the environment and by using the **United Nations' 17 interconnected Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** as a framework for understanding the larger impact of their actions and decisions, so that they may actively engage in building a world that measurably promotes equity, inclusivity, and sustainability.
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Academic Programs Overview

Purchase College combines, in one college and on one campus, four distinctive yet interacting academic foci: film and media studies, humanities, the natural and social sciences, and the performing and visual arts.

As of this year, the college offers:

- 50 undergraduate majors, 33 minors
- 5 graduate programs
- post-baccalaureate performers certificates and post-master's artist diplomas in music
- numerous internship and study abroad opportunities

Approximately 70 percent of the matriculated students at Purchase College are enrolled in the BA, BS, and MA programs; the remaining 30 percent are enrolled in the BFA, MusB, MM, and MFA programs. In response to our rapidly changing global society, the college is continuing to develop integrative and interdisciplinary programs as well as innovative opportunities for international and online studies.

Detailed information on the Purchase College School of the Arts and School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, their academic units, and the programs offered is available in the Academic Programs and Courses section of this catalog. In addition, Purchase College has one of the largest and most diverse continuing education programs in the State University of New York system. Continuing Education offers both credit-bearing and noncredit courses for adults, college students, and eligible high school students; Professional certificate programs; And noncredit programs in the arts for children and teens.

Additional Information

Campus Overview



Stand in the middle of campus and you're 30 miles north of midtown Manhattan, but with nature as far as the eye can see.

Tucked away on a 500-acre former estate in Westchester County, our unique sprawling campus was designed by master architect Edward Larrabee Barnes. Almost all the buildings on the Purchase campus are the same color. Why is that? Well, there's a historical reason and a metaphorical one.

The Story Behind the Brick

Our campus master plan relied upon several highly renowned architects to design the buildings on the Main Plaza. To unify these diverse structures and bring coherence to the campus, the architects were required to use the same shade of brick.

We like to think the consistency and order of the buildings' facades is offset by the explosively colorful, diverse, and unconventional intellectual and artistic activity that happens inside them. Behind our uniform brick walls are classrooms, laboratories, performance spaces, and studios—those spaces where the real heart of campus can be found.

The Purchase Experience

Life here is hands-on and community-focused. We all pitch in to make Purchase a **sustainable** and diverse home for creative minds.

We're DIY meets intellectualism, boundless intensity infused with an inquisitive spirit.

We'd love for you to come see us—[**schedule a tour**](#) and get the rundown from our [**Admissions Ambassadors**](#).

[**Purchase College Interactive Map**](#)

Your Right to Know

Higher Education Opportunity Information

The Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 contains numerous federal reporting and disclosure requirements for information from various administrative areas of higher education institutions. This website has been created to provide quick access to this information.

To the right are general consumer information subject areas, which provide links to references, reports, and additional details. For related information, please refer to [**Public Reports**](#), which includes the college's designated contacts for public institutional data and for the annual campus security report.

SUNY Administration

Offices and Departments

SUNY Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is the governing body of the State University of New York. It consists of [**18 members**](#), 15 of whom are appointed by the Governor, with consent of the NYS Senate. The president of the Student Assembly serves as a voting member, and the presidents of the University Faculty Senate and Faculty Council of Community Colleges serve as non-voting members.

SUNY Chancellor

Purchase College Leadership

2022-23

Purchase College Council



Dennis E. Glazer

Chairman



Jim Bostic, Th.D



Mary C. Marvin



Alyzza C. Ozer

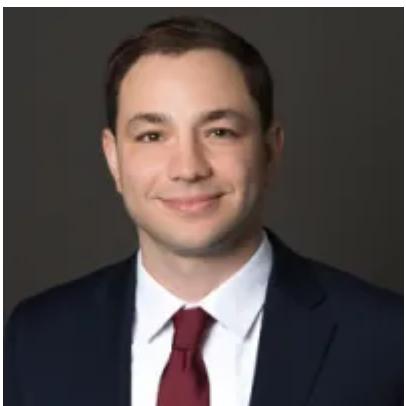
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Haina Just-Michael



Richard Nightingale



Susie Rush



Purchase College Cabinet

Milagros "Milly" Peña

President



Earnest Lamb

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs



Judith J. Nolan

Chief Financial Officer

Vice President for Operations



Arletha (Lisa) Miles-Boyce

Chief Diversity Officer/Title IX and Affirmative Action Officer



Dayton Tucker

Chief of New York State University Police



Dennis Craig

Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management



Kathleen Farrell

Chief Human Resources Officer



Barry Pearson

Senior Vice President for Intergenerational Learning and Program Planning



Amanda Walker

Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Executive Director of the Purchase College Foundation and Charitable Entities



Academic Requirements

Undergraduate Core Curriculum / General Education

The core curriculum at Purchase College satisfies the SUNY general education requirements and engages all undergraduate students in essential learning.

All Purchase undergraduates complete coursework in a common **core curriculum** as they progress toward graduation in their chosen majors. The core curriculum ensures that students in all majors develop a foundation in a broad range of general education knowledge and skill areas, expressed in terms of **student learning outcomes** (SLOs).

- Because these SLOs are shared across all 64 SUNY campuses, meeting a general education requirement at Purchase satisfies that requirement at any SUNY campus and vice versa.
- Completing the Purchase College core curriculum satisfies all SUNY general education requirements.
- Transfer students who have completed 30 general education credits and any 7 of the 10 SUNY general education content categories before admission to Purchase College will be awarded credit for fulfilling the Purchase core curriculum.

The student's advisor and the registrar monitor each student's progress toward the fulfillment of the core curriculum requirements; however, the final responsibility for completing the requirements rests with the student.

Approved General Education Courses, by SUNY Campus

This site, maintained by the SUNY System Administration, provides links to lists of approved general education courses at each SUNY campus, including Purchase core curriculum courses that satisfy SUNY general education requirements.

Undergraduate Degrees

Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Science (BS)

1. Earn a minimum of 120 credits. Of the 120 credits, a minimum number of credits in the liberal arts are required: 90 for the BA, 60 for the BS. A total of 45 credits must be earned in upper-level (3000- or 4000-level) courses. A maximum of 4 physical education credits may be applied toward the degree.
2. Complete a minimum of 60 credits outside the student's major.
3. Complete the **core curriculum/general education** requirements.
4. Complete all requirements for the major.
5. Earn a minimum 2.0 (C) cumulative GPA at Purchase College.
6. Complete the health and wellness requirement. (minimum of one credit of physical education).

Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) and Bachelor of Music (MusB)

1. Earn a minimum of 120 credits.
2. Complete the **core curriculum/general education** requirements.
3. Complete all requirements for the major.*
4. Earn a minimum 2.0 (C) cumulative GPA at Purchase College.
5. Complete the health and wellness requirement. (minimum of one credit of physical education).

*The specific number of credits required for each performing and visual arts **major** is listed under each major's academic requirements.

Graduate Degrees

Master of Arts (MA), Master of Fine Arts (MFA), and Master of Music (MM)

1. Earn a minimum 3.0 (B) cumulative GPA at Purchase College.
2. Complete all requirements for the **degree**.

Academics Program Descriptions

School of Liberal Arts and Sciences

The goal of a liberal arts education is to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to critically appreciate, analyze, and resolve problems—both those encountered in the classroom and in society. To achieve this, the liberal arts curriculum is designed so that students are exposed to many fields of study while they gain mastery in a single discipline. Striking the right balance between in-depth study in a narrow area and exposure to a broad array of disciplinary perspectives enhances personal and professional success. Programs are designed to provide students with the concepts and critical thinking abilities necessary to understand, create, and communicate, as well as the requisite analytical skills to work effectively in their chosen fields of study.

Academic Organization

In the liberal arts and sciences at Purchase College, majors, interdisciplinary programs, and numerous concentrations and minors are offered by the School of Film and Media Studies, the School of Humanities, and the School of Natural and Social Sciences. Most undergraduate majors lead to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree. A Bachelor of Science (BS) degree is also available in biology, and a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree is offered in film. In the School of Humanities, the Master of Arts (MA) degree is offered in 20th-century art history.

Interdisciplinary Studies

Within the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, it is possible to major in one of three interdisciplinary BA degree programs: gender studies, Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx studies, and liberal arts. Students who wish to pursue an individualized program of study that cannot be accommodated within any of the conventional majors can work with faculty members from different departments to create a program of study leading to the BA in liberal arts. In addition, interdisciplinary minors are available in Asian studies, gender studies, global black studies, and Latin American studies.

Departments

Faculty in the liberal arts and sciences are organized by departments—groups of faculty members in the major disciplines. Departments assume major responsibility for the development of specific programs, the determination of program requirements, and student advising. In the case of interdisciplinary programs, faculty from various departments collaborate to provide those functions. When a student is ready to select a major, the appropriate department identifies a qualified advisor for the student. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of the requirements of each program. New departments are created to shape and supervise new programs as student needs require and faculty resources permit.

Faculty

Faculty appointments in the liberal arts and sciences are made on the basis of effectiveness in teaching and dedication to undergraduate education, with attention to scholarly accomplishment and to the intellectual breadth essential to implement programs. Of our full-time faculty, approximately 92 percent hold a doctorate or other terminal degree; Others are award-winning authors, journalists, and filmmakers. In addition to general teaching and advising responsibilities, faculty members guide tutorials and supervise independent research projects and senior theses.

Academic Advising

All students in the liberal arts and sciences have faculty advisors and plan their semester's work in consultation with these advisors. Students are also strongly encouraged to use the services of the Advising Center. In particular, students who have not declared their major are encouraged to meet with an advisor in the Advising Center for guidance.

School of Film and Media Studies

Welcome to Film and Media Studies at Purchase.

Get involved in the production and critique of film, media, television and video art.

Undergraduate Courses

Cinema and Television Studies

Description:

An Intensive Immersion in the Art of Film and Television

The Cinema and Television Studies major offers students an opportunity for intensive study of the art of film and television through a broad range of courses in history, aesthetics, and cultural critique. The program is carefully structured for students to develop writing, analytical, and research skills culminating in the Senior Project.

In their first year, students take Intro to Cinema Studies I and II, a year-long course dedicated to the history and art of the moving image. As sophomores, students sharpen their skills in visual analysis and historical inquiry. An extensive range of elective courses are offered in topics such as international cinema, television studies, and film.

During their Junior year, students take Junior Seminar which focuses on film and television theory and its implementation in visual analysis and by the time they become seniors, students are ready to do their own research, which culminates into their final showcase of what was learned in their Senior Project.

Interdisciplinary and Rigorous

This interdisciplinary degree program is rigorous and highly selective, with official admission to the program contingent on successful completion of Introduction to Cinema Studies I and II during the freshman year and a qualifying examination in film history and aesthetics, which is given at the end of the freshman year.

Requirements:

In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, all Cinema and Television Studies majors must meet the following requirements (53–54 credits):

- CIN 1500/Introduction to Cinema Studies I (4 credits)
- CIN 1510/Introduction to Cinema Studies II (4 credits)
- One **art history course** (3–4 credits), chosen from the following or approved by the cinema studies program coordinator:
 - ARH 1020/History of Art Survey II
 - ARH 1060/Touchstones of Modern Art
 - ARH 1070/The Work of Images: The Function of Art in Western Culture

ARH 2050/Introduction to Modern Art

ARH 2060/Art Since 1945

- CIN 3005/Cinema and the Archive (4 credits)
- One of the following courses (4 credits):
CIN 2000/Close Analysis
CIN 2500/Principles of Montage
- Five upper-level elective courses in cinema studies* (20 credits total)
 - One of the five elective courses must be a course focused on Television Studies. These courses include:
 - CIN3065/Netflix in Latin America
 - CIN3070/Television Studies
 - CIN3075/History of American Television
 - CIN 3280/Self Documentary
 - CIN3500/Cinema in the Internet Age
 - CIN3875: Environmental Media
 - MSA3020/Reality TV
 - NME3010/Cross-Cultural Video Production

*Learning assistantships, internships and independent studies cannot be used to satisfy this requirement.

- CIN 3890/Cinema Studies Junior Seminar (4 credits)
- CIN 4890/Cinema Studies Senior Colloquium (2 credits)
- SPJ 4990/Senior Project I (4 credits)
- SPJ 4991/Senior Project II (4 credits)

Notes:

- A grade of B or higher is required in CIN 1500 and 1510.
- To advance to the sophomore year, students must pass a qualifying examination in film history and aesthetics, which is given at the end of the freshman year.

Effective: 2020-21:

CIN3005/Cinema and the Archive is a required course. Number of upper level elective courses changed from six to five.

Effective Fall 2022:

Students will be able to formally declare Cinema and Television Studies as a major as of Fall 2022.

Faculty

Joel Neville Anderson

Visiting Assistant Professor of Cinema Studies and Film

- BFA, Purchase College, SUNY
- MA, PhD, University of Rochester

Paula Halperin

Associate Professor of Cinema Studies and History

Director, School of Film and Media Studies

- PhD, University of Maryland

Robert Watson

Lecturer of Cinema Studies

Lecturer of French

- PhD, Vanderbilt University
- MA, University of Leeds (UK)
- BA, Baylor University

Agustín Zarzosa

Associate Professor of Cinema Studies

Juanita and Joseph Leff Distinguished Professor 2022-2023

- BA, Universidad Iberoamericana (Mexico)
- MA, New York University
- PhD, University of California, Los Angeles

Rachel Fabian

Visiting Assistant Professor of Cinema Studies

- BA, University of Vermont
- MA, University of California, Santa Barbara
- PhD, University of California, Santa Barbara

Nathan Holmes

Assistant Professor of Cinema Studies

- BA, Brock University, Ontario
- MA, Ryerson University and York University, Ontario
- PhD, University of Chicago

Sean Weiner

Assistant Professor of Cinema Studies

- BA, Purchase College, SUNY
- MFA, Hunter College, City University of New York

Ling Zhang

Assistant Professor of Cinema Studies

- BA, Liaoning University (China)
- MA, Beijing Film Academy
- PhD, University of Chicago

Contributing Faculty

Shaka McGlotten

Professor of Media Studies

- BA, Grinnell College
- PhD, University of Texas, Austin

Courses

CIN 1030: History of Film Art

An overview of the development of film as an art and as an industry from silent to digital cinema. Students learn the stylistic, narrative and industrial developments of cinema through the analysis of classic films.

Credits: 4

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 1040: Television Culture and Politics

An overview of the international development of television as a cultural form and zone of political struggle. Students learn to examine television as a mass medium, with a focus on its critical role in mediating the relationships between the state and society, and between commerce and art.

Credits: 4

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 1500: Introduction to Cinema Studies I

An intensive study of film history with analysis of specific films that represent stages in the evolution of the formal aspects of cinematic expression. Film showings, lectures, seminars.

Credits: 4

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 1510: Introduction to Cinema Studies II

A continuation of CIN 1500.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 2000: Close Analysis

The techniques of filmic expression are examined through a focused, detailed analysis of cinematography, editing, lighting, mise-en-scène, and soundtrack in celebrated cinematic works from around the world. Course content is organized around the establishment or subversion of narrative, generic, and stylistic conventions through the works of one director, a particular genre, or a film movement.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 2200: Music Video and Popular Culture

Examines the history of music videos, studying their effectiveness as a sales mechanisms as well as their influence on how today's movies, television and commercials are photographed. Students are required to shoot practice exercises

throughout the semester, complete a final paper, and shoot a music video on their own for a campus band or musician. Students must have experience operating a video camera and have access to a digital editing platform or be familiar with Final Cut Pro.

Credits: 4

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 2240: Research Practicum: Silent Cinema

The goals of this course are two-fold. First, the history of silent film through the advent of sound is explored to reveal what early cinema can teach about the present and future of visual culture. Second, students use this exploration into early cinema to improve their film research skills, from data gathering to revision.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 2500: Principles of Montage

An intensive course for cinema studies majors that combines hands-on practice with close analysis. Students explore the art of montage by analyzing the film language of great directors and by shooting and editing short video projects, with an emphasis on the major principles of montage.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 2600: Film Programming

Research and practice in film programming practices and histories. Students research historical and contemporary case studies in film programming and exhibition while engaging in their own on-campus programming. They organize film

series and screenings, gaining hands-on experience with and studying diverse perspectives on programming, distribution, curating, fundraising, advertising, engaging in audience outreach, event managing, researching, and writing.

Credits: 4

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3000: Cinema and Revolution

Third cinema was a movement proposed by Latin American directors in the 1960s and further developed by African directors in the 1970s. It addresses important questions about independent national cinemas, colonialism, race, and identity. This course examines the movement and its global influence, with emphasis on the cinemas of Latin America, Africa, black Britain, and American minorities.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3005: Cinema and the Archive

An intensive focus on the intersection between cinema and history. Students examine the debates around cinema's status as historical document, surveying different approaches to the relationship between cinematic formal traditions and social history. The course emphasizes the analysis of primary sources, such as reviews, posters, magazine and newspaper articles, personal correspondence, trade publications, and blogs.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3030: Documentary Film and Theory

Through a historical survey of documentary and ethnographic film, this course explores documentary theory, aesthetics, and ethics. Topics include early cinema, World War II propaganda, cinema vérité, radical documentary, the essay film, counter-ethnographies, and contemporary mixed forms. Films by the Lumière's, Flaherty, Marker, Rouch, Minh-ha, and others.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3032: Transnational Asian Cinemas

Asian cinema is often rechanneled by the socio-political and cultural situations created by colonialism, wars, revolutions, and global capitalism. This course examines Asian cinemas within the context of international film history and explores significant genres, movements, and themes from the 1920s to the present. The course investigates how the transnational cinematic flow engages with discourses on nationalism, internationalism and cosmopolitanism.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1510 Or CIN1030

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3033: Transnational Filmmaking

Students in this course will write, shoot and edit short documentary and/or fiction films reflecting the culture and country where the films are shot. International student teams work together on locations in USA, Haiti and Africa to produce films which will be screened at cultural events and film festivals.

Credits: 1

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3035: Cross-Cultural Encounters in Filmmaking

Working in collaboration with students from film schools in France and Africa, students engage in preproduction via video conference on film projects they will complete together during a subsequent summer study abroad session. Students also examine contemporary cinematic trends in France and Africa, with special focus on diverse geographical settings, cultural and aesthetic histories, and conditions of production and exhibition.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3040: Film Sound: Technique and Theory

An intense focus on sound technology, with careful attention to the way image, dialogue, music, and sound interact in both film and video. The history of sound technology and sound theory are explored by comparing sound innovations in other fields (music, radio, television) to developments in film/video. Films include *The Jazz Singer*, *The Conversation*, *Pi*, and *Run Lola Run*.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3055: Cinema and Class

The history of moving images is marked by class struggle, on screen and behind the camera. Cinema, in turn, has itself both upheld and helped to reveal class relations. Students will learn key Marxist concepts related to capitalism and class, and how these concepts are activated within film history and practice.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3065: Netflix in Latin America

As a global internet TV network, Netflix produces and distributes fiction films, documentaries and television series in Latin America. By paying close attention to this content, students examine the quickly-evolving media landscape in Latin America, evaluating the ways in which Netflix has impacted production and distribution in the region. Students should have access to Netflix.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3070: Television Studies

Examines the state of television today, with special attention to new genres, narratives, technologies, audiences, and corporate practices, with special attention to the growth of cable networks, online sites, streaming serials, new modes of spectatorship, and new forms of fan culture.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3075: History of American Television

A survey of the development of broadcasting and electronic media in the United States. It emphasizes the cultural and institutional history of the medium, as well as the aesthetic of televisual genres.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3080: Mexican Cinema

A survey of the history of Mexican cinema from the early 1930s to the present. Students examine popular genres like *la comedia ranchera* (Mexican cowboy musical), *el género cabaretíl* (dancehall film), and *el cine de luchadores* (wrestling film) as well as the work of the most prominent Mexican filmmakers (e.g., Arturo Ripstein, Jaime Humberto Hermosillo, Nicolás Echeverría, María Novaro, Guillermo del Toro).

Credits: 4

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3090: Cinema of the Portuguese-Speaking World

The films covered offer an opportunity to deeply analyze the formation of national identity, migration, gender and race relations, social inequalities, the rural and urban worlds, and political events that have had an impact on the contemporary societies of Portugal, Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, and Angola.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3130: Animation

A survey of animated filmmaking from the inception of cinema to the contemporary era.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3140: Cinema and the City

Explores the role of cinematic representation in shaping the urban imagination. Taking both a historical and a comparative approach, students study the figuration of American, European, and non-Western cities from the silent era to the digital age.

Discussions include how cinema has portrayed these metropolitan areas and their people, cultures, and public and private spaces.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3255: Media and Migration

As people migrate across the globe, their media forms move with them—sometimes following them, documenting their movement, other times traveling with them, as traces of their home cultures. Focusing on a variety of transnational media forms, this course examines how media producers treat themes of home, nation, belonging, migration, immigration, displacement, alienation, border crossing, and mobile identities.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: (CIN1500 And CIN1510) Or MSA2200 Or NME2100

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3280: Self-Documentary

Sophisticated works in the heterogeneous genres of personal documentary and essay film re-situate self and environment, subverting dominant practices to produce new meaning. Students examine projects from diverse cultural contexts transgressing categories of narrative, documentary, and avant-garde, critical texts from cinema and media studies to feminist theory and disability studies, producing moving image exercises in addition to written texts.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1510 Or CIN1030

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3320: Film Authors

A detailed examination of a filmmaker's career. Students analyze films in light of a filmmaker's entire output while situating the artist's creative process in relation to the industrial and historical context. The course also introduces students to the tradition of auteur criticism.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3330: Genres of Affect

In this course, affect is considered as a form of power—the embodied capacity to affect and be affected. Students explore affective genres of visual culture, such as horror, comedy, melodrama, and pornography. The course draws on a range of theoretical perspectives on affect and emotion, emphasizing work from psychoanalysis, philosophy, feminism, and queer theory.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3400: Contemporary Global Cinema

A study of contemporary global cinema and recent trends in cinematic style and narrative. The course focuses on non-American/non-European cinemas and co-productions and on important developments in the regional cinemas of Africa and Latin America. The final quarter examines "cinema" from a global perspective, particularly the extent to which new technology and cultural circuits have fostered techniques, styles, and narrative forms.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3410: Contemporary Media Theory

Examines recent debates in media theory, offering critical frameworks to understand the complexities of what a “medium” is, its forms and aesthetics, how it circulates and interacts with subjects and objects, and how it culturally signifies. Critical inquiry is grounded in a range of media texts, from films to reality TV, video games, and artworks.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3500: Cinema in the Internet Age

Networked computing has reconfigured cultural production, distribution, textual practices, and consumption. Students investigate how cinema registers these shifts by analyzing films that address the internet and by examining the ways that computing technologies renew film’s significance. Readings cover the latest conversations in media theory, addressing such issues as photographic indexicality, database narratives, digital aesthetics, software studies, and social media.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3513: Film, History, and Trauma

Historical trauma has characterized the 20th century. Traumatic events return in unexpected forms, haunting communities and shaping both collective memory and mourning practices. Taking a comparative approach across national cinemas, this course analyzes the historical context, style, and narratives of films that circle around the question of trauma. The course covers German, Israeli, Chilean, Japanese, Russian, and American cinemas.

Credits: 4

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3540: Queer Cinema

Emerging queer cinema is explored in its historical contexts and its relation to contemporary theories of gender, sexuality, and their intersection with race, class, and nationality. The course focuses on the “queering of the gaze,” interrogating conventional notions of representation, desire, identification, filmmaking, and spectatorship. Featured directors: Warhol, Fassbinder, Haynes, Von Trottta, Akerman, Rozema, La Bruce, Araki, Denis, Jarman.

Credits: 4

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3550: Francophone Cinema

An in-depth look at French-language cinema “beyond the hexagon”—that is, film and media originating from regions of the world outside of France, including Africa, the Middle East, the French Caribbean, Belgium, Switzerland, and Québec. The impact of diverse geographical settings, cultural histories, and conditions of production and exhibition are addressed, along with such factors as colonialization, hybridity, diaspora, and globalization.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3600: Kubrick

Stanley Kubrick was one of the most original and cinematic of all film directors. His films were highly original in form, with an innovative use of the medium’s primary elements, including editing, composition, and camera movement. Most were also adaptations of classic and contemporary literature. His ability to transform an author’s literary vision into his cinematic vision was one of the keys to his genius. This course analyzes his films on their own terms and in comparison to their literary sources.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3705: American Film Genres

A detailed examination of the notion of film genre, and consideration of one or more classical Hollywood genres, including the western, musical, melodrama, and film noir.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3715: The Western

In light of a resurgence of the western in film and television, this course spans the history of the genre, from the earliest silent screen versions of dime store novels to its contemporary manifestations. While paying careful attention to the western as myth, epic, and landscape art, the course also explores themes of freedom, justice, and individualism as embedded and transformed in the genre.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3720: Film Noir

Film noir represents the intersection of theme and style that gave American films from 1941 to 1955 a new cynicism, moral ambiguity, and atmosphere of terror. This course attempts to define and explore the concept of film noir by close analysis of films like *The Big Sleep*, *Double Indemnity*, *Detour*, *The Big Heat*, *The Big Combo*, *Somewhere in the Night*, and *Kiss Me Deadly*.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3736: The Independent Spirit in American Film

History of American independent filmmaking from the 1940s to the present. Focuses on a range of directors, including Sam Fuller, Morris Engel, John Cassavetes, and Robert Altman.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3740: From Transformers to Trump

An examination of the political imaginary of 21st century Hollywood film. Drawing on the writings of Siegfried Kracauer, students place contemporary American cinema in a comparative historical framework in order to understand the complex ways that ideological formations (imperialism, authoritarianism, racism, neoliberalism, leftism/progressivism) are encoded within the imagery and narratives of popular film and related media.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3755: Transcendent Visions: The Spiritual on Film

Investigation of a range of filmmakers who attempt to convey the spiritual through manipulation of film form. Films by Ozu, Bresson, Dreyer, Tarkovsky, and others.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3757: New Waves of East Asian Cinema

In this course on internationally acclaimed auteurs of East Asian cinema (Japan, China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Korea), emphasis is placed on the concepts of “national cinema” and “new waves.” In particular, the critique of nationalism via a radicalization of both content and form in the various new waves is examined.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3765: Topics in Classical Cinema

A key element of the classical Hollywood tradition (e.g., classical form, the auteur, the star system, or studio practices) is considered in detail.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3783: American Cinema of the '50s

American cinema underwent significant upheaval during the 1950s with the crumbling of the studio system, the proliferation of television, fallout from the McCarthy hearings, and the Cold War. This course examines how such directors as Minnelli, Fuller, Welles, Preminger, Sirk, and Ray responded to these extremes, with attention to the historical circumstances and formal innovations that defined the era.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3787: The New Hollywood

A study of American mainstream films of the “New Hollywood” or “New American” period of cinema, c. 1965 to the present. Students explore the evolution of American popular cinema in relation to stylistic innovation in international cinema, shifting audience demographics in the domestic market, and industrial and social change in the U.S.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3830: Italian Cinema After Neorealism

Survey of Italian cinema of the postneorealist era, with special focus on the films of Michelangelo Antonioni and Federico Fellini.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3835: André Bazin, Realism, and Cinema

An advanced seminar focusing on the criticism of André Bazin, a co-founder of the influential magazine *Cahiers du Cinéma* and prolific author (*What is Cinema?* Vol. 1 and 2); the cinema that he championed, including Italian neorealism; his influence on post–World War II film studies and criticism; and his current renaissance in contemporary filmmaking and criticism.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3847: Israeli and Palestinian Cinema

An examination of cinema in the Israeli and Palestinian context, from the Lumière brothers' actualities to contemporary productions by Ari Folman, Amos Gitai, Michel Khleifi, and Elia Suleiman. What role has the medium played in articulating ethnoreligious identity, national ideology, traumatic historical experience, and conflicting territorial claims? How do Middle Eastern films challenge traditional conceptions of cinematic space and time?

Credits: 4

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3855: French Cinema

The French refer to filmmaking as the seventh art, i.e., an art form on the level of other fine arts. This course examines French cinema from the silent era to 1970, with special focus on poetic realism and the French New Wave. Films by Vigo, Carné, Renoir, Melville, Truffaut, Godard, Rivette, Rohmer, Resnais, Marker, Varda, and others.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3870: Melodrama

Melodrama is both a historical genre and a mode of imagination that operates across media. To bridge these two aspects of melodrama, the course examines its theatrical origins, the film genres that employ its rhetorical devices (the woman's film, action and disaster films, horror), and its further development in television series and soap operas.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3875: Environmental Media

An examination of how environments are represented across media forms and how they mediate cultural practices. Media forms include landscape painting, nature photography, art installations, music, nature writing, science fiction writing, and eco-cinema. Cultural practices include romantic, philosophical, and aesthetic traditions; indigeneities, nationalism, environmentalism, warfare, eco-mafias; and the arts and sciences of biomedia.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: (CIN1500 And CIN1510) Or MSA1050 Or ANT1500

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 3890: Cinema Studies Junior Seminar

A survey of the most important developments in film theory. The goal is to familiarize students with the diversity of critical approaches in film studies and increase understanding of both the aesthetic qualities and social forces at work. Topics include the relationship of film to other forms of media and alternative or counter-hegemonic conceptions of cinema.

Credits: 4

Department: Cinema Studies

CIN 4890: Senior Colloquium

Prepares cinema studies majors for the conception and writing of their senior project. The course emphasizes research skills, the formulation of a prospectus and a literature review, the development of a bibliography and a filmography, and the outline of a schedule for completion of the project.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Cinema Studies

FLM 1050: Introduction to Digital Filmmaking

An introduction to the craft of digital filmmaking: cinematography, lighting, staging, sound mixing, and editing. Students work in groups on short exercises to develop their skills and collaborate on a final short film.

Credits: 3

Department: Cinema Studies

FLM 3025: Documentary Filmmaking I

In this introduction to the basics of documentary filmmaking, students learn what it means to construct a visual argument, with attention to process, place, documentary ethics, and good interviewing techniques. Production is complemented by screenings, class discussions, and demonstrations.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: FLM1050 Or COM1400

Department: Cinema Studies

FLM 3026: Documentary Filmmaking II

In this continuation of Documentary Filmmaking, students design, research, and produce their own documentary film. Screenings, class discussions, and group critique complement the production of the film.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: FLM3025 Or CIN3320

Department: Cinema Studies

FLM 3050: Directing the Scene I

An intensive production-oriented course designed to familiarize students with the fundamentals of storytelling in narrative film. The course covers dramatic and

stylistic elements of filmmaking. Students direct and edit three short films during the semester, each assignment demonstrating specific principles covered in class.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: FLM1050 Or COM1400 Or PSW1010

Department: Cinema Studies

FLM 3051: Directing the Scene II

Students closely analyze the construction and purpose of a short sequence in the context of the overall story. This course examines the various emotional and intellectual levels layered within a scene that can and do impact the audience. Students write, direct, and edit a short film during the semester.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: CIN1100 Or FLM3050

Department: Cinema Studies

HIS 3345: Classic Hollywood, Early America

Students explore the underlying historical narratives of films from 1930 to 1960 that address topics from early America. These narratives are compared to the ways Hollywood recast historical lessons to suit modern circumstances and to promote “American values” challenged by economic depression and the rise of fascism and communism. Special emphasis is on the works of Ford and Capra.

Credits: 4

Department: Cinema Studies

LIT 3025: Women and Film

Considers the intersections of sexual difference and cinema. Topics include theories of enunciation and sexual difference, female authorship and the idea of “women’s cinema,” gender and genre, woman as spectacle, the female spectator, and feminist film theory. Representations of sexual difference in films by selected male directors

are studied as a means of examining the institution(s) of cinematic expression. The bulk of the course is devoted to studying women directors as they attempt to work within and against that institution.

Credits: 4

Department: Cinema Studies

LIT 3680: Surrealism and Its Legacy

Surrealist literature, films, and art in France, Spain, and Latin America. Artists include Aragon, Breton, Buñuel, Césaire, Char, Dali, Eluard, and Lorca. Works are read in translation and lectures given in English; students with French and/or Spanish are encouraged to read in the original language.

Credits: 4

Department: Cinema Studies

MSA 3020: Reality TV

In 1991, *The Real World* pioneered a genre of “unscripted” television that reshaped national media culture, culminating in the reality of the 2016 election. Students study theories of Hall, Habermas and Gramsci to explore how the genre reflects and shapes attitudes of U.S. audiences to surveillance, class conflict, and the performance of truths. Examples include *Jersey Shore* and *American Idol*.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 Or MSA1050 Or NME1050

Department: Cinema Studies

NME 3010: Cross-Cultural Video Production

Students collaborate with students in other cultures, using the Internet to produce videos on subjects of mutual interest. Because the focus is on developing a cross-cultural dialogue, basic video production experience is expected. Before moving to video, the two groups collaboratively write fiction. During the semester, they meet in video conferences with their peers abroad to discuss their productions. Previous

semesters have included collaborations with students at universities in Belarus, Turkey, Mexico, Germany, and Lithuania.

Credits: 4

Department: Cinema Studies

PHI 3716: Philosophy and Film

A critical examination of influential attempts to understand the nature of the cinematic medium. Questions raised include: Is film a fine art? Must a movie "represent reality" if it is to succeed as a movie? Are there certain insights into human experience that are better expressed through film than through other media? Readings include Siegfried Kracauer, André Bazin, and Stanley Cavell.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: (CIN1500 And CIN1510) Or PHI1515 Or PHI2110 Or PHI3212

Department: Cinema Studies

PSW 1050: Introduction to Television Writing

Learn the fundamentals of television (episodic/serial) writing. All aspects of dramatic storytelling in the episodic/serial form will be covered - from proper formatting to television's various dramatic structures and genres. Students will complete exercises that reinforce the concepts and present these for in-class workshops.

Credits: 4

Department: Cinema Studies

Television Theory and Practice

Description:

Minor in Television Theory and Practice

The minor in Television Theory and Practice offers students opportunities to write for different television genres, produce documentary and serial television, and critically engage with new developments in the field. Students examine the historical and theoretical foundations of the medium, and they collaborate in creating content with an emphasis on community-centered media.

Minor requirements:

Academic Requirements for the Minor in Television Theory and Practice

Total Number of Credits: 18-20

- CIN 1040/Television Culture and Politics, 4 credits (must be taken before the other requirements can be satisfied)
- Two Theory Electives from the list below: 8 credits
 - CIN 3065/Netflix in Latin America, 4 credits
 - CIN 3070/Television Studies, 4 credits
 - CIN 3075/History of American Television, 4 credits
 - CIN 3500/Cinema in the Internet Age, 4 credits
 - CIN 3875/Environmental Media, 4 credits
 - MSA 3020/Reality TV, 4 credits
- Two Practice Electives from the list below: 6-8 credits
 - FLM 1050/Introduction to Digital Filmmaking, 4 credits
 - FLM 3610/Experimental Workshop, 3 credits
 - FLM 4010/Short Film Production, 4 credits
 - NME 2420/Video Art I, 4 credits
 - NME 3010/Cross-Cultural Video Production, 4 credits
 - NME 3420/Video Art II, 4 credits
 - PSW1050/Introduction to Television Writing, 4 credits
 - PSW 3220/The Writer and the Documentary, 4 credits
 - PSW 3400/The TV Writer's Room, 4 credits
 - PSW 3500/Writing the Web Series, 4 credits

Note: Effective for new students entering the minor starting in Fall 2022.

Film

Description:

The BFA film program provides highly motivated and talented students with intensive conservatory training in all aspects of filmmaking. Students develop significant skills in directing, cinematography, editing, production, screenwriting, and film analysis. By the end of the sophomore year, students consult with the film faculty and choose to focus on either narrative, documentary, or experimental film production in their junior year.

The primary emphasis of the BFA program is on writing/directing. At the end of the junior year, however, film majors who have demonstrated exceptional talent in cinematography or screenwriting have the option of specializing in those areas, subject to approval by the program faculty. The faculty's decision is based on demonstration of the student's technical and artistic proficiency.

Facilities

Film majors enjoy a high equipment-to-student ratio and have access to fully equipped newly renovated sound stages, a mix studio, an equipment store, state of the art screening rooms, and digital editing studios.

About Our Alumni

More than 85 percent of film program alumni have found work in the film and television industries. These are just a few of our representative alumni: [Jessica Brunetto](#), [Ilya Chaiken](#), [Austin Chick](#), [Rocco Caruso](#), [Bob Gosse](#), [Nick Gomez](#), [Hal Hartley](#), [Azazel Jacobs](#), [Lesli Klainberg](#), [Dani Michaeli](#), [Whitney Ransick](#), [Jimmie Joe Roche](#), [Jeffrey Schwarz](#), [James Spione](#), and [Chris Wedge](#).

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Requirements:

In addition to meeting [general degree requirements](#), all film majors must complete the following requirements (104–106 credits, outlined below by year) and maintain the department standards for academic and professional conduct.

Effective Fall 2022 for new students entering the program.

Requirements for the major include:

- a. A minimum of 24 credits in film history, criticism, and/or theory: CIN 1500 and 1510 plus four additional courses
- b. Satisfactory completion, as determined by the Film faculty, of the 16-credit senior thesis film

Note: Criteria for advancement also include the student's fitness and potential for a professional life in the field, as determined by the department faculty. Advancement each year is by invitation of the faculty, following a scheduled, mandatory review of each student's work. Any student on warning or probationary status is reviewed at the end of the semester (fall or spring). There is an ongoing assessment of professional growth in all work for all students.

Freshman Year: 30 credits

- FLM 1090 and 1100/Exercises in Storytelling*/ 6 credits
- FLM 1160 and 1170/Film Workshop*/ 8 credits
- FLM 1250/Filmmakers Acting Workshop/ 2 credits
- CIN 1500 and 1510/Introduction to Cinema Studies I and II/ 8 credits
- FLM 2010/Film Editing I/ 3 credits
- FLM 2090/Cinematography I/ 3 credits

*Part One and Two (two-semester course)

Note: CIN 1500 and 1510 are prerequisites for most film history courses.

Sophomore Year: 26 credits

- FLM 2000 and 2050/Introduction to Documentary: Nonfiction Film*/ 8 credits
- FLM 2020/Film Editing II/ 3 credits
- FLM 2100/Cinematography II/ 3 credits
- FLM 2310 and 2320/Directors' Scene Workshop*/ 6 credits
- FLM 2810/Writing for Film I/ 2 credits
- CIN –/Film history elective/ 4 credits

*Part One and Two (two-semester course)

Junior Year: 24-27 credits

- One of the following two-semester courses:/ 6-8 credits
 - FLM 3200 and 3210/Film Directors' Workshop* (6 credits) or
 - FLM 3460 and 3470/Documentary Workshop I and II (8 credits) or
 - FLM 3610 and 3620/Experimental Workshop* (6 credits)
- FLM 3090/Cinematography III/ 3 credits
- FLM 3250/Directing the Actor/ 2 credits
- FLM 3320/Screenwriting/ 3 credits
- FLM 3650/Advanced Sound/ 3 credits

- CIN –/Two electives in film history, criticism, and/or theory/ 8 credits

*Part One and Two (two-semester course)

Senior Year: 22 credits

- FLM 3725/The Business of Film/ 2 credits
- FLM 4180 and 4190/Senior Production: Filmmaking*/ 16 credits
- CIN –/One elective in film history, criticism, and/or theory/ 4 credits

*Part One and Two (two-semester course)

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Courses

FLM 1050: Introduction to Digital Filmmaking

An introduction to the craft of digital filmmaking: cinematography, lighting, staging, sound mixing, and editing. Students work in groups on short exercises to develop their skills and collaborate on a final short film.

Credits: 3

Department: Film

FLM 1090: Exercises in Storytelling

A series of weekly exercises to develop the student's ability to write short stories. The problems of exposition, characterization, conflict, and action are discussed and studied. Limited to freshman film majors.

Credits: 3

Department: Film

FLM 1100: Exercises in Storytelling

A series of weekly exercises to develop the student's ability to write short stories. The problems of exposition, characterization, conflict, and action are discussed and studied. Limited to freshman film majors.

Credits: 3

Department: Film

FLM 1160: Film Workshop

Introduces the possibilities of film technique. Short projects in motion picture cinematography, lighting, sound recording, and continuity editing, augmented by lectures, demonstrations, film analysis, and readings. In the spring, systems of cinematic structure and form are emphasized.

Credits: 5

Department: Film

FLM 1170: Film Workshop

Introduces the possibilities of film technique. Short projects in motion picture cinematography, lighting, sound recording, and continuity editing, augmented by lectures, demonstrations, film analysis, and readings. In the spring, systems of cinematic structure and form are emphasized.

Credits: 4

Department: Film

FLM 1250: Filmmakers Acting Workshop

An introduction to the role of the actor in filmmaking situations. Freshman film students engage in actual acting training to learn how actors and filmmakers can best interact and to experience how best to understand the acting process.

Credits: 2

Department: Film

FLM 2000: Introduction to Documentary: Nonfiction Film

Practical aspects of documentary filmmaking. Students produce four to five short films each term (including describing a process, a place, an interview, and a film portrait). Production is complemented by screenings, class discussions, and demonstrations.

Credits: 5

Department: Film

FLM 2010: Film Editing I

Students learn the fundamentals of film language through editing and are provided with professionally produced picture and sound rushes that they sync-up, structure, and edit into a complete film. Additional individual and group projects are assigned.

Credits: 3

Department: Film

FLM 2020: Film Editing II

Students learn the fundamentals of film language through editing and are provided with professionally produced picture and sound rushes that they sync-up, structure, and edit into a complete film. Additional individual and group projects are assigned.

Credits: 3

Department: Film

FLM 2050: Introduction to Documentary: Nonfiction Film

Practical aspects of documentary filmmaking. Students produce four to five short films each term (including describing a process, a place, an interview, and a film portrait). Production is complemented by screenings, class discussions, and demonstrations.

Credits: 4

Department: Film

FLM 2090: Cinematography I

Basics of photography, camera operation, crew organization, picture composition, and lighting.

Credits: 3

Department: Film

FLM 2100: Cinematography II

Camera movement, angles and blocking, studio lighting procedures, and introduction to gaffing and electrics.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: FLM2090

Department: Film

FLM 2310: Directors' Scene Workshop

In this introduction to directing narrative film, students produce scenes from their own original and previously produced scripts. They chose materials and cast, direct, and edit four to five short narrative films each term.

Credits: 3

Department: Film

FLM 2810: Writing for Film I

The techniques of writing for the screen in both the narrative and documentary forms. Emphasis on the construction of dramatic material without the use of spoken dialogue leads to a better understanding of the power and importance of visual imagery as a prime component in storytelling, and to a heightened awareness of the camera's role in the writing process.

Credits: 3

Department: Film

FLM 3025: Documentary Filmmaking I

In this introduction to the basics of documentary filmmaking, students learn what it means to construct a visual argument, with attention to process, place, documentary ethics, and good interviewing techniques. Production is complemented by screenings, class discussions, and demonstrations.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: FLM1050 Or COM1400

Department: Film

FLM 3026: Documentary Filmmaking II

In this continuation of Documentary Filmmaking, students design, research, and produce their own documentary film. Screenings, class discussions, and group critique complement the production of the film.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: FLM3025 Or CIN3320

Department: Film

FLM 3050: Directing the Scene I

An intensive production-oriented course designed to familiarize students with the fundamentals of storytelling in narrative film. The course covers dramatic and stylistic elements of filmmaking. Students direct and edit three short films during the semester, each assignment demonstrating specific principles covered in class.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: FLM1050 Or COM1400 Or PSW1010

Department: Film

FLM 3051: Directing the Scene II

Students closely analyze the construction and purpose of a short sequence in the context of the overall story. This course examines the various emotional and

intellectual levels layered within a scene that can and do impact the audience. Students write, direct, and edit a short film during the semester.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: CIN1100 Or FLM3050

Department: Film

FLM 3090: Cinematography III

Individual projects in advanced cinematography.

Credits: 3

Department: Film

FLM 3110: Cinematography IV

Advanced techniques in cinematography and lighting, with group and individual projects.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: FLM3090

Department: Film

FLM 3200: Film Directors' Workshop

An advanced two-semester course designed to explore the technique, practice, and theory of motion picture directing. Exercises in mise-en-scène, screenwriting, and fiction filmmaking. Students must write, cast, and direct a complete narrative short film for presentation at the end of the spring term.

Credits: 4

Department: Film

FLM 3210: Film Directors' Workshop

An advanced two-semester course designed to explore the technique, practice, and theory of motion picture directing. Exercises in mise-en-scène, screenwriting, and fiction filmmaking. Students must write, cast, and direct a complete narrative short film for presentation at the end of the spring term.

Credits: 3

Department: Film

FLM 3250: Directing the Actor

Examines the role of the director in casting the right actor, and aiding actors in creating character and performances through rehearsal, discussion, improvisation, and on-set techniques. Students study directing, learning techniques of acting and what actors need from the director in terms of preparation and performance.

Credits: 2

Department: Film

FLM 3320: Screenwriting

A practical course in the writing of screenplays. A preliminary screenplay for the senior thesis film must be completed by the end of the semester.

Credits: 3

Department: Film

FLM 3415: Collaboration in Advanced Film Production

A highly advanced film production seminar offering a unique opportunity to learn in tandem with students in the Conservatory of Theatre Arts in on-location production settings. Production is complemented by screenings, class discussions, and demonstrations.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: FLM3090

Department: Film

FLM 3460: Documentary Workshop I

An intermediate-level course in the practice of documentary filmmaking. A series of exercises in 16mm and video documentary production are complemented by screenings, class discussions, group projects, and demonstrations. Students research, design, and complete a documentary film.

Credits: 4

Department: Film

FLM 3470: Documentary Workshop II

An intermediate-level course in the practice of documentary filmmaking. A series of exercises in 16mm and video documentary production are complemented by screenings, class discussions, group projects, and demonstrations. Students research, design, and complete a documentary film.

Credits: 4

Department: Film

FLM 3610: Experimental Workshop

Students conceptualize and produce experimental media projects using techniques and concepts of avant-garde filmmaking, video art, and performance art. Nontraditional and personal forms are emphasized. Construction of a DVD anthology and off-campus excursions are also required. Both FLM 3610 (fall) and 3620 (spring) are required for film students planning an experimental thesis project for junior review.

Credits: 3

Department: Film

FLM 3620: Experimental Workshop

Students conceptualize and produce experimental media projects using techniques and concepts of avant-garde filmmaking, video art, and performance art.

Nontraditional and personal forms are emphasized. Construction of a DVD anthology and off-campus excursions are also required. Both FLM 3610 (fall) and 3620 (spring) are required for film students planning an experimental thesis project for junior review.

Credits: 3

Department: Film

FLM 3650: Advanced Sound

Committed to using sound tracks as fully as the image track, this course implements theory by teaching choice and placement of microphones, dialogue track prep, music editing, use of sound FX and tone, and prepping for a professional sound mix.

Students visit with a professional sound editor and attend foley, dubbing, and mix studio demonstrations.

Credits: 3

Department: Film

FLM 3655: Advanced Picture Editing

Strategies for the structuring and pacing of films, taught through the editing of specific film projects.

Credits: 3

Department: Film

FLM 3725: The Business of Film

Prepares students for entry into the film industry. Covers basic techniques used to raise money for, produce, and distribute films.

Credits: 2

Department: Film

FLM 3810: Writing for Film II

Construction and writing of screenplays, with exercises in characterization, plotting, etc. Story treatments for both fiction and documentary films are stressed.

Credits: 2

Department: Film

FLM 4010: Short Film Production

An intensive, one-semester workshop course in which students write, produce and direct a short documentary or narrative film. Production proceeds only after faculty approval of the screenplay, casting, and production schedules. Students assist in the production of one fellow classmate's film. Projects developed for this course may be used in conjunction with senior theses requirements of other majors.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: (FLM3050 And FLM3025) Or (FLM3610 And FLM3620)

Department: Film

Film/Video Production

Description:

Minor in Film/Video Production

The minor in film/video production is designed for students who want to integrate production skills with their major. After completing two foundation courses in screenwriting and basic digital production, students take specialized courses in narrative and documentary, or experimental filmmaking. The final capstone course allows students to spend an entire semester developing a single film project of their choice.

Students should have attained sophomore status (or completed a total of 32 credits) before signing up for this minor. It is ideal for students who are interested in pursuing a senior project that involves a film or video.

Students interested in the minor should submit a completed [**Application for a Program of Minor Study**](#).

Minor requirements:

Academic Requirements for the Minor in Film/Video Production

Five courses, as follows:

- FLM 1050/Introduction to Digital Filmmaking
- PSW 1010/Screenwriting I
- One of the following two-course sequences:
 - FLM 3025/Documentary Filmmaking and FLM 3050/Directing the Scene
 - FLM 3460/Documentary Workshop and 3620/Experimental Workshop
- FLM 4010/Short Film Production

Additional elective courses:

CIN 2200/Music Video and Popular Culture
CIN 2500/Principles of Montage
CIN 3040/Film Sound: Technique and Theory
NME 3010/Cross-Cultural Video Production
PSW 3120/The Writer and the Documentary
PSW 3400/The TV Writer's Room
PSW 3500/Writing the Web Series

For course descriptions, go to:

CIN prefix: [**Cinema and Television Studies**](#)

FLM prefix: [**Film**](#)

NME prefix: [**New Media**](#)

PSW prefix: [**Playwriting and Screenwriting**](#)

Notes:

- CIN 1100, being replaced in fall 2018 by FLM 3050, satisfies the requirement for FLM 3050.
- COM 1400/Introduction to Video Techniques and Technology, offered by the School of Liberal Studies may be taken in lieu of FLM 1050.
- COM 3320/Documentary Production, offered by the School of Liberal Studies may be taken in lieu of FLM 3025.

Media Studies

Description:

In the media studies program, students learn how to combine cultural theory, critical cultural production, and do-it-yourself (DIY) aesthetics to explore the roles that media technologies and the arts play in everyday life.

Creative practices are approached historically and ethnographically, and considered within their rich cultural, geographic, and political economic contexts. This includes students' own low-cost, open-ended, and tactical DIY productions, such as mashup advertisements, sound installations, and performance art—practices of experimentation, protest, and speculation that engage contemporary social concerns.

Requirements:

In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, students majoring in media studies must complete a minimum of 10–11 courses with a grade of C or higher and an 8-credit senior project (40 credits minimum total) as follows:

- MSA 1050/Introduction to Media Studies (3 credits)
- MSA 2200/Media Institutions and Forms (3 credits)
- MSA 3400/Critical Perspectives on Media, Society, and the Arts (4 credits)
- MSA 3450/Research Methods in Media, Society, and the Arts (4 credits)
- Three electives (at least 9 credits total)
- One course in art history (visual or performing) or media history (at least 3 credits)
- Two or three courses in studio art and/or media production (at least 6 credits total)
- SPJ 4990/Senior Project I (4 credits)
- SPJ 4991/Senior Project II (4 credits)

Examples of Elective Courses

New courses may be added to the following lists. Students should consult their advisor to determine whether a course not on these lists fulfills the elective requirement.

Anthropology (School of Natural & Social Sciences):

- ANT 2175/Language, Culture, and Society
- ANT 2250/Film and Anthropology
- ANT 2320/Performing Arts in Cross-Cultural Perspective
- ANT 2340/Drugs, Bodies, Design
- ANT 2470/Museum Anthropology

ANT 2555/Magic, Witchcraft, and Modernity
ANT 2610/Introduction to Ethnomusicology
ANT 2730/New Black Ethnographies
ANT 3185/Global Media, Local Cultures
ANT 3345/Media and Performance in Africa
ANT 3350/Myth, Ritual, and Performance
ANT 3380/Avant-Garde Cultures and Everyday Life
ANT 3410/Anthropology of Art and Aesthetics
ANT 3415/Anthropology of Sound and Listening
ANT 3540/Sensing and Knowing in Anthropology, Psychology, and the Arts
ANT 4180/Ethnography of the American Rural

Cinema Studies and Television Studies:

CIN 3000/Cinema and Revolution
CIN 3030/Documentary Film and Theory
CIN 3060/Cult Cinema
CIN 3070/Television Studies
CIN 3200/Film, Media, and War Machines
CIN 3330/Genres of Affect
CIN 3500/Cinema in the Internet Age
CIN 3540/Queer Cinema

Media Studies:

MSA 2210/Transhumanist Media (*added Spring 2018*)
MSA 2235/Computers and Culture
MSA 2450/Sounds of Protest
MSA 3150/Outsider Art
MSA 3160/Queer Media Convergence
MSA 3350/The Body: Medium and Message
MSA 4110/Lively Geographies
MSA 4130/Violence and Vision
MSA 4160/Material Cultures
MSA 4750/Special Topics in Media, Society, and the Arts

Literature (School of Humanities):

LIT 2195/Italian American Literature and Popular Culture

New Media:

NME 2250/Art and Technology

NME 3010/Cross-Cultural Video Production

NME 3040/Internet as Public Art

Philosophy (School of Humanities):

PHI 2780/Philosophy of Art: From Plato to Postmodernism

PHI 3275/Light and Truth: Film, Photography, and Reality

PHI 3610/Frankfurt School Critical Theory

PHI 3716/Philosophy and Film

PHI 3785/Art and Morality

Sociology (School of Natural and Social Sciences):

SOC 2105/Art and Outsiderness

SOC 3005/Feminism, Art, and Performance

Theatre and Performance (Conservatory of Theatre Arts):

THP 3120/Gameplay and Performance

THP 3130/Transmedia and Performance

THP 3250/Theories of Drama and Performance

Minor requirements:

The minor in media studies is designed to provide students with a broad knowledge and understanding of theories and methods of analysis of media and the arts, while at the same time allowing for skill development in an art form.

Students interested in the minor should submit a completed [Application for a Program of Minor Study](#) to the Chair of the media studies program.

Academic Requirements for the Minor in Media Studies

- MSA 1050/Introduction to Media Studies (3 credits)
- Three electives; at least two of these must be taught by faculty in the Media Studies Department (9–12 credits)
- At least 4 credits in studio art and/or media production courses

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Courses

MSA 1050: Introduction to Media Studies

An introduction to theories of the media, visual, and performing arts. Using semiotics as a point of departure, students explore the language and iconography of visual communication. The course focuses on works of art, advertising, television, and the web as social contexts of cultural production and analyses the role that ordinary people play in the production of media.

Credits: 3

Department: Media Studies

MSA 2200: Media Institutions and Forms

An examination of media forms (e.g., postcards, radio, TV, internet, mobile media technologies) and media institutions (e.g., movie studios, marketing and advertising companies, regulatory agencies) within historical and cultural contexts. Students explore the multiple ways that human engagements with the world are mediated and how media forms contribute to the production of social norms, practices, and senses of identity and community.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: MSA1050 Or NME1050

Department: Media Studies

MSA 2210: Transhumanist Media

Students focus on how humans are represented and configured across media platforms, how the self is culturally constructed, and how technology continually redefines the meaning of “human.” The class also considers what these figurations indicate about contemporary political subjectivities, gender identities, and species belonging. The work of notable thinkers, including William Gibson, Masamune Shiroh, Stellarc, and Spike Jonze, is studied.

Credits: 3

Department: Media Studies

MSA 2235: Computers and Culture

Examines the connections between computers and culture, with a critical look at how computers may be changing and shaping culture, and how culture affects people's use and understanding of computers. The course focuses in particular on the ways in which gender, race, and class affect people's experiences with and understanding of computers. Both work and leisure uses of computers are considered.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: NME1050 Or MSA1050

Department: Media Studies

MSA 2325: Class Conflict in Popular Culture

Examines cultural representations of poverty, work, and wealth in American popular culture. Students consider how mediated narratives of class conflict reflect and reinforce divisions between social classes (the 99 and 1%) and within them (immigrants and "white working class"). Students develop a deeper appreciation of how class "works" as an economic and political system, and how it is lived.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: MSA1050 Or NME1050

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MSA 3020: Reality TV

In 1991, The Real World pioneered a genre of "unscripted" television that reshaped national media culture, culminating in the reality of the 2016 election. Students study theories of Hall, Habermas and Gramsci to explore how the genre reflects and shapes attitudes of U.S. audiences to surveillance, class conflict, and the performance of truths. Examples include Jersey Shore and American Idol.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 Or MSA1050 Or NME1050

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MSA 3160: Queer Media Convergence

Media convergence refers to large-scale changes in the ownership and production of media content, as well as the role that audiences and consumers have in its development. This course examines media convergence from the perspectives of queer theory and history, and asks how queer identities, sensibilities, styles, and practices both shape and are shaped by media convergence.

Credits: 4

Department: Media Studies

MSA 3400: Critical Perspectives on Media, Society, and the Arts

An intensive examination of critical and theoretical work on media, society, and the arts. Classic and contemporary theories (e.g., Marxism, structuralism, organizational and cultural production, various cultural studies approaches) and topics (e.g., hegemony, cultural capital, high vs. low culture, elite and commercialized culture) are explored.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: (MSA1050 Or NME1050) And MSA2200

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MSA 3450: Research Methods in Media, Society, and the Arts

Ethnography, one of the key methodological innovations of anthropology, is used in this course to examine life in a media-saturated world. Focusing on an emergent ethnographic literature that examines the relationships between mass media, popular culture, and social and technological networking, the course situates everyday interactions with media within broader theoretical, historical, and cultural contexts.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: (MSA1050 Or NME1050) And MSA2200

Department: Media Studies

MSA 4100: Alternative Economies

Students look at forms of production and exchange in various contexts throughout the world that are alternatives to dominant, formal economies. These include trash picking and trash art-making, piracy and counterfeiting, independent farming, and alternative banking. Students consider the notion of value in a variety of ways and trace how production, exchange, circulation, and consumption elaborate new forms of social life.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: MSA1050 Or ANT1500

Department: Media Studies

MSA 4120: Drag Theory and Practice

Focuses the politics and aesthetics of drag. Engage classic and contemporary work in gender theory, and also learn how to do drag through a series of practice-based workshops.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: MSA1050

Department: Media Studies

MSA 4750: Special Topics in Media, Society and the Arts

The topics, which vary, are selected from among the special interests of faculty.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: MSA1050 Or NME1050

Department: Media Studies

New Media

Description:

The New Media B.A. Program at Purchase College offers an interdisciplinary curriculum that lies at the intersection of art, society, and technology. Students study the effects of digital media from multiple perspectives, giving them the tools to be well-rounded citizens in an increasingly complex society and allowing them to develop their own voice through guided research and hands-on production.

In this program students learn about current technology and acquire the knowledge and skills needed to understand forthcoming technologies, not least in relation to key social and historical contexts. The program's strong liberal arts component provides students with critical and conceptual frameworks which, when combined with the acquisition of practical skills, help to prepare them for the workforce and/or graduate study.

Courses are drawn from the visual and performing arts, computer science, the social sciences, and other liberal arts disciplines. Students majoring in New Media are offered a structured, well-rounded foundation covering a range of methodologies and content areas, with analysis and production often present within the same course. Collaboration is particularly encouraged, as are experimental and creative approaches to media production and distribution. Each semester the New Media program and the Neuberger Museum of Art co-host a series of lectures and workshops by accomplished artists, technologists, and theorists in the field of new media.

Advanced Standing and the Senior Project

After applying for and receiving **advanced standing**, new media majors pursue a program of upper-level study designed by the student. This provides students with the opportunity to pursue individual interests while at the same time developing a focus in new media. As part of this program of study, all students are expected to complete an 8-credit senior project, which is supervised by a faculty member of the New Media Department. Various types of senior projects are acceptable, and collaboration among students is encouraged.

Requirements:

In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, all new media majors must complete the following requirements (64–70 credits):

Freshman and Sophomore Years (Foundation): 30–31 credits

Students must earn a grade of C+ or higher in each of these courses. Those who earn a grade lower than a C+ must petition the New Media Department to retake the course. To pass NME 2100, students must attain at least a 2.67 (B-) GPA in the foundation courses. In any given semester, students should not enroll in more than three foundation courses and we recommend against taking more than two studio or lab courses.

- PHO 1100/Introduction to Digital Photography: 4 credits

- MSA 1050/Introduction to Media Studies: 3 credits
- NME 1060/Introduction to Sound: 3 credits
- NME 1160/Design Principles: 4 credits
- NME 1450/Programming for Visual Artists: 4 credits or MAT 1520/Computer Science I
- One 2000-level technoculture course (3 credits), chosen from the following or approved by the student's faculty advisor; it should be taken after MSA 1050 has been successfully completed:
 - MSA 2235/Computers and Culture – NME 2250/Art and Technology
- NME 2420/Video Art I: 4 credits
- NME 2750/Introduction to the Web: 4 credits
- NME 2100/New Media Advanced Standing: 1 credit

Applying for Advanced Standing in New Media

New media majors typically apply for advanced standing in their fourth or fifth semester, while concurrently completing the courses required in the first two years of study. A student may be in the process of fulfilling a maximum of two foundation courses concurrent with advanced standing. Because of the interdisciplinary nature of the new media program, it is important that students be strongly focused and self-directed. Therefore, the transition to advanced standing is taken very seriously by the New Media faculty.

In order to have a clear picture of each student's preparedness, the department requests that each student submit materials for review. This advanced-standing website must be submitted two weeks before the beginning of registration for the following semester. Students register for NME 2100/New Media Advanced Standing, and are assigned a faculty member who will be their Advanced Standing Advisor to help them navigate the process. A series of workshops are also provided by staff to help with any technical issues.

To apply for advanced standing, each student must build a website consisting of:

- a portfolio of work, which shall be presented on the student's webpage
- a written discussion of the student's development to date (this two- to four-page document shall include a discussion of courses completed or in progress, projects undertaken, and recent life experiences that have led to the current proposal)
- a proposed academic program that the student intends to follow until graduation (this two- to four-page proposal shall include a list of all courses that the student plans to take in his or her remaining semesters, the general area of the intended

senior project, and an indication of what projects and internships the student will develop to prepare for a successful senior year)

Please note: The New Media Faculty review the curriculum and determine whether the student receives advanced standing. Advanced standing is a prerequisite for many of the upper-level courses that constitute the major. It is possible to retake Advanced Standing a second time the following semester, but students must speak with their advisor and the New Media chair before reapplying. Students who are ultimately not approved for advanced standing will need to complete their BA in a different major.

After Passing Advanced Standing

After being accepted for advanced study, requirements are as outlined below. Students must earn a grade of C+ or higher in each of these courses, excluding the senior project.

- one upper-level history/theory course: 3–4 credits
- one anthropology/sociology course: 3–4 credits
- four elective courses chosen for their relevance and applicability to the student's course of study in new media: 12–16 credits
- and the synthesis courses, taken in the junior and senior years (16 credits, plus an optional internship):
 - NME 3880/Junior Seminar in New Media: 4 credits
 - NME 3995/Internship in New Media (optional): variable credits
 - NME 4880/Senior Seminar I in New Media: 2 credits
 - NME 4890/Senior Seminar II in New Media: 2 credits
 - SPJ 4990/Senior Project I: 4 credits
 - SPJ 4991/Senior Project II: 4 credits

Examples of History/Theory Courses

ARH 3405/Design History and Theory: 1750–Today: 4 credits

ARH 3531/New Media and Contemporary Art: 4 credits

CIN 3200/Film, Media, and War Machines: 4 credits

DES 3240/Design Issues: 3 credits

DES 3300/History of Graphic Design Survey: 4 credits

MTH 4120/History of Recorded Music I: 2 credits

MTH 4130/History of Recorded Music II: 2 credits

VIS 3000/Art in the Age of Electronic Media: 3 credits

Examples of Anthropology/Sociology Courses

The following list includes courses offered by the media studies program and by the School of Art+Design.

ANT 2320/Performing Arts in Cross-Cultural Perspective: 3 credits

ANT 3185/Global Media, Local Cultures: 4 credits

ANT 3345/Media and Performance in Africa: 4 credits

ANT 3410/Anthropology of Art and Aesthetics: 4 credits

MSA 3160/Queer Media Convergence: 4 credits

MSA 3400/Critical Perspectives on Media, Society, and the Arts: 4 credits

MSA 4750/Special Topics in Media, Society, and the Arts: 4 credits

VIS 3500/The Arts for Social Change: 3 credits

Examples of Elective Courses

Courses in the following lists are subject to change, and new courses may be added. Students should consult with their faculty advisor when choosing electives.

New Media

NME 2470/Drawing, Moving, and Seeing with Code

NME 3010/Cross-Cultural Video Production

NME 3040/Internet as Public Art

NME 3050/Information Aesthetics

NME 3150/Material Distribution: Billboards, Wheatpaste, and Pamphlets

NME 3170/Digital Design and Fabrication

NME 3210/Tactical Practical

NME 3215/New Directions in Virtual Space

NME 3220/Forms of the Moving Image

NME 3230/Real-Time Media Processing

NME 3265/Social Design

NME 3340/Photography Expanded

NME 3350/Digital Printmaking

NME 3430/Video Graphics

NME 3455/Dark Ecology Studio

NME 3545/Community-Centered Media

NME 3560/Introduction to Physical Computing: Getting Outside the Box

NME 3675/Copy, Paste

NME 3720/Interactive Installation: Hacking the Everyday

NME 3770/Experimental Web Practice

NME 4150/Special Projects in Tiny Computing

Film:

FLM 3610/Experimental Workshop (Part One)

FLM 3620/Experimental Workshop (Part Two)

Mathematics/Computer Science (School of Natural & Social Sciences):

MAT 1420/Programming Games

MAT 3146/Scripting for the Web

MAT 3440/Creating User Interfaces

MAT 3530/Creating Databases for Web Applications

MAT 3540/Social Software

MAT 3650/Networking and Security

MAT 3670/Robotics

MAT 3755/Mobile Computing

MAT 3765/Mobile Media

School of the Arts:

Studio Composition (Conservatory of Music):

MCO 1310/Studio Composition I

MCO 1320/Studio Composition II

MCO 2310/MIDI Composition I

MCO 2320/MIDI Composition II

MCO 3330/Studio Production I

MCO 3340/Studio Production II

MCO 4350/Digital Audio I

MCO 4360/Digital Audio II

Theatre and Performance (Conservatory of Theatre Arts):

THP 3120/Gameplay and Performance

School of Art+Design:

DES 3090/Interactive Design

DES 3190/Motion Graphics for Designers

DES 4170/Advanced Web Design: Special Projects

PRT 3000/The Animated Print

SCP 3155/Performance Art

SCP 3310/Digital Dimensions
SCP 3420/Video Art II
SCP 3630/Sound/Interactive Media I
SCP 3640/Sound/Interactive Media II

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Courses

ANT 2320: Performing Arts in Cross-Cultural Perspective

An introductory survey of music, theatre, and dance in Western and non-Western cultures, including the relationships between music and religion, dance and weddings, theatre and curing. The course also explores the performing arts as aesthetic phenomena in their own right. Live performances by non-Western performers and optional field trips are planned.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: ANT1500 Or MSA1050 Or NME1050

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ARH 3531: New Media and Contemporary Art

An examination of contemporary art outside of the traditional media of painting, sculpture, and architecture. Looking at painting-based performances of the 1950s, feminist body art, guerrilla television, and current political interventions based in digital media, students identify the strategies artists used to create new forms, and assess their success in modifying our understanding of the world.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ARH1000-1994 Or ARH2000-2994 Or ARH3000-3994 Or ARH4000-4994

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DES 3090: Interactive and Experience Design

A focused inquiry into the process of designing for, and the creation of, interactive platforms for the purposes of entertainment, persuasion, recreation, and/or human enrichment where the viewer is an active participant. This course is an intensive investigation into considerations surrounding interactive, or experience-oriented, design spaces, and samples supplemental readings from sociology, anthropology, and game theory. You will be required to work collaboratively to pursue concepts through a series of physical and digital investigations.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: (DES2460 And DES3510) And DES3200

Department: New Media

DES 3190: Motion Graphics for Designers

Builds on the principles and skills of time-based and interactive design introduced in DES 2460. Technique, theory, and practice are further explored through projects using time, on-screen spatiality, transition, kinetic typography, narrative, and sound. Projects address linear and nonlinear environments such as film and television titling, DVD menus, web splash pages, and graphics for mobile devices.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: DES2460

Department: New Media

DES 3265: Social Design

A combined lecture/studio course that examines ethical and social issues in contemporary artistic production and design. The goal is to develop active research about such urgent issues as ecology, body politics and gender, race and urban justice, and human rights, with respect to new futures. Projects incorporate art installations, visualizations, websites, performances, and public campaigns by focusing on creative public engagement.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: NME2100 Or (DES2600 And DES2460)

Department: New Media

DES 3300: History of Graphic Design Survey

Focuses on print communication, primarily graphic design, in the Western world from the late 19th century to the present. A brief summary of important historical precedents launches a chronological series of lectures on significant movements and individuals and the economic, political, and technological developments that have influenced modern and contemporary print communication.

Credits: 4

Department: New Media

MAT 1520: Computer Science I

An introduction to problem solving, using computers. Emphasis is on programming, including the study of syntax, semantics, logical structures, graphics, and object-oriented programming. General topics of algorithm development, formulating problems, finding methods for computer solutions, differences among computer languages, and trends in the industry are also discussed. Experience is acquired through hands-on labs and several programming assignments.

Credits: 4

Department: New Media

MAT 3146: Scripting for the Web

Building on the programming introduction in the prerequisite course, students learn about scripting for websites, including HTML, JavaScript, CSS, and php. Topics include the use of cookies, localStorage, video/audio, geolocation, an application program interface such as the Google Maps API, responsive design, and accessibility. Comparisons are made between scripting and compiled languages and client versus server computing.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: MAT1520 Or NME1450 Or MAT1540

Department: New Media

MAT 3440: Creating User Interfaces

Introduces concepts and skills used in analyzing and designing interfaces for computer applications. As students study techniques and “rules of thumb,” they discover that the design and implementation of each interface is a unique challenge, which requires creativity and consideration of technical, aesthetic, and psychological factors. Includes the use of XML, XSL, XHTML-MP, VoiceXML, and usability studies.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: MAT1520 Or NME1520

Department: New Media

MAT 3540: Social Software

Social software is explored both from technical and critical perspectives. Hands-on work in conceptualizing, designing, and developing social software projects is informed by examining the evolution of social software and its impact on society. Includes modules on version control, collaborative open source software projects and application programming interfaces. Projects may range in complexity from simple websites to data-driven web applications to real-time applications.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: MAT1420 Or NME1420 Or NME1450 Or MAT1520 Or NME1520

Department: New Media

MAT 3650: Networking and Security

Covers the key conceptual and practical aspects of networking and security, which are increasingly important in the era of the Internet, the connected enterprise and our ever expanding socially networked world. TCP/IP communications protocols are explored at multiple levels of the protocol stack. Performance and reliability issues are also studied, using campus intranet and internet connections. Security topics include encryption, authentication, denial of service attacks, and case studies.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: MAT1520 Or NME1520

Department: New Media

MSA 1050: Introduction to Media Studies

An introduction to theories of the media, visual, and performing arts. Using semiotics as a point of departure, students explore the language and iconography of visual communication. The course focuses on works of art, advertising, television, and the web as social contexts of cultural production and analyses the role that ordinary people play in the production of media.

Credits: 3

Department: New Media

MSA 2235: Computers and Culture

Examines the connections between computers and culture, with a critical look at how computers may be changing and shaping culture, and how culture affects people's use and understanding of computers. The course focuses in particular on the ways in which gender, race, and class affect people's experiences with and understanding of computers. Both work and leisure uses of computers are considered.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: NME1050 Or MSA1050

Department: New Media

MSA 3160: Queer Media Convergence

Media convergence refers to large-scale changes in the ownership and production of media content, as well as the role that audiences and consumers have in its development. This course examines media convergence from the perspectives of queer theory and history, and asks how queer identities, sensibilities, styles, and practices both shape and are shaped by media convergence.

Credits: 4

Department: New Media

NME 1060: Introduction to Sound

A hands-on, introductory audio class in which students learn how to use sound in practical and creative ways, in three phases of production: acquisition, manipulation, and reproduction. Students also learn some of the history of artists and makers who use sound as their medium, as well of some of the technical and theoretical aspects of how sound is created and perceived.

Credits: 3

Department: New Media

NME 1160: Design Principles

A hands-on introduction to the language of design and design principles with emphasis on composition, color, and type. Software for vector image creation is taught alongside understanding the full design process, from visual research to beta testing. Print output is introduced, although the focus is on screen-based media.

Credits: 4

Department: New Media

NME 1450: Programming for Visual Artists

Using a visual environment that provides immediate feedback, students are taught the basic principles of programming and, by extension, math. Lectures focus on key aspects of programming and how working artists use code creatively in their practice. In this course, math is never the end but rather the means to problem-solve during the creative process.

Credits: 4

Department: New Media

NME 2100: New Media Advanced Standing

Students take this course in the semester that they apply for Advance Standing. Grading is on a pass/no credit basis. Advanced Standing is a portfolio review that asks students to present work from the broad range of foundation classes they have taken. After applying for and receiving Advanced Standing, New Media majors pursue a program of upper-level study in which they may pursue a broad range of individual interests.

Credits: 1

Department: New Media

NME 2250: Art and Technology

Examines the interplay between new art forms and technologies from early modernism through today. Focusing on how the two fields have developed in relation to each other, the course addresses two questions: what is the relationship between technology, technique, and art, and how has it changed over time? This is both an art survey course and a study of related philosophical questions.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: NME1050 Or MSA1050

Department: New Media

NME 2420: Video Art I

An introduction to video as a creative visual, auditory, and spatial medium. Students learn the fundamentals of video production with the goal of making original work in the genres of single-channel tape, performance, and installation. At the same time, students are introduced to key works in the history of time-based arts in a weekly thematic program of viewing, listening, reading, and critique.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: NME1010 Or NME1100 Or NME1060 Or VIS1330

Department: New Media

NME 2470: Drawing, Moving, and Seeing with Code

An intermediate lecture/studio course that explores techniques for creating dynamic, poetic, and lifelike animations in code. Students learn techniques to program movement and the simulation of natural systems and behaviors, and develop works that respond to various inputs. Projects are developed using open-source software environments like Processing and p5.js.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: VIS1450 Or MAT1520 Or NME1450 Or NME1520 Or MAT1420 Or NME1420

Department: New Media

NME 2750: Introduction to the Web

Students gain a solid understanding of website creation, using HTML and Cascading Style Sheets. Scripting languages and libraries are also introduced to create more advanced interactions or animations. Along with technical skills, students learn web design fundamentals and how artists have used and even served as authors of the web since its inception.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: NME1160

Department: New Media

NME 3010: Cross-Cultural Video Production

Students collaborate with students in other cultures, using the Internet to produce videos on subjects of mutual interest. Because the focus is on developing a cross-cultural dialogue, basic video production experience is expected. Before moving to video, the two groups collaboratively write fiction. During the semester, they meet in video conferences with their peers abroad to discuss their productions. Previous semesters have included collaborations with students at universities in Belarus, Turkey, Mexico, Germany, and Lithuania.

Credits: 4

Department: New Media

NME 3040: Internet as Public Art

A growing dialogue surrounding internet art echoes the rhetoric of community-oriented art practices and public art movements of the past. Topics include an introduction to the history of public art; current internet art practice and theory; how networks can serve physical situations or communities, rather than being a purely screen-based phenomenon; policies that are shaping the functionality of the internet; and new artistic possibilities that arise as ubiquitous computing integrates with public space.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: NME2300

Department: New Media

NME 3050: Information Aesthetics

A hands-on examination of what it means to live in an information age. Students learn to make sense—and sometimes, new meaning—of data through creative visualizations. The course considers audience together with the politics of information and the persuasion of the visual.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: NME1160

Department: New Media

NME 3150: Material Distribution: Billboards, Wheatpaste, and Pamphlets

Examines how contemporary artists and activists are using print media to communicate ideas in public spaces. The course also more generally considers how printed matter has been used to expand popular consciousness since the invention of the printing press. Students produce their own print interventions for public spaces and incorporate digital media to sustain interaction.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: NME2100

Department: New Media

NME 3170: Digital Design and Fabrication

Focuses on the relationship between digitally aided production processes and traditional techniques of drawing and object building. Emphasis is placed on the fabrication of objects and prints in multiples that interact with physical space and the body. Students are also encouraged to develop their own drawing tools and initiate ideas around making with new media technologies.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: NME2100

Department: New Media

NME 3210: Tactical Practical

The first rule of guerrilla warfare is to know the terrain. Today's terrain is one of symbols, media spectacles, and technology that artists are uniquely equipped to navigate. In this course, students learn to combine sociological research, communications strategy, technological methods, and artistic tactics to plan effective social interventions. Students should bring their passion, thoughtfulness, compassion, and planning skills.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: NME2100

Department: New Media

NME 3215: New Directions in Virtual Space

Focuses on establishing a broad understanding of the 3-D game engine Unity and a critical understanding of the discourse surrounding modern virtual environments. Students are encouraged to deviate from traditional 3-D games, bringing content and forms of storytelling from other areas of interest. Artists and texts that examine our cultural fascination with the virtual are presented in class. Students are

introduced to Unity and to the programming language C#, but some prior programming experience is expected.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: NME1450 Or MAT1520

Department: New Media

NME 3230: Real-Time Media Processing

Using Pure Data, an open-source, graphical programming environment, students experiment with real-time media processing while exploring conceptual concerns and implications through historical and theoretical readings. Students are encouraged to explore personal experiments integrating these conceptual ideas into projects that may include algorithmic or interactive audio performances, screen-based visuals, or interaction with physical devices.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: NME2100

Department: New Media

NME 3275: Special Topics in New Media

Focusing on specialized topics in new media, students work closely with faculty to explore new areas of their practice and research. Students develop projects in particular area of specialization. The curriculum will vary in relation to the faculty member's practice and research.

Credits: 4

Department: New Media

NME 3340: Photography Expanded

What does it mean to be a photographer in the age of ubiquitous imaging technologies (e.g., cellphones, surveillance cameras, satellites, and drones), social media, and online image databases? Students explore questions related to the

status of photography, consider interdisciplinary approaches using emerging technologies (including online platforms, laser cutters, and drones), and work collaboratively in a studio-based environment.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: PHO1100 Or NME1010

Department: New Media

NME 3350: Digital Printmaking

An introduction to fine art digital printing and contemporary digital photography. Students expand their two-dimensional image-making skills while developing their artistic vision through the creation of a cohesive body of print-based work. Topics concerning the importance of contemporary photography are discussed in class through lectures and presentations. Students are expected to combine contemporary ideas with the rigor of printing quality images.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: NME2100

Department: New Media

NME 3420: Video Art II

An advanced workshop for highly motivated students who have expressed interest and fluency in time-based video work. The class is devoted to the production of various independent video projects, culminating in a thesis project; in addition, students do multiple presentations focusing on situating their work within historical and contemporary contexts. A wide variety of time-based artworks are explored, including single-channel, multi-channel, and video installation work. Students are expected to have competency with digital video cameras, sound, and editing techniques.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: SCP2420 Or NME2420 And NME2100

Department: New Media

NME 3430: Video Graphics

An exploration of the ways that graphic techniques can be used by video artists, animators, and designers in their work. Through lectures and presentations, students are exposed to the work of artists who use a variety of approaches, from abstract animation to kinetic text and transformation of live-action video. Students learn about key framing, matting, compositing, working in 3-D spaces, and other computer-based video processes. A special emphasis is placed on issues in contemporary video art, and the ways in which video graphics are used to explore these ideas.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: NME2100

Department: New Media

NME 3455: Dark Ecology Studio

People are entangled in a dark ecology, in which humans, marshes, car parks, and foreign rubber plantations are all intimately connected. Students explore methods of investigation drawn from both scientific and artistic modes of inquiry, such as mapping, poetic and scientific sensing, visualization, and photography. How can public interventions shift how individuals perceive and represent their deep connections to environmental systems?

Credits: 3

PREREQ: NME1450 Or MAT1520

Department: New Media

NME 3560: Introduction to Physical Computing: Getting Outside the Box

Students break down the physical barrier of the personal computer and bring computing into the “real” world. The main tool used for this purpose is the Arduino, an open-source micro-controller popular with artists and makers. Students are introduced to theories of game design (both historical and modern) and apply them to their class projects; the course also explores the societal implications of building

and programming and repurposing personal electronics, and examines artists and makers who have used physical computing for creative expression.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: (NME1420 Or MAT1420) Or (NME1520 Or MAT1520)

Department: New Media

NME 3675: Copy, Paste

The ease with which digital tools allow people to copy, paste, and recombine creative work challenges long-held ideas about originality and creativity. In this combined studio/lecture course, students examine the theory and history of appropriation, sampling, quotation, and reuse in the arts, while simultaneously creating their own multidisciplinary works that engage with contemporary ideas related to these issues.

Credits: 4

Department: New Media

NME 3880: Junior Seminar in New Media

Students develop a definition of new media through a range of learning experiences. These include a survey of work in the field, with guest artists and class trips to galleries, media production houses, and events; students' critical writing and interactive discussions about what they are experiencing; and teacher-structured and student-initiated collaborative projects in which students test different creative roles, using various media.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: NME2100

Department: New Media

NME 4150: Special Projects in Tiny Computing

Students create custom projects using inexpensive, bank card-sized computers for art installations and works for the public good. In the process, their knowledge of text-based interfaces, free culture, collaboration, circuit building, and the history of creative computing/hacking is deepened.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: NME1450 Or MAT1420 Or MAT1520

Department: New Media

NME 4880: Senior Seminar I in New Media

Students meet weekly to discuss some of the seminal texts in new media and to make presentations on their senior project proposals. By the end of the semester, each student has a website describing his or her project and a working timeline.

Credits: 2

Department: New Media

NME 4890: Senior Seminar II in New Media

Students meet weekly to develop their senior projects further, design the new media exhibition, and practice writing proposals to external organizations and preparing their résumés.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: NME4880

Department: New Media

PHO 1100: Introduction to Digital Photography

An introduction to the basic concepts and techniques of digital photography. Exposure, composition, color, retouching, resolution, and preparation of image files for on-screen and print use are among the techniques covered. Assignments include both technical and aesthetic concerns.

Credits: 4

Department: New Media

PHO 3355: Landscape Photography: Creating a Personal Vision

Students explore the effect of landscapes and surroundings in Pisciotta, Italy, and develop their personal vision by observing and leveraging those landscapes and translating their experiences into powerful images. Working with digital cameras (a simple one is fine), students create a personal photographic essay, depicting what they see through the lens of their surroundings.

Credits: 4

Department: New Media

SCP 3310: Digital Dimensions

In this digital fabrication course, students explore the relationship between the three-dimensional world and digital technology. In this creative new-media environment, students are given a foundation for developing 3-D content and integrating it into their preferred field. Students generate digital objects, prepare them for real-world fabrication, and create virtual-reality simulations and photorealistic sculpture proposals. *This course will utilize laser-cutters, CNC router and 3D printers.*

Credits: 4

PREREQ: VIS1260 Or NME2100

Department: New Media

SCP 3630: Sound/Interactive Media I

Sound is explored as material in the context of the visual arts, using DAT recorders, sampling, synthesis, processing, computers, sensor control, and MIDI systems. Projects may include making sonic instruments, sounding objects, and experimental video; ambient, interactive, performative, and multimedia installations; and surround-sound DVDs. Advanced technological means enable uncharted explorations in the time-based arts.

Credits: 3

Department: New Media

THP 3120: Gameplay and Performance

Explores the genre of alternate reality or pervasive gaming currently used as an alternative to traditional performance by contemporary theatrical and visual artists, dancers, and musicians. The blurring distinctions between game and narrative are examined, opening new possibilities for performance. Students design and stage their own live alternate-reality game as a means of storytelling or extend an existing narrative through transmedia.

Credits: 4

Department: New Media

VIS 3000: Art in the Age of Electronic Media

An overview of electronic media and its relationship to the fine arts. This course covers the genre from its infancy to the present and focuses on the study of the art and artists critical to the genre's development. Lectures, hands-on demonstrations, and visiting artists are augmented by assigned readings, critical writing, and examinations.

Credits: 3

Department: New Media

Playwriting and Screenwriting

Description:

Professional writers increasingly work in multiple modes of expression. In the playwriting and screenwriting BA program at Purchase College, students learn to write for both the stage and the screen through studies that engage with these disciplines at the introductory through advanced level. After the foundation courses, writers can choose to continue to study both playwriting and screenwriting or to focus exclusively on one craft.

The curriculum helps students develop a sophisticated eye and gain a deeper understanding of the art and craft involved in making theatre and film. Being at Purchase means a professional approach

—working alongside talented film and theatre majors, actors, theatre designers, musicians, visual artists, and dancers in a world-renowned artistic community few other schools can provide. The college’s proximity to New York City provides a distinct advantage: students are taught by industry professionals and have access to all the culture and excitement the city has to offer, and to theatre, film, and television production facilities for their studies and internships. The affordability of Purchase is vital to the economic freedom needed in pursuing a career as a dramatic writer.

The program includes required and elective courses in playwriting and screenwriting; theatre and film history; writing for television, new media, and documentaries; and directing for both stage and screen. Because playwriting and screenwriting are performance arts, students are encouraged to present their work to an audience as much as possible. In their final year, students work with a faculty mentor to develop a substantial senior project: a full-length play, feature-length screenplay, teleplay, or documentary script. Other courses provide the student with portfolio materials in the form of writing samples, both on the page and short works on the screen.

This BA program also provides a solid foundation in the liberal arts, with majors required to complete a minor in a non-theater/film related field of study. This still leaves plenty of room for students to explore other interests, including study abroad programs—all of which enriches their sensibilities as dramatic writers.

The program also offers a minor in playwriting and a minor in screenwriting, open to students in all disciplines.

Note for Transfer Students

Students interested in transferring from another school into this BA program and earning the degree in four semesters (entering as a junior) should be aware that they must have already taken:

- introductory screenwriting
- introductory playwriting
- at least one semester of either theatre or cinema history (recommended)

Junior transfers must register for PSW 2000 and 2010 in their first semester.

Requirements:

In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, all playwriting and screenwriting majors must meet the following requirements (74 credits):

Foundation courses: 23 credits

- PSW 1000/Playwriting I: 4 credits*
- PSW 1010/Screenwriting I: 4 credits*
- CIN 1030/History of Film Art: 4 credits

- PSW 2000/Screenwriting II: 4 credits
- PSW 2010/Playwriting II: 4 credits
- THP 2885/Theatre Histories I or THP 2890/Theatre Histories II: 3 credits

*Students must earn a minimum grade of C- in PSW 1000 and PSW 1010 in order to continue in the sequence to PSW 2000 and PSW 2010, respectively.

Electives: 17 credits**

Students choose their electives in consultation with their faculty advisor. At least 10 of the 17 credits must be upper level. Courses in the list of examples are subject to change, and new courses may be added.

**A minimum grade of C- is required for any elective pre-requisites.

Synthesis courses: 14 credits

- PSW 3880/Junior Seminar: 4 credits***
- PSW 4880/Senior Colloquium in Playwriting and Screenwriting: 2 credits
- SPJ 4990/Senior Project I: 4 credits
- SPJ 4991/Senior Project II: 4 credits

***A minimum grade of C- is required in the Junior Seminar as pre-requisite for the Senior Project.

Examples of Electives

CIN 1510/Introduction to Cinema Studies II

COM 3701/The Business of Writing

PSW 1030/Improv for the Writer

PSW 1050/Introduction to Television Writing

PSW 1250/Plays and Playgoing

PSW 3000/Screenwriting III

PSW 3120/The Writer and the Documentary

PSW 3130/Site-Specific Playwriting

PSW 3150/How to Say It: Pitch Sessions and Public Speaking for Writers

PSW 3155/The Art of Rewriting: Killing Our Darlings

PSW 3200/Playwriting III

PSW 3230/Writers' Scene Workshop

PSW 3300/Writing for Television

PSW 3310/Book Writing: Story Structure in Musical Theatre

PSW 3400/The TV Writer's Room

PSW 3500/Documentary Theatre: Performing Real Life

PSW 3600/Songwriting for the Musical

PSW 4150/Making New Plays

THP 2205/Shakespeare Then and Now

THP 3725/Adapting Literature for Performance

Minor Requirements: 20 Credits

Students must complete a minor in an approved area of study in Liberal Arts and Sciences, after consultation and approval from their advisor. Excluded from the list of approved minors are: Arts Management, Film/Video Production, Music, Theatre and Performance, Creative Writing, Communications and Visual Arts.

For students declaring an additional major in one of the approved fields, the minor requirement is waived. In certain circumstances students may be approved to take an alternate course of study in lieu of the minor, in consultation with their advisor.

Playwriting and Screenwriting Double Majors

All Playwriting and Screenwriting double majors are required to take Junior Seminar in either playwriting or screenwriting. However, if a double major's senior project is focused only in their second area of study (not Playwriting and Screenwriting), the Playwriting and Screenwriting Senior Project and Senior Colloquium are not required.

Minor requirements:

The college also offers separate Minors in [Playwriting](#) and [Screenwriting](#).

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Courses

PSW 1000: Playwriting I

An introduction to the basic techniques of writing for the stage, beginning with the story. Multiple short writing assignments emphasize character, plot, diction, subtext, and meaning. They include writing from personal experience, adapting a short story and a classical play, and using a current news story as inspiration. Students discuss Aristotle’s elements as they pertain to the scene, apply basic

elements of the craft, read several short plays, and attend performances on campus and in New York City.

Credits: 4

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PSW 1010: Screenwriting I

Introduces the student to writing a dramatic story for the screen, placing an emphasis on discovery, good work habits, critical assessment, and rewriting as essential to the professional writer. Through numerous assignments, students learn the basics of dramatic story structure, revealing character, writing dialogue, genre, and use of story suspense. All techniques are applied in a final short screenplay.

Credits: 4

Department: Playwriting and Screenwriting

PSW 1030: Improv for the Writer

Study the art of improvisation and apply its rules to dramatic writing. Look at artists across mediums who have used improvisatory methods to develop their work. Through written and performed games and exercises learn to create "in the moment;" imagining characters, settings, and worlds for plays and screenplays on our feet.

Credits: 3

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PSW 1050: Introduction to Television Writing

Learn the fundamentals of television (episodic/serial) writing. All aspects of dramatic storytelling in the episodic/serial form will be covered - from proper formatting to television's various dramatic structures and genres. Students will complete exercises that reinforce the concepts and present these for in-class workshops.

Credits: 4

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PSW 1250: Plays and Playgoing

What makes a play alive, provocative, and vital? Using classics of dramatic literature as well as plays that are new to the stage, students read and study the ideas and mechanics of the play. An examination of some key texts and theories, including Aristotle's Poetics, Brecht's Epic Theatre, Artaud's Theatre of Cruelty, and Boal's Theatre of the Oppressed lead to a fresh look at the old and the new. Students attend plays on campus and in New York City, and meet some of today's leading theatre artists.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSW1010

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PSW 2000: Screenwriting II: Adaptation

Using an existing short piece of fiction, students delineate the elements of the story, experiencing their importance and power; translate the short story into a screenplay for a narrative film; and complete two drafts of a 25-page screenplay. In the process, they learn the techniques of adaptation for the screen and a deeper level of dramatic story structure. Emphasis is on discovering the dramatic character when evaluating the merits of a particular adaptation, which extends to evaluating one's own ideas for a screenplay; introducing genre and story types; and research as a dramatist's fundamental tool.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSW1010

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PSW 2010: Playwriting II

Building on PSW 1000, students read and attend new plays, develop in-class writing exercises, and then write and revise a 30-page play.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSW1000 Or THP3590

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PSW 3000: Screenwriting III

An introduction to full-length narrative and the three-act structure. The art and craft of screenwriting are explored through analysis and developing, writing, and rewriting a longer screenplay (60 pages), with an emphasis on what Hollywood looks for in a screenplay. Techniques covered include voice-over, establishing shots, montages, and creating tension and payoff. The business of the screenwriter, how to pitch, and finding work/selling a screenplay are also covered.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSW2000

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PSW 3120: The Writer and the Documentary

In recent years, opportunities in nonfiction work have grown significantly. In this course, students screen and analyze documentary films, and produce their own short nonfiction film on digital video. Field assignments include researching and conducting interviews; written assignments include narration exercises, documentary summaries, and scripts. Students also learn the basics of Final Cut Pro editing software.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSW1010 And CIN1500

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PSW 3130: Site-Specific Playwriting

Explores techniques for developing narrative and dramatic structures in specific spaces/sites. Students read, view, and discuss sample works and theoretical

investigation as a means to contextualize our inquiry, while also doing a series of ‘building block’ exercises both in and out of the classroom. Small modular writing assignments build to a final full-length piece.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSW1010

Department: Playwriting and Screenwriting

PSW 3155: The Art of Rewriting: Killing Our Darlings

An exploration of revision techniques and strategies in a workshop environment. Students revise existing material through examinations of character, dialogue, and structure; text analysis; and other tools. First drafts and production drafts of contemporary American plays are also studied and discussed.

Credits: 4

Department: Playwriting and Screenwriting

PSW 3200: Playwriting III

Students research, gather, and incorporate ideas from a variety of sources to write a new full-length play. Weekly readings of plays are paired with focused writing exercises. The course culminates in a public reading of excerpts from students' completed plays. Students also explore the business of playwriting, touring a theatre in New York City and meeting with artistic staff.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSW2010 Or THP3591

Department: Playwriting and Screenwriting

PSW 3230: Writers' Scene Workshop

Students bring their screenwriting to a professional level by learning the deep anatomy of the scene. Students look at their writing from the perspective of the director and learn to craft scenes that have what these collaborators look for in a

text. Whether writing for film or television (or theater), well-crafted scenes are essential for a script directors will want to direct and actors will want to act. Students practice the director's craft by realizing their own original scene on digital video, giving them new insight into the writing process. The aspects of directing, producing, casting, editing and other areas are also essential for writers interested in one day becoming showrunners or making their own work.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSW2000

Department: Playwriting and Screenwriting

PSW 3300: Writing for Television

Screenings and discussion of various forms of the medium, including the sitcom, television movies, and documentary and experimental forms. Students write a script that is critiqued in class and rewritten, with concentration on the world of the story, tone, character, style, dramatic tension, pacing, and evolving narrative.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSW1010 Or PSW1050

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PSW 3310: Book Writing: Story Structure in Musical Theatre

Examines the history and craft of storytelling in musical theatre. Students consider song topic and placement to structure a short original musical. The ability to read and write music is not required.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSW1000 And PSW1010

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PSW 3400: The TV Writer's Room

Students experience the real-world model of collaboratively writing a television series in a “writer’s room.” With the instructor as “show runner,” the class creates a half-hour series and together writes a pilot episode. Each student then writes an episode for the series. Episodic story structure, weaving multiple story lines, the tradition television series, and newly emerging variations are covered.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSW1010 Or PSW1050

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PSW 3500: Writing the Web Series

The landscape of short-form, online, episodic storytelling is surveyed, and each student is required to conceive a short-form episodic series, create the show “bible,” and write and produce a pilot “webisode” for that series. Emphasis is on story structure and telling a story in a nontraditional form.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSW1010

Department: Playwriting and Screenwriting

PSW 3600: Songwriting for the Musical

Students will gain an understanding of the craft of writing and combining lyrics and music. Focus is placed on the process of artistic collaboration as librettists and composers are paired to create original songs. Students will also survey musical writing teams and repertoire. Composers must have the ability to create scores and regularly perform their work.

Credits: 4

Department: Playwriting and Screenwriting

PSW 3880: Junior Seminar in Playwriting and Screenwriting

Students develop ideas for their senior project—a play or screenplay. They research, develop, and present their scenarios to the class for response and critique.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSW2000 And PSW2010 And (CIN1500 Or CIN1510 Or CIN1030) And (THP2885 Or THP2890)

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PSW 4150: Making New Plays

Writers and actors learn tools for working together on new plays. Taught by a playwright and a director, the class studies different collaborative models, including devised theatre, and explores communication strategies for working through creative friction. The course culminates in a final showcase on campus.

Credits: 3

Department: Playwriting and Screenwriting

PSW 4880: Senior Colloquium in Playwriting and Screenwriting

During the solitary pursuit of writing their first full-length play or screenplay, students come together regularly to share in-process work for feedback and critique. A completion schedule is created, and assignments are given to aid in the scriptwriting discovery process. Classes are also devoted to visiting professionals who relate their experiences in the business of being a playwright or screenwriter.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: THP3890 Or PSW3880

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Playwriting

Minor requirements:

The minor in playwriting is designed for students in all disciplines who want to explore and develop skills in writing for the stage.

Many students who pursue this minor are majoring in disciplines like theatre and performance, arts management, and gender studies. The skills developed in playwriting complement a liberal arts education.

Students interested in the minor must submit a completed [Application for a Program of Minor Study](#). Upon admission to the minor, the student will be assigned a minor advisor from the playwriting faculty.

Academic Requirements for the Minor in Playwriting

Five courses, to include:

- PSW 1000/Playwriting I (4 credits)
- THP 2885/Theatre Histories I or THP 2890/Theatre Histories II (3 credits)
- PSW 2010/Playwriting II (4 credits)
- Plus two of the following courses:
 - PSW 1250/Plays and Playgoing (4 credits)
 - PSW 3155/The Art of Rewriting: Killing our Darlings (4 credits)
 - PSW 3200/Playwriting III (4 credits)
 - THP 2205/Shakespeare Then and Now (3 credits)
 - THP 2885/Theatre Histories I or THP 2890/Theatre Histories II (3 credits)
 - THP 3495/Black American Drama (4 credits)
 - THP 3525/LGBTQ Drama (4 credits)

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Screenwriting

Minor requirements:

The minor in screenwriting is designed for students in all disciplines who want to explore and develop skills in writing for film and television.

Many students who pursue this minor are majoring in disciplines like cinema studies, media, society, and the arts, creative writing, journalism, or theatre and performance. The skills developed in screenwriting complement a liberal arts education.

Students interested in the minor must submit a completed [**Application for a Program of Minor Study**](#). Upon admission to the minor, the student will be assigned a minor advisor from the screenwriting faculty.

Academic Requirements for the Minor in Screenwriting

Five courses, to include:

- PSW 1010/Screenwriting I (4 credits)
- CIN 1500/Introduction to Cinema Studies I (4 credits)
or
CIN 1030/History of Film Art (4 credits)
- PSW 2000/Screenwriting II (4 credits)
- Plus two of the following courses:
PSW 3000/Screenwriting III (4 credits)
PSW 3120/The Writer and the Documentary (4 credits)
PSW 3230/Writers' Scene Workshop (4 credits)
PSW 3300/Writing for Television (4 credits)
PSW 3400/TV Writers' Room (4 credits)
PSW 3500/Writing the Web Series (4 credits)

Faculty

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School of Humanities

With small classes, dynamic students, world-renowned guest artists and scholars, and one-on-one work with distinguished faculty, the School of Humanities provides an exceptional liberal arts education at a public institution. You will hone your writing, expand your thinking, encounter the world, and make your mark.

Undergraduate Courses

Art History

Description:

The art history BA centers engagement with art—as a material, critical, and social practice—in a curriculum designed to foster students’ curiosity and intellectual growth. The program is committed to the rigorous interrogation of received histories and their relation to entrenched

systems of oppression, and to producing scholars equipped to contribute to building a more just world.

The study of art history introduces students to all periods of history and many of the world's cultures. The program offers study of the various forms of art and architecture: painting, sculpture, graphics, decorative arts, photography, design, and performance. Scholarly approaches to these media emphasize social, cultural, and political history and explore a wide range of interdisciplinary and theoretical methods.

Study on Campus, in New York City, and Abroad

The program is designed to introduce not only subjects but approaches: visual and stylistic analysis, criticism, iconography, historiography, and methodology. Because art history requires the study of original works of art, many courses are supplemented by field trips to museums and art galleries in New York City, just 20 miles south of the Purchase campus. The on-campus **Neuberger Museum of Art** is also a major resource. Internships and the college's **study abroad programs** provide many opportunities for undergraduates to get involved in the art world outside the classroom.

The Junior Year

During the junior year, students select a broad field of study that includes the architecture, sculpture, and painting of one of several periods or areas (e.g., Renaissance, African, or modern). Students are urged to take at least three courses outside art history related to their area of study (e.g., courses in 19th- and 20th-century literature, history, and/or philosophy, if the focus is on the modern period). The Junior Seminar in Art History examines selected approaches to the study of art history by analyzing various interpretations of the work of a single artist.

The Senior Project

The program culminates in a two-semester senior project, in which each student uses the methods of art history in an in-depth project that may take a variety of forms: a research thesis, an exhibition at the Neuberger Museum of Art, or a critical study.

After Graduation

Many alumni choose to pursue their interest in art history through employment at museums and galleries, often earning advanced degrees in art history and museum studies. Other alumni have chosen to work in such fields as art education, film production, publishing and as art handlers and transporters. Still others pursue careers outside of the arts, but find the critical thinking, visual literacy, and subject matter of this field meaningful and useful to their lives and work.

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Requirements:

In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, all art history undergraduate majors must complete 14 courses and an 8-credit senior project, as follows:

- ARH 1010/History of Art Survey I
- ARH 1020/History of Art Survey II
- ARH 1021/History of Art Survey II Discussion
- Six specialized art history courses, which must include:
 - ARH 3880/Junior Seminar in Art History
 - One course in the history of art before 1800
- Two studio courses in the visual arts
- Three courses in related disciplines and/or a foreign language
- SPJ 4990/Senior Project I: 4 credits
- SPJ 4991/Senior Project II: 4 credits

Note: An art history course offered by the School of Liberal Studies may not be used to fulfill requirement 1, 2, 3, or 4 above, but may be used as a general elective.

Internships may also be taken at the Neuberger Museum of Art or at area museums and galleries. Internships can count toward the elective academic requirements for the major.

Art History majors with a particular interest in museums may want to consider the **Museum Studies Minor** as a supplement to the major.

Minor requirements:

The minor in art history is designed for undergraduate students in all disciplines at Purchase College who are interested in art history and visual culture.

Students interested in pursuing this minor should submit a completed **Application for a Program of Minor Study** to the School of Humanities main office. Upon admission to the minor, the student is assigned a minor advisor from the art history faculty.

Academic Requirements for the Minor in Art History

Six courses in art history, as follows:

- ARH 1010/History of Art Survey I
- ARH 1020/History of Art Survey II
- ARH 1021/History of Art Survey II Discussion
- Three specialized art history courses (2000 level or above)

Note: Art history courses offered by the School of Liberal Studies may not be used to fulfill these requirements.

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Courses

ARH 1010: History of Art Survey I (Ancient through Medieval)

The art and architecture of Egypt, Greece, Rome, and medieval Europe, presented in terms of their visual and cultural significance.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 1020: History of Art Survey II (Renaissance through 20th Century)

A survey of the history of Western art, including the works of Masaccio, Van Eyck, Donatello, Bosch, Michelangelo, and Leonardo; followed by the rise of national styles in the 17th and 18th centuries in France and England. Nineteenth-century neoclassicism, romanticism, realism, impressionism, and postimpressionism, as well

as modernism and developments in 20th-century art, are also covered. The discussion is required.

Credits: 3

COREQ: ARH1021

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ARH 1021: History of Art Survey II (Renaissance through 20th Century)

Discussion

A discussion of the history of Western art, including the works of Masaccio, Van Eyck, Donatello, Bosch, Michelangelo, and Leonardo; followed by the rise of national styles in the 17th and 18th centuries in France and England. Nineteenth-century neoclassicism, romanticism, realism, impressionism, and postimpressionism, as well as modernism and developments in 20th-century art, are also covered.

Credits: 1

COREQ: ARH1020

Department: Art History

ARH 1025: Exhibition as Exploration: Topics

In this seminar-style course, freshmen will explore the aesthetic, historical, and literary context of a given exhibition at the Neuberger Museum of Art. Through close observation, readings, and discussion, students will gain a deep knowledge of the artists in the exhibition, the aesthetic and social questions relevant to the artists' work, and the curatorial logic guiding the exhibition.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 2050: Introduction to Modern Art

The work of Courbet, Manet, and the circle of the Impressionists sets the stage for the revolutionary modern movements of the 20th century (e.g., Cubism,

Expressionism, Dada, Surrealism). The course concludes with those artists who came to prominence in America at the time of World War II.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 2060: Art Since 1945

Introduces the diversity of practices that have dominated the history of art since World War II. Movements include: Abstract Expressionism, postwar European painting, happenings, Fluxus, Pop art, minimalism, conceptual art, performance art, and postmodernism. While European and North American art are emphasized, Asian and Latin American art are also addressed, particularly in the context of increasing globalization.

Credits: 4

COREQ: ARH2061

Department: Art History

ARH 2061: Art Since 1945 Discussion

Introduces the diversity of practices that have dominated the history of art since World War II. Movements include: Abstract Expressionism, postwar European painting, happenings, Fluxus, Pop art, minimalism, conceptual art, performance art, and postmodernism. While European and North American art are emphasized, Asian and Latin American art are also addressed, particularly in the context of increasing globalization.

Credits: 1

COREQ: ARH2060

Department: Art History

ARH 2140: Introduction to the Structure and Function of Museums

Explores a range of topics, including the history of art museums, current theories and methodologies of display, and museum administration. In addition to class discussion, students meet with museum personnel from the Neuberger Museum of Art to learn the basics of museum operations, including curatorial work, exhibition design, registration, education and public programming, marketing, public relations, and finance.

Credits: 3

Department: Art History

ARH 2155: Medieval Art and Architecture

An examination of painting, sculpture, and architecture during the European Middle Ages, from the end of the Roman Empire through the Gothic era (c. 300–1400). French and Italian art are emphasized, but works from every part of Christian Europe, from England and Spain to the Byzantine Empire, are included.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 2160: Picturing America: Art and American Identity to 1913

What is American about American art, and how have questions of race and ethnic and cultural identity shaped our visual culture? Offering an interpretive overview of American history through the lens of American culture, this course traces the formation of American identity from the eve of the European arrival in North America to shortly before the beginning of World War I.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 2230: Early Italian Renaissance Art

An examination of painting, sculpture, and architecture produced in Italy from the late 13th century to the late 15th century, including Giotto, Masaccio, Donatello, Brunelleschi, Piero della Francesca, and Botticelli.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 2240: Italian High Renaissance and Mannerism

An examination of painting, sculpture, and architecture in Italy during the 16th century. The course begins with an in-depth study of the works of Leonardo, Michelangelo, Raphael, Bramante, Giorgione, and Titian, and then traces the evolution of the anticlassical style known as mannerism.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 2265: Greek Art and Architecture

Developments in Greek sculpture, vase painting, and architecture are traced from the destruction of the Mycenaean palaces (c. 1200 BCE) to the rise of the Roman Empire (1st and 2nd centuries BCE). Topics include the impact of Near Eastern civilizations on early Greek culture, the “classical” style’s florescence in 5th-century Athens, and the creation of the Hellenistic world by Alexander the Great.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 2430: Art, Modernity and Environment

Begins by examining the relation between landscape and modernity in nineteenth-century painting and photography, ranging from Impressionism to travel and survey photography. We then track modern art’s changing relation to both the natural and built environment through land art, earth art, and the New Topographics movement of the 1960s and 1970s, concluding with contemporary art of the human-altered environment.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 2550: Introduction to the Arts of Africa and the African Diaspora I

This survey examines the arts and architecture of Africa in a global context from the 13th century to the present. In regional studies of the continent's vast territory and diaspora, we analyze artworks to consider their roles in daily life, ritual, displays of power and prestige, artistic exploration and innovation, and more. Weekly visits to the Neuberger Museum are required.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 2551: Introduction to the Arts of Africa and the African Diaspora II

Examines the arts and architecture of Africa in the 20th and 21st centuries, engaging critically with how the field of modern and contemporary African art has developed. Students consider the influence of cross-cultural interactions on artistic practices, concepts of traditional, popular, and high art, colonialism and independence movements, primitivism, the rise of African modernisms, Afro-futurism, and more.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 2885: Women Artists and Feminist Criticism

An introduction to women artists from the Renaissance era through the Enlightenment, including Anguissola, Gentileschi, Vigée-Lebrun, and Kauffmann. Topics include access to professions, constructions of sexuality and gender, and attitudes toward the body in representation.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3010: The Avant-Gardes

Since the 1800s, the avant-gardes have tried to resist the delimited role of fine art in Western culture. In this course, students examine the strategies that avant-garde

artists have used to reconnect their art practice with the more contentious areas of social and political life.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ARH2000-2994 Or ARH3000-3994 Or ARH4000-4994

Department: Art History

ARH 3030: Approaching Benin through Art Criticism and Practice

Students contextualize Beninese contemporary art and culture into the larger context of West African history. Readings in African history and post-colonial theory accompany hands-on workshops on how to make and write about art while visiting Benin. Students will write response papers, participate in class discussions, and make work using the methods presented in the course.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3040: Vermeer in the World

Half of this team-taught course is devoted to examining Johannes Vermeer's subjects, painting techniques, and reception. The other half examines the invention and use of comparable subjects and literary techniques during the three eras in which Vermeer figured prominently on the global stage: the Dutch Golden Age, the American Gilded Age, and the US financial boom of the 1990s.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3055: Modern and Contemporary Art and Architecture of the Middle East

Takes a broad view of the aesthetic, historical, and conceptual development of modern and contemporary art and architecture of the Middle East. Topics include legacies of Orientalism; colonialism and decolonization; religion and secularization; relationships between art and nation-building; the rise of petrocultures; and questions of reception in the context of global contemporary art.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3056: Metropolis: Architecture and Urbanism in the Twentieth Century

Explores the history of twentieth-century architecture through the modern city, tracing the rise and occasional decline of the metropolis internationally. Students analyze how architects and urban planners proposed new visions of urban life and devised solutions for urgent social and political problems related to urbanization (e.g. public space, housing, gentrification, globalization).

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3060: Colors: An Art History

Explore the history of colors within global art history in a global context. Factors like the availability and cost of pigments, trade routes, religious and political meanings will be considered, along with the impact of industrial color production, globalization, marketing and digital technology on our understanding of colors.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3080: Introduction to Afro-Atlantic Arts II

Atlantic art forms from 1801, the founding the first multi-racial republic of Haïti to the present. Iconography, style, and materials are considered, along with issues of colonialism, religion, and gender. Students engage with both primary sources and recent scholarly analyses, as well as the collections at the Neuberger Museum of Art.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3107: Flash-points, Fiascos, and Freak-outs: Art and Controversy, 1863-

Present

How and why do certain artworks become embroiled in major public debates, political scandals, and legal disputes? Beginning with the 1863 Salon des Refusés and continuing to the present day through an itinerary that travels the globe, students will examine the role of controversy in defining art, society, and how we imagine the relationship between the two.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3125: The Caravaggio Effect

The paintings of Michelangelo Mersisi da Caravaggio (1571–1610) had a revolutionary impact on the art world of his era, and the fascination with his extraordinary re-evaluation of pictorial effects continues to this day. This course examines Caravaggio's art and career and considers responses to his work by other artists, including film directors, up to the present.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3151: Craft Revivals

Examines the relationship between the traditional crafts and the upheavals of modernity. Beginning with the Arts and Crafts movement in the 19th century and continuing to the present day, students explore how craft is framed as protest against industrialization, as utopian model of labor and exchange, and as aesthetic transformation.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3158: The Display of Objects

Examine the display of objects in principle and in practice from the early modern through the modern era. Focus on the way meanings were created through acts of presentation across a range of sites, including scientific collections, cabinets of wonders, salons, stores, shop windows and museums.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3170: African American Art

A study of African American painting, sculpture, architecture, prints, drawings, photography, film, and vernacular and popular art. The course begins with the Afro-Atlantic era and covers images made by Southern artists in the 19th and early 20th centuries, as well as artists associated with the “New Negro” movement, the Harlem Renaissance, the civil rights movement, and postmodernism.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3187: Women Artists in the 20th Century

Focuses on women artists and their place within the art-historical narrative of the 20th century. Students examine both the diverse practices of women artists and the reception of their work by critics, dealers, and collectors.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3190: History of Photography

An introduction to a wide range of photographic practices, from the medium’s conception in the 19th century to the ubiquitous online photo-sharing of today. Lectures have a special focus on the major artistic developments of photography. Topics include the significance of vernacular practices and their historical contexts in different parts of the world.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3197: Global Photography

Treats the history of photography in a global framework. Topics include the transformation of photography as it spreads from Europe to Africa, the Americas, Asia, and the Middle East; the decentering of European modernism in postmodernism; the role of photography in colonialism and decolonization; and its role in fine art as well as vernacular portraiture, journalism, documentary, and other fields.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3215: Photography: The First Century

Examines the photographic medium from its earliest forms through the 1920s and 1930s. Topics include technical innovations, manipulations and interventions, function and reception, the relationship to the fine arts, and debates about photography's claims of realism.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3225: Albrecht Durer and the German Renaissance

A study of the German painter, printmaker, and draftsman Albrecht Dürer. The artist's interests in science, politics, religious conflicts, sexuality, and the non-Western world are emphasized.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ARH1000-2994 Or ARH3000-3994 Or ARH4000-4994 Or HIS1000-2994 Or HIS3000-3994 Or HIS4000-4994

Department: Art History

ARH 3230: Northern Renaissance Art

Examines the history of painting and sculpture in Northern Europe from the 14th century to c. 1570. Flemish, Dutch, French, German, and Czech works are considered, with emphasis on such artists as the Limbourg Brothers, Van Eyck, Bosch, Dürer, and Bruegel.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ARH1000-2994 Or ARH3000-3994 Or ARH4000-4994 Or HIS1000-2994 Or HIS3000-3994 Or HIS4000-4994

Department: Art History

ARH 3232: Land of Pleasure and Destruction: What Does Campania Say to Us Today?

From ancient to neoclassical, Campania's monuments are overwhelming with the riches of the past. Students delve into the histories of these great works and the ways they have shaped the modern world through the development of revivalist styles, academic disciplines, and tourism as a leisure activity. Includes visits to such historic sites as Pompeii, Paestum, Amalfi, and Naples.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3240: Dutch Art

Investigates the themes, diverse genres, and major figures in 17th-century Dutch painting. Current problems of interpretation are examined, including the idea that there may have been a specifically northern form of visual thinking.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3251: The Russian Avant-Garde

Despite a growing interest in the work of the Russian avant-garde, there is still relatively little known about the artists of the late Russian Empire and the early Soviet Union. This course addresses the broad scope and multidisciplinary practice of Russian modernism, from the shocking primitivism of *The Rite of Spring* to the cold pragmatism of constructivism.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3260: Venetian Art and Architecture

An examination of the visual arts in Venice and its hinterland from the early Middle Ages to the end of the Venetian Republic in 1797. In addition to in-depth treatment of such artists as Bellini, Carpaccio, Giorgione, Titian, and Tiepolo, the social context of the arts and the unique urban development of Venice are studied in detail.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3270: Art in the Age of Exploration

A study of the representation of Asians, Africans, and Americans (and their native lands) in European and American art from the end of the Middle Ages to the French Revolution. Some consideration is also given to the impact of non-Western arts on the European tradition.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3285: Design and Culture

Design is both a noun and a verb. This course deals with the idea of design as a cultural phenomenon and a creative practice. Contemporary design and its making are situated within a broad methodological framework, drawing from existing and emerging theories in anthropology, art history, film studies, criticism, the history of technology, and architecture.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3335: Latin American Art in the Age of Globalization

Focuses on contemporary Latin American artists working in and out of Latin America: Gabriel Orozco, Guillermo Gómez Peña, Adriana Varejao, Teresa Margolles, Carlos Garaicoa, Betsabeé Romero, Javier Tellez, Nadín Ospina, Tania Bruguera, and Nicolás de Jesus. Students analyze the way these artists address such questions as urban violence, social inequality, pollution, emigration, and national identity.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3405: Design History and Theory: 1750–Today

Examines the history of design as it parallels the history of technology and industrialization. Covering a variety of design disciplines, including architecture and urban planning, graphic design, fashion, and industrial design, this course focuses less on aesthetics than on the cultural programs that have shaped buildings, objects, and communication systems for more than two centuries.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3455: Impressionism

The simultaneous development of various painters associated with Impressionism (e.g., Monet, Renoir, Morisot, Pissarro, Manet, Degas, Cassatt) is presented. This radical new art movement is traced from the first Impressionist exhibition of 1874 to the last exhibition of 1886 and the appearance of the post-Impressionists. Students explore the shared relationships of the Impressionist artists.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3507: The Fictional Visual Arts

Examines a selection of poetry, short stories, novels, and films from different historical periods that foreground the visual arts through various means, including the character of the artist, the practices of art, the nature of creativity, and the critical reception of art.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3510: 19th-Century Art

European art from the French Revolution to 1900, with movements in France, Germany, and England receiving particular attention. Major artists studied include David, Gericault, Delacroix, Ingres, Frederich, Constable, Turner, the Pre-Raphaelites, Daumier, Manet, Degas, Monet, and Gauguin.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ARH1000-1994 Or ARH2000-2994 Or ARH3000-3994 Or ARH4000-4994

Department: Art History

ARH 3526: Art and/as Performance

An examination of visual artists who have used performance as an integral component of their practice, with emphasis on post-1950 object-oriented work (rather than theatre or dance). Both primary texts and critical interpretations are studied.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ARH2050 Or ARH2060

Department: Art History

ARH 3531: New Media and Contemporary Art

An examination of contemporary art outside of the traditional media of painting, sculpture, and architecture. Looking at painting-based performances of the 1950s, feminist body art, guerrilla television, and current political interventions based in digital media, students identify the strategies artists used to create new forms, and assess their success in modifying our understanding of the world.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ARH1000-1994 Or ARH2000-2994 Or ARH3000-3994 Or ARH4000-4994

Department: Art History

ARH 3565: Photography in Africa and the African Diaspora

From photography's 19th-century origins to contemporary practices, this survey course explores how and why photography became central to arguments about the modernity of African visual art. Moving from one regional focus to the next, students examine photography's role in expeditionary and ethnographic projects, identity formation, political activism, spirituality, documenting the landscape, and representing the fantastical and the everyday.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3605: Madness and Modernism

A variety of intersections between extreme mental conditions and the production of works of art during the modern period are investigated. Topics include connections between creativity and mental instability, artists with a history of mental disorder, and theories about stylistic or formal affinities between madness and art.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3630: French Art From LaTour to David

Focuses on the work of French artists from the early modern era to the French Revolution, with special attention to the Gallic obsession with realism, alongside the more abstract aspects of representation.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3710: Artists on Art

An examination of critical and theoretical writing by artists about art. The course considers texts from various eras, but focuses primarily on 20th-century and contemporary material. Artists' writings are analyzed in the context of art criticism as a whole, and students also have the opportunity try their hand at criticism.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3815: Mexican Art From the Revolution to the NAFTA Era

A broad look at modern and contemporary Mexican art, using an interdisciplinary and comparative approach. Special emphasis is on the Mexican Revolution (1910–1920) and its aftermath throughout the 20th century. Students analyze links between the visual arts (including mural painting, prints, and photography) and the literature, the popular scene and the mainstream, the street art and the gallery art.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3865: Modern & Contemp Indian Art

A survey of Modern and Contemporary Indian art since 1850, examining the rich and complex art practices which have emerged from pre-independent India to date. Focus on the works of the most significant Indian artists; concepts of tradition/modern, nationalism/internationalism and globalization; and on socio-political practices that are reflected in artworks and practices that make Indian art truly distinct

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 3880: Junior Seminar in Art History

Provides art history majors with an opportunity to examine the nature of the discipline by analyzing and comparing the writings of several art historians. The seminar concentrates on the work of a single artist in light of various art historical approaches. This writing-intensive course requires a variety of short essays and concludes with a research paper and class presentation. Limited to art history majors.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 4000: Writing Art Criticism

Students focus on developing competence in both critical style and content. Focusing on visual art, the course explores different kinds of critical voices, from belle-lettristic to theoretical. Readings and discussions analyze examples by leading critics. Writing assignments aim for students to develop an engaging argument, and the importance of revision, clear thinking, and descriptive ability is stressed.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 4006: Investigating Normal

Explores ideas of the “normal” and “non-normal” in art and design today. Through readings, guest speakers, and projects, the class investigates both traditional and unusual depictions of bodies, race, and gender, along with the art and design practices developed in order to represent and understand them.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 4025: Exhibition I

Participants in this seminar propose, research, plan, and coordinate an exhibition series and related public programming to be undertaken the following semester (as part of the course, Exhibition II). These exhibitions will take place in the Neuberger Museum, other sites around campus, or in a combination of Museum-based and other locations.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ARH4035 Or ARH4037

Department: Art History

ARH 4026: Exhibition II

Participants in this seminar coordinate an exhibition series and related public programming based on the plans and preparations of the previous semester (conducted as part of the course, Exhibition I). These exhibitions take place in the Neuberger Museum, other sites around campus, or in a combination of Museum-based and other locations.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: ARH4025

Department: Art History

ARH 4030: Exhibition Seminar

In this seminar, students and the instructor co-curate an exhibition for the Neuberger Museum of Art. The class works on all aspects of the exhibition with the instructor and museum staff. Students learn about the various functions of departments, including curatorial, education, exhibition design, development, and public relations, putting exhibition theory into practice. Exhibition topics vary.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 4035: Museology

An investigation of the historical development and function of museums. Students examine the growth of collections and exhibitions, along with the various roles that museums have played in relation to art history and society around the world. Central to this course and its final project is the question: "What should a museum be in the 21st century?"

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ARH2140 Or ARH4030 Or ARH4715

Department: Art History

ARH 4037: Critical Curatorial Studies

A rigorous examination of the historical, theoretical, and concrete concerns of curatorial practice. Course-work culminates in a complete exhibition proposal.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ARH2050 Or ARH2060

Department: Art History

ARH 4045: The Art of the Document

Addresses the tension between art and document, or making and recording, in twentieth-century visual culture. The first half investigates the aesthetics and politics of documentary photography and film, including conflicts between realism and modernism. The second half examines the use of documents and documentation by postmodern art and subsequent transformations in the style, form, and truth-content of documentary practices.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 4202: The Inclusive Museum

Explores the ways in which ability and disability are conceived, represented, and negotiated in museum culture. Weekly discussions, visiting lecturers and screenings will examine key theoretical concepts, practical case studies, as well as the use of educational and internet-based media as assistive technologies. Specific topics will include: museums and the establishment of norms; the category of "assistive technology"; inclusive architecture and design; staring and other practices of looking; disability and performance art; media advocacy and activism.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 4225: Theories of Painting

Painting has long been accompanied by theories describing its abilities to attract, deceive, and even harm. This course looks at key theories and debates in the history of the medium (e.g., Rubenistes vs. Poussinistes, painting's role among pluralistic practices) to better understand how both making and seeing a painting are colored by a history of ideas.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ARH1020 Or ARH2050

Department: Art History

ARH 4460: Field Trips to New York Museums and Galleries

A practical course in art criticism, which meets regularly in New York. Contemporary works of art form the basis for lectures, discussions, and written essays.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ARH1000-2994 Or ARH3000-3994 Or ARH4000-4994

Department: Art History

ARH 4465: Disability Cultures and History

Examines how activists and artists have interrogated questions of “normalcy.” We will read deeply in the history of disability rights, as well as theories of personhood, identity, and representation. In so doing, we use ideas from philosophy, anthropology, feminist criticism, and literature to research and explore how art, media and performance studies present bodies deemed nonnormative.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 4705: Art and History After 1989

This seminar focuses on uses of history—as both subject and method—in art around the turn of the 21st century. Within a globally comparative frame, students investigate contemporary theories and practices that take stock of the past in order to reimagine the future at a moment when the world seems simultaneously more connected and more fractured than ever before.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ARH1020 Or ARH2050 Or ARH2060

Department: Art History

ARH 4715: Collect, Display, Exchange

This seminar delves into the historical, theoretical, and practical aspects of museum and exhibition practices in the U.S., from encyclopedic museums to storefront galleries. In addition to classroom discussion, students visit arts institutions in the area to consider collection and exhibition-related issues and to learn more about the operational function and structure of museums.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 4770: African Art and Film

African art and visual culture are considered in the context of African film. African youth, who make up most of the continent's population, have had a marked effect on many sociopolitical phenomena. The films screened address African youth culture and such issues as the new independence (1960s), post-apartheid South Africa, youth rebels, religious fundamentalism, HIV, hip-hop and digital culture, and global emigration.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 4820: Food and Feasting in the Visual Arts

The visual record of the production and consumption of food and drink are examined in this seminar. Topics include food in the still life, the representation of gluttony, and the prominent position of sacred feasts and food miracles in religious art. The primary focus is on Western art, but examples from other traditions are considered.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ARH1000-1994 Or ARH2000-2994 Or ARH3000-3994 Or ARH4000-4994

Department: Art History

LIT 3497: Gothic

In this advanced lecture, the first wave of Gothic novels from the mid-18th century to the mid-19th century is examined in relation to visual representations of issues that dominate Gothic discourse. Topics include horror, imprisonment, madness, gender, ghosts and vampires. Authors and artists studied include Austen, the Brontë sisters, Radcliffe, Collins, Blake, Fuseli, and Turner.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

PHI 3785: Art and Morality

What, if any, moral and political obligations does art have? Should public policy promote some kinds of art and discourage others? This course addresses these and related questions via works from across the arts and philosophical texts.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

PRT 2500: The History of Printmaking

In this survey of the historical significance of printmaking, the focus is on understanding the history of print media and its influence on culture in Europe, Asia, and the New World. Students explore both the history of printmaking and its intertwined relationship to the history of art. Of prime concern are the unique and distinct characteristics of each printmaking process.

Credits: 3

Department: Art History

College and Expository Writing

Description:

The ability to express ideas clearly and effectively in writing is essential to success as a student and citizen.

Students learn and practice these skills throughout their academic career at Purchase College, beginning with College Writing (WRI 1110) in their first year. College Writing teaches students to:

1. produce strong written work at the college level
2. read and think critically
3. take a position and develop an argument of their own
4. research a topic and write a well-organized paper that develops their claims in dialogue with the sources
5. revise and improve their papers
6. present their ideas orally

College Writing is taught in small sections in a seminar/discussion format that requires students to achieve proficiency in speaking and listening as well as writing and reading.

Entering students may only be exempted from College Writing by achieving an AP score of 4 or higher. For additional information, refer to the [college policies](#).

English as an Additional Language

Courses in English as an additional language (EAL) are also offered under the auspices of the college writing program.

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Courses

WRI 1050: Writing about Texts

Build strategies and routines for writing about reading. Through short readings, demonstrations, and guided practice, students study writing about texts in a variety of genres, including the literary essay, personal narrative and memoir, and the researched essay. Requirements offer the opportunity to apply class exercises to reading and writing assignments in other courses.

Credits: 2

Department: Expository and College Writing

WRI 1105: College Writing Lab

Students receive supplemental instruction in critical thinking and writing, writing mechanics, organization, and style. They also learn techniques for effective workshopping and provide regular feedback on each other's work.

Credits: 1

Department: Expository and College Writing

WRI 1110: College Writing

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1. produce strong written work at the college level
2. read and think critically
3. take a position and develop an argument of their own
4. research a topic and write a well-organized paper that develops their claims in dialogue with the sources
5. revise and improve their papers
6. present their ideas orally

Credits: 4

Department: Expository and College Writing

WRI 1200: Introduction to Digital Publishing

How do we create meaningful writing for an online readership that scrolls quickly and relies less on the printed page than any other generation? Students will write essays, features, and criticism and identify online publications that suit each project, while guest lecturers offer insight on engaging social media to share reported stories. Students co-edit *Expose*, Purchase's online expository writing magazine.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: WRI1110

Department: Expository and College Writing

WRI 1500: Writer's Block/Unblock

Students develop strategies for overcoming creative writer's block. Through a series of physical exercises, visualizations, and writing prompts, students learn to

overcome obstacles that prevent them from writing or completing a written work. By building a toolkit of simple tactics, students learn how to become more productive creative writers.

Credits: 2

Department: Expository and College Writing

WRI 2110: Advanced Critical Writing Workshop

What makes a person an insider or an outsider? Beginning with personal experience and writing, students explore the ways in which race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, and social class affect individual, communal, national, and transnational identity and belonging in American culture. In connecting multiple levels of experience, students engage in critical reading, research, analysis, writing, and revision, building on their strong skills in preparation for upper-level work.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: Or WRI1110

Department: Expository and College Writing

WRI 2770: The Art of the Essay

Though often seen as simply a test of students' knowledge and ideas, essays go far beyond what is generally required in courses. Students in this course read and experiment with a wide variety of critical, journalistic, academic, personal, and experimental essay forms. In the process, they further develop their skills as critical thinkers and writers.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: WRI1110 Or WRI2110

Department: Expository and College Writing

WRI 3785: The Personal Essay

In the personal essay, writers adopt distinct points of view, moving beyond the emotional to analytical and reasoned positions. Topics can include personal reflections, thoughts on daily life, art analysis, and political arguments. Students read and analyze contemporary essays and “workshop” each other’s writing. Requirements include attending instructor-supervised events (films, performances, guest speakers) outside of class for some writing assignments.

Credits: 4

Department: Expository and College Writing

English as an Additional Language

EAL 1500: English as an Additional Language I

Students develop basic language skills through reading, writing, speaking, and listening. They learn components of academic writing, including paragraphs and thesis statements, and gain critical reading and analytical skills through work with basic texts. Students share ideas and experiences both verbally and in writing, and improve grammar and vocabulary through writing activities, academic exercises, and workshops.

Credits: 4

Department: Undeclared

EAL 1510: English as an Additional Language II

Students gain advanced language skills through reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Working with more advanced texts, they further develop critical reading and analytical skills. They gain experience with the essay form, and learn to write definition, process analysis, descriptive, and opinion pieces. Students share ideas and experiences both verbally and in writing, and continue to strengthen grammar and vocabulary.

Credits: 4

Department: Undeclared

EAL 1520: English as an Additional Language III

Students develop advanced language skills through reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Working with advanced texts, they further develop critical reading and analytical skills. They gain experience with academic writing, including cause and effect, comparative, narrative, and opinion pieces, and learn basic research skills. Students practice analyzing information and expressing ideas verbally and in writing, and continue to strengthen grammar and vocabulary.

Credits: 4

Department: Undeclared

Communications

Description:

This major focuses on crafting messages appropriate to a variety of mediated channels; considering the impact of messages on diverse audiences, and promoting brands, products and companies.

Requirements:

In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, all communications majors must complete the following requirements (35 credits):

1. COM 1500/Intro to Communication: 4 credits
2. COM 2010/Group Collaboration: 3 credits
3. One of the following courses:
 - COM 1400/Intro to Video Techniques and Technology: 3 credits
 - COM 2050/Intro to Media Writing: 4 credits
4. COM 3100/Communication Research: 4 credits
5. COM 3110/Strategic Message Design: 4 credits
6. *Area of Interest:* TV Production/ Advertising/ Public Relations: 12 credits
7. COM 4800/Senior Capstone: 4 credits

A minimum grade of C- is required for all classes applied towards major requirements.

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Courses

AMG 3080: Entertainment Public Relations

Provides an overview of the principles and purpose and practices of public relations. The history of the field will be explored along with present day messaging, tools and

tactics utilized by PR professionals and entrepreneurs supporting projects and events in film, music, fashion, beauty, and other entertainment industries. Areas of focus will include crisis communications, branding, and buzz generating strategies.

Credits: 3

Department: Communication

COM 1400: Introduction to Video Techniques and Technology

This introduction to the art and science of video production focuses on developing visual literacy and postproduction skills. Starting with an examination of basic video technology and traditional media aesthetics, all stages of the video production process are covered. Students receive introductory technical training and hands-on experience with digital camcorders, microphones, and nonlinear editing equipment.

Credits: 3

Department: Communication

COM 1500: Introduction to Communication

The history and impact of communication technologies are examined, beginning with speech and moving forward through print and digital media, advertising and public relations, media regulation and potential, and ending with a consideration of the future.

Credits: 4

Department: Communication

COM 2000: Spoken Word

The art of the spoken word is studied in many of its forms, including political speeches, story-based podcasts, and slam poetry. Students research and create concise stories; examine the role that rhythm, cadence, structure, and sound patterns play in creating a memorable performance; and then practice delivering the message for their intended audience. Uses and impacts for inspiring, informing, and persuading are considered.

Credits: 2

Department: Communication

COM 2005: Public Speaking

Students develop expertise in public speaking by preparing and presenting different types of speeches for a variety of purposes. The focus is on the main elements of planning and delivering a speech: the message, the speaker, the audience, and the occasion. All speeches are critiqued in class. As an integral part of the course, students learn PowerPoint.

Credits: 4

Department: Communication

COM 2010: Group Collaboration

Students will learn how to collaborate in order to work with others to achieve goals. Those goals may be personal, social and/or task oriented. Through practical, hands-on exercises, students will apply theories of group interaction to demonstrate their working knowledge of effective process. Students will be able to recognize when groups become stuck and brainstorm ways to move forward.

Credits: 3

Department: Communication

COM 2020: Visual Communication

Students will learn the fundamental principles of design and how these relate to effective visual communication. We will explore the role that advertising plays in society and how to create effective visual advertisements. Students will also learn the basics of Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and how to shoot and edit photos.

Credits: 4

Department: Communication

COM 2030: Going Global: Intercultural Communication

Introduces basic concepts of intercultural communication. By examining communication practices in diverse contexts (e.g., family, education, workplace, health and recreation), students learn how cultural rules and norms are enacted and how violations are sanctioned. International factors, cross-cultural competence, and global citizenship are discussed with the goal of increasing understanding, enhancing each student's ability to interact appropriately in the U.S. and abroad.

Credits: 2

Department: Communication

COM 2050: Introduction to Media Writing

In this writing intensive course, students build foundational skills in writing for a variety of media and purposes: print, digital, and broadcast media, public relations and advertising. Students begin to explore the divergent applications of written communication by analyzing their roles as both consumers of and writers for media. Ethical and legal issues are also introduced.

Credits: 4

Department: Communication

COM 3020: Law, Ethics, and the Media

The First Amendment allows the mass media certain freedoms to publish, broadcast, advertise, and promote. Yet with those rights come responsibilities. This course examines the legal and ethical dimensions and issues involved with contemporary American mass media.

Credits: 4

Department: Communication

COM 3040: Mass Media: A Cultural History

An interdisciplinary (social science and humanities) course that emphasizes critical thinking in understanding the social and historical effects of mass media in the U.S. and throughout the world. This course begins in 19th-century America, when print media shaped and defined the national culture, and concludes in the current century with the mass-media convergence of print, electronic, and digital multimedia that is shaping and defining our global culture.

Credits: 4

Department: Communication

COM 3100: Communication Research

Students become acquainted with methods that communication practitioners use to conduct different types of research. Goals include learning to identify, understand, and evaluate diverse research strategies; distinguish between qualitative and quantitative methods, the types of knowledge they produce (big/small data), and the strengths and the weaknesses of each; and think critically about objectivity, researcher standpoint, and research ethics.

Credits: 4

Department: Communication

COM 3110: Strategic Message Design

What are the different forms messages take in spoken and written communication? After examining actual messages in different contexts and assessing their impact on individuals and groups, students learn how to craft messages and select the appropriate timing, style, and medium for delivery. Participants have the opportunity to design, deliver, and test the impact of new messages.

Credits: 4

Department: Communication

COM 3120: Negotiation Skills

Negotiation is approached from a communication perspective in this course. Students explore the cooperative decision-making process in which individuals and groups work together to attempt to achieve goals that may initially seem divergent. By examining the way language is used to frame arguments and barriers, students practice planning, reframing, and bargaining to maintain roles and relationships.

Credits: 2

Department: Communication

COM 3130: Public Communication Campaigns

Students learn how to inform and influence large audiences about noncommercial issues through a series of purposeful communication activities. By examining cases in environment, health, human and animal welfare, and disaster prevention, participants differentiate successful from unsuccessful campaigns and review the process for crafting appropriate mediated messages and selecting specific channels to produce a desired impact.

Credits: 4

Department: Communication

COM 3280: Media Literacy

Media literacy encompasses the ability to access, analyze, evaluate, and create media. In this course, students learn to critically examine visual, audio, and online media while gaining an understanding of the media's effect on culture and society.

Credits: 4

Department: Communication

COM 3300: Management and Communication

The roles and theories of communication and leadership, together with the skills and traits of effective managers, are studied. Students examine how managers use behavioral modification and motivation techniques, develop coaching skills, manage

change and conflict, and create a vision for their employees. The topics of strategy, organizational culture, and diversity are also included.

Credits: 4

Department: Communication

COM 3320: Documentary Production

An examination of the history, cultural impact, and aesthetics of documentary film and video production. Through viewings, lectures, discussions, and hands-on exercises, students learn how to research, write, interview, direct, shoot, and edit a documentary. Using camcorders and editing equipment, students produce their own short documentaries.

Credits: 3

Department: Communication

COM 3350: Persuasive Speaking

Students learn how to influence others by crafting and orally delivering convincing messages that appeal to logic, reason, emotion, and feelings. Ancient rhetorical and contemporary scholarship is used to examine and compare persuasive speeches and advertisements. The class explores written, face-to-face, and digitally-mediated arguments in legal discourse, health, and marketing promotions. The student's ability to identify speaking differences in style, arguments, and credibility is also sharpened.

Credits: 4

Department: Communication

COM 3365: Advanced Psychology of Communication

This course focuses on understanding communication in relationships (interpersonal) and within the mind (intrapyschic: thinking, alone time, analyzing, understanding the external world and how one communicates internally). Topics include communication styles and communication in the intimate relationship, within the family, and at the workplace.

Credits: 4

Department: Communication

COM 3370: Crisis Communication

How do brands communicate during times of crisis? Students will analyze case-studies, leverage best practices and develop their own campaigns to demonstrate how to successfully steer a brand through their most troubling hour. We will touch on key concepts including reputation management, spokesperson training and press conferences, rich and social media, and more in this public relations course.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: COM2050 Or CMS2050

Department: Communication

COM 3375: Podcasting and Audio Storytelling

Students will learn different styles of podcasting, best practices for developing and pitching a show, how to use professional audio recorders, basic audio editing techniques with Adobe Audition and how to build an audience and distribute a podcast once it's complete.

Credits: 3

Department: Communication

COM 3380: Integrated Marketing Communication

Provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the fundamentals needed to build an integrated marketing communications plan, from creating a common objective, aligning strategies, and producing a consistent message. By strategically aligning various marketing functions and leveraging each disciplines strength's, (i.e. paid advertising, public relations, social media, point of purchase and digital marketing), students can more purposefully design campaigns for maximum impact.

Credits: 3

Department: Communication

COM 3700: Teamwork Through Meetings

Knowing how to get work done through meetings is an increasingly important skill set. Students explore the discursive strategies used in a variety of multicultural business meetings, both face-to-face and virtual. Using communication methods, students analyze why some meetings are considered productive and others not so much, as well as the roles, relationships, conflict, and written documentation enacted therein.

Credits: 2

Department: Communication

COM 3701: The Business of Writing

Offers hands-on tools to prepare students to market their work while staying true to their artistic and creative sensibilities. Topics include how to submit work to producers, competitions, and companies. Students learn how to write professional synopses, query letters, and one-sheets, plus the technique of pitching, with practice pitching sessions.

Credits: 2

Department: Communication

COM 3702: Making On-Camera Presentations

After reviewing basic presentation skills and techniques, student gain experience handling digital devices to record presentations of themselves and others. Providing hands-on instruction and practice for conducting and recording professional presentations and interviews (still frame and in motion), the course also covers essential production elements: shooting and editing, interviewing and selecting sound bites, and writing and voicing.

Credits: 2

Department: Communication

COM 3703: Stand-Up Comedy

Learn how to write, edit, punch up and perform your own unique standup comedy piece. The course will focus on creating comedic stories, joke construction and performance techniques. An essential part of being successful is learning to give and receive feedback. The class will provide a safe, non-judgmental environment where feedback can be shared and everyone can continuously improve.

Credits: 2

Department: Communication

COM 3710: A Critical Look at Television in Society: From "I Love Lucy" to Honey Boo Boo

Television is much more than a passive, incessant means of diversion—it is a powerful environment of ideas, emotions, and values that influences people's thoughts, actions, and relationships. Students become acquainted with current issues concerning television in society and explore the impact of television on society. Aspects examined include the 1950s and mass culture, viewer response, serial/episodic structure, and the rise of cable.

Credits: 4

Department: Communication

COM 3720: TV Laboratory

Hands-on work in the TV studio from conceptualization to post-production. In small groups, students will gain a practical understanding of writing, camera work, editing and working with on-camera personalities. The course will be structured as follows: demonstrating skillful use of equipment, enacting production techniques, and coordinating shooting logistics.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: COM1400 Or FLM1050

Department: Communication

COM 4720: Advanced TV Laboratory

Students will work in small groups to produce, shoot and edit Purchase Presents, a television show focused on issues happening on campus.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: COM3750 Or JOU3160

Department: Communication

COM 4800: Senior Capstone

One-semester media project or research paper that involves empirical research or library investigation. Course sections are overseen by faculty within each concentration to foster integration of prior coursework, and should be selected in consultation with academic advisors.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: WRI1110 Or WRI2110 Or Or

Department: Communication

HIS 3024: Producing History: Power, Media, and the Past

Explore how history is produced and represented in various media, including documentary film, podcasts, Twitter, blogs and other forms of professional writing. In addition to learning from real-world examples, gain experience analyzing and constructing compelling historical narratives for broad audiences, including researching, writing, producing, recording, and editing a history-based podcast or other multimedia project.

Credits: 4

Department: Communication

JOU 3360: Narrative Nonfiction Podcasting

Building on skills developed in COM3375 Podcasting and Audio Storytelling, students will create longer audio reporting projects with more complex structures. Focus will be on audio documentary and nonfiction narrative storytelling and production.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: COM3375

Department: Communication

WRI 1200: Introduction to Digital Publishing

How do we create meaningful writing for an online readership that scrolls quickly and relies less on the printed page than any other generation? Students will write essays, features, and criticism and identify online publications that suit each project, while guest lecturers offer insight on engaging social media to share reported stories. Students co-edit Expose, Purchase's online expository writing magazine.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: WRI1110

Department: Communication

Creative Writing

Description:

The Lilly Lieb Port creative writing program is a highly selective and structured BA program that shares features of the college's arts programs.

The purpose of this program is to offer motivated, talented, and committed students a dynamic context and community in which to explore all aspects of creative writing.

As an integral part of the program, readings are held each semester by students, faculty, alumni who have published their writing, and professional writers. Editors and other members of the publishing world are also invited to speak and share their expertise with students.

Italics Mine (italicsmine.com), a student-run literary journal under the stewardship of the creative writing program, showcases the talent and diversity of Purchase College students by publishing original art, fiction, poetry, and nonfiction in print and online.

Study Abroad Opportunities

Creative writing majors are encouraged to apply to one of the college's many [study abroad programs](#). Please contact the Education Abroad Coordinator at study.abroad@purchase.edu for more information.

Requirements:

In addition to meeting [general degree requirements](#), creative writing majors must complete a minimum of nine courses and an 8-credit senior project (45–47 credits total) as follows. The foundation courses and the two genre courses must be completed with a grade of B or higher:

- CWR 1000/Poetic Techniques: 4 credits*
- CWR 1100/Narrative Techniques: 4 credits*
- Two courses in the student's chosen genre (poetry or fiction): 8 credits*
CWR 2400/Poetry Writing I and CWR 3400/Poetry Writing II
or
CWR 2500/Fiction Writing I and CWR 3500/Fiction Writing II
**Must be completed with a grade of B or higher.*
- Two upper-level creative writing electives from the list below: 8 credits
CWR 3200/Art of the Novella
CWR 3450/ Poets at Work: First Books
CWR 3110/Writing Home
CWR 3125/ Alternate Worlds
CWR 3215 and CWR 3220/ Editing and Production Workshop (year-long sequential course in Editing and Production).
- Two literature courses, chosen from an approved list: 7–8 credits
- Arts-related course(s): 3–4 credits
- CWR 4000/Special Topics in Creative Writing: 3 credits
- SPJ 4990/Senior Project I: 4 credits
- SPJ 4991/Senior Project II: 4 credits

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Examples:

Examples of Literature Courses

Literature courses that fulfill the requirement for the major are those in which a broad array of writers are studied. Courses in the following list are subject to change,

and new courses may be added. Students should consult with their faculty advisor when choosing literature courses.

- FRE 3230/The Island as Laboratory
- LIT 2100/Freedom Dreams: Introduction to African American Literature
- LIT 2115/Loneliness, Environment, and the Modern Mind
- LIT 2235/Animals and the Environment
- LIT 2305/Contemporary Global Literature
- LIT 2570/Survey of U.S. Literature II
- LIT 2775/From Beowulf to Lucifer
- LIT 2776/Survey of British Literature II: From Patronage to Print Culture
- LIT 3007/Visions of Dystopia
- LIT 3025/ Women and Film
- LIT 3082/19th Century British Literature and Empire
- LIT 3095/Literature of Race and Human Rights
- LIT 3137/From Romance to Fantasy
- LIT 3160/Literature of the High Middle Ages
- LIT 3217/Oceanic Fictions
- LIT 3226/Literature of Decolonization in South Asia
- LIT 3228/Decolonizing Sex and Gender
- LIT 3315/19th Century Novel in the U.S.
- LIT 3340/Romanticism II
- LIT 3347/Transatlantic Romanticism
- LIT 3369/Victorian Poetry
- LIT 3380/Harlem Renaissance
- LIT 3415/Global Metafictions
- LIT 3420/Modern Poetry
- LIT 3427/20th Century World Literature
- LIT 3532/Body, Race, Performance
- LIT 3620/U.S. Poetry
- LIT 3627/American Beserk: Religion, Drugs, and Terrorism in Recent Fiction
- LIT 3665/American Women Writers
- LIT 3685/Modern Novel of Latin America
- LIT 3755/Poetry and the Avant Garde
- LIT 3823/Anxiety and Monstrosity in Early British Literature
- LIT 3950/Literature of War
- LIT 4690/Contemporary U.S. Poetry
- SPA 3700/The Latin American Short Story*
- THP 3140/Medieval and Renaissance English Drama

**Taught in Spanish*

Examples of Arts-Related Courses

Courses in the following list are subject to change, and new courses may be added. Students should consult with their faculty advisor when choosing arts-related courses.

Conservatory of Music:

MUS 1250/ Chorus*
MUS 3370/ Acoustics and Design*
MTH 3180/Electroacoustic Music*

Conservatory of Theatre Arts:

ACT 3004/Creative Expression
THP 3050/ Voice and Speech Essentials
TDT 3008/Costume Design Seen Through Film
THP 3140/Transmedia and Performance

School of Art+Design:

VIS 1060/ Foundation Drawing
VIS 1330/ Lens and Time
VIS 1080/ Visual Language
SCP 2110/ Thinking in Three Dimensions
SCP 3530/ Animation
SCP 3006/Introduction to Video Art*
SCP 3155/Performance Art
SCP 3650/Immersive Sound Architectures
VIS 3000/Art in the Age of Electronic Media

**Please note: this course only carries 2 of the required 3 credits*

Sequence of Study

All creative writing majors follow a sequence of courses, whether their chosen genre is poetry or fiction:

1. To encourage an awareness of and sensitivity to the various aspects of the craft of creative writing, students are required to take the introductory courses, CWR 1000 and 1100, in their

- first year of study.
2. In the second year, poetry students move on to CWR 2400/Poetry Writing I, then to CWR 3400/Poetry Writing II, while fiction writing students take CWR 2500/Fiction Writing I, followed by CWR 3500/Fiction Writing II.
 3. After completing this course sequence, students have the opportunity to study for one semester with a writer-in-residence. In addition, advanced tutorials are available on a regular basis, emphasizing continuous, close work on revision and editing skills. In the most advanced classes, students begin to explore the fiction and poetry market. A component of advanced study may also include experience in editorial and copyediting techniques as preparation for work in the publishing industries.
 4. Students take CWR 4000/Special Topics in Creative Writing in the fall of their senior year, in tandem with the first semester of their senior project.
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Effective Fall 2020:

CWR 3200 no longer satisfies the fiction genre course requirement
Arts-Related Courses list expanded beyond upper-level courses

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Courses

CWR 1000: Poetic Techniques

Introduces the essentials of poetry writing, including poetic form and forms (traditional and unconventional), line structures and rhythms, figures of speech, and other elements of rhetoric, voice, and subject matter. Regular writing exercises are the heart of the course, emphasizing problems to solve and techniques to master. Reading and study of important poetic models accompanies the poetry writing. Students produce a portfolio of original poems by the end of the semester.

Credits: 4

Department: Creative Writing

CWR 1010: Introduction to Creative Writing

This introductory course in creative writing allows students to explore various genres. Poetry, the short story, and memoir are among the forms discussed. Students should be prepared to write, revise, and share portions of their work with other members of the class, and to read a selection of works by contemporary authors.

Credits: 3

Department: Creative Writing

CWR 1100: Narrative Techniques

An introduction to the fundamental aspects of fiction writing, including dialogue, plot, point of view, character development, detail, and voice. Starting from a series of writing exercises and analyses of published stories, students explore the techniques involved in creating effective fiction, using these as a springboard to complete a short story.

Credits: 4

Department: Creative Writing

CWR 2300: Creative Nonfiction

In this introduction to creative nonfiction, students explore a variety of forms within the genre, including personal narrative, memoir, reportage, and the lyric essay. Students also write and workshop their own original essays.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CWR1000 Or CWR1100 Or WRI1110

Department: Creative Writing

CWR 2400: Poetry Writing I

Students begin to study and practice poetic strategies, producing a poem per week in response to assigned exercises. Students also develop skills in critiquing by commenting on each others' work and by reading and discussing the work of established poets. Permission of Instructor required.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CWR1000 Or CWR1050

Department: Creative Writing

CWR 2500: Fiction Writing I

While continuing to explore narrative strategies, students write and submit several short stories during the semester. Students also learn the fundamentals of critiquing

as they discuss their work and that of published writers. Permission of Instructor required.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CWR1050 Or (CWR1000 And CWR1100)

Department: Creative Writing

CWR 3105: Writing and Reading the Region

Using the French location and selected readings related to the region, students explore the contexts and their responses through writing. Students meet at various locations, from castles and ruins to a local café, and receive writing assignments that draw on place and setting. Each week, students select one of their on-the-spot works to revise and develop into a short piece of fiction for submission. Emphasis is on capturing the nuances of one's surroundings and experiences of these surroundings, and on how to use setting as a main "character" in writing. Summer (offered in France)

Credits: 4

Department: Creative Writing

CWR 3110: Writing Home

Often, to leave home is to truly see it. This course explores how writers craft "home" in their fiction. Whether crossing literal or figurative borders, the impulse for home is at the heart of character desire. Students will read the work of diverse writers as they write home in their own fiction.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CWR1100 And CWR1000 And CWR2500 And CWR3500

Department: Creative Writing

CWR 3125: Alternate Worlds

This writing workshop draws on a variety of texts, media, and film as students explore fictional portrayals of other worlds. In their writing assignments, students focus on elements that contribute to effective narratives—setting, character, situation, etcetera—in order to create alternate realities.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CWR2500

Department: Creative Writing

CWR 3200: The Art of the Novella

What makes the novella work? What power does the form offer that the short story and longer novel do not? Is there a subject matter best suited to such brevity? Students examine these questions through close reading of works by new and established writers (e.g., James, Conrad, Moore), and begin to structure and write their own novella.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CWR2500

Department: Creative Writing

CWR 3210: Constructing Truths: The Personal Essay

Students are guided through the classical questions of form and style, the building materials of the personal essay, through reading and writing assignments. Students examine the elements that convince the reader of the truth of their tales and explore how to confront their own experiences creatively. Readings are various, but with a focus on the 20th-century essay in English.

Credits: 4

Department: Creative Writing

CWR 3215: Editing and Production Workshop: Editing

Focusing on the art of editing, students learn best editing practices through a practical and historical context of the literary journal landscape in the U.S. Students apply their skills to editing content to be published in the creative writing program's literary magazine, Italics Mine.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CWR1000 Or CWR1010 Or CWR1100

Department: Creative Writing

CWR 3220: Editing and Production Workshop: Production

Through hands-on collaboration, students apply their editing skills to the production of the creative writing program's literary journal, Italics Mine. From shaping manuscripts to layout and design, marketing, and public relations, students work as editors on the publication of the journal.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CWR3215

Department: Creative Writing

CWR 3400: Poetry Writing II

This course assumes that students have a good command of basic poetic craft. Writing assignments put increased emphasis on students' own work, though there are still exercises to guide the workshop, as well as study and discussion of poetry by established writers.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CWR2400

Department: Creative Writing

CWR 3450: Poets at Work: First Books

Students interact with contemporary poets who have recently published their first poetry book or chapbook. Most classes are structured as a brief reading by and discussion with visiting authors. Topics include each author's influences, how one assembles a collection, how manuscripts evolve over time, and the editorial/publishing process. Students read each poet's collection and compose critical and creative responses.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: CWR1000

Department: Creative Writing

CWR 3500: Fiction Writing II

This course assumes a working knowledge of the craft. Students write and discuss short stories or chapters from a novel in progress, and continue to refine their critiquing skills through discussion of their own work as well as published stories. Revision of submitted work is an important component of this course.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CWR2500

Department: Creative Writing

CWR 4000: Special Topics in Creative Writing

A series of mini-workshops, guest speakers, and activities focused on current trends in the field and on broader topics germane to students in their senior year.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: CWR3400 Or CWR3500 Or CWR3200 Or CWR3200

Department: Creative Writing

CWR 4510: Advanced Seminar in Fiction Writing

Taught by a well-published writer-in-residence. Students work intensively on revising and editing their own work and each other's fiction, as well as on critiquing published stories and novels. The course also familiarizes students with the professional writer's market and the submission process, in order to encourage each student to prepare at least one story for possible publication.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CWR3200 Or CWR3500

Department: Creative Writing

CWR 4511: Advanced Seminar in Poetry Writing

Advanced students with practiced skills in poetry writing and criticism work to produce poems of publishable stature. Students should be able to assume full responsibility for their creative process in this course.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CWR3400

Department: Creative Writing

CWR 4515: Building Stories

This course explores stories that employ alternative forms of narrative design (i.e. non-linear, episodic, parallel, multiple point-of-view) to establish form—the pattern of a story's assembly, its arrangement and structure. Writers often think of plot as defining structure in a story. However, craft elements like point of view, tone, time, place etc. when employed structurally, can achieve meaning and design.

Credits: 4

Department: Creative Writing

History

Description:

The goal of the history major at Purchase College is to provide students with the intellectual foundation of a liberal arts education that is suitable for a wide variety of professions, including law, education, government, business, journalism, and public relations.

The history curriculum seeks to foster the development of a historical perspective on the forces and processes that have shaped and continue to shape our communities, our country, and the world at large.

In keeping with the cultural resources of our area and the special profile of Purchase, the history program has generally, though not exclusively, emphasized the social, intellectual, and cultural dimensions of the historical discipline.

- Students may define their **area of interest** within the major in terms of nine broadly conceived areas.
- When appropriate, students may also pursue topics of special interest through tutorials and directed independent studies, which may be arranged with individual instructors.
- Coursework in the history program includes intensive writing and an emphasis on primary source material, which can range from government documents to diaries, novels, and films.

Requirements:

In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, all history majors must complete seven history courses, plus a junior seminar and an 8-credit senior project (37–40 credits total):

- The broad survey courses at the 2000 level serve as the foundation for more specialized work at the 3000 level.
- All history majors are required to take the Junior History Seminar in the spring semester of their junior year. This course is open exclusively to history majors.
- All history majors will be assigned a senior project advisor by the end of their junior year, and are required to register with this advisor for 4 credits of senior project (SPJ 4990/Senior Project I) in the fall of their senior year, and 4 more credits (SPJ 4991/Senior Project II) in the spring of their senior year.

Areas of Interest

- History majors normally take four or five elective courses that are clustered within an area of special interest to the student. At least three of these courses must be at the upper (3000–4000) level.
- History majors must also take at least two or three elective history courses outside their area of interest. At least one of these must be at the upper (3000–4000) level.
- The student's area of interest within the major should be developed in consultation with a faculty advisor at the beginning of the junior year, and must be approved by the board of study.

Normally, a student will select from among the following nine areas:

1. American history
2. Ancient and medieval history
3. Asian studies
4. Early modern history
5. European history
6. Jewish history
7. Latin American history
8. Modern history
9. Women's history

Summary of Academic Requirements

A total of seven history courses, plus the junior seminar and the 8-credit senior project:

1. HIS –/Seven history courses as follows (25–28 credits):
 - a. Four or five history courses in an area of interest (including three at the 3000–4000 level)
 - b. Two or three history courses outside the area of interest (including one at the 3000–4000 level)
2. HIS 3880/Junior History Seminar (spring semester, junior year): 4 credits
3. SPJ 4990/Senior Project I: 4 credits
4. SPJ 4991/Senior Project II: 4 credits

Minor requirements:

The minor in history is designed for students who wish to supplement coursework in another major with an array of history courses.

It is particularly suited for students who have an interest in one period or a specific area (for example, early modern or modern history; European, American, or Asian history).

Students interested in the minor should consult with the Department Chair of history and complete an **Application for a Program of Minor Study**. They will then be assigned an appropriate advisor to help plan their minor program.

Academic Requirements for the Minor in History

At least five courses, three of which must be at the 3000 level or above.

Related Minors:

Asian Studies

Contemplative Studies

Gender Studies

Global Black Studies

Jewish Studies

Latin American, Caribbean, and LatinX Studies

Museum Studies

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Courses

CHI 1505: Chinese Culture and Social Life

Introduces various aspects of Chinese culture (e.g., values, customs, manners, and festivals) and discusses everyday life in contemporary Chinese society.

Credits: 3

Department: History

CIN 3005: Cinema and the Archive

An intensive focus on the intersection between cinema and history. Students examine the debates around cinema's status as historical document, surveying different approaches to the relationship between cinematic formal traditions and social history. The course emphasizes the analysis of primary sources, such as reviews, posters, magazine and newspaper articles, personal correspondence, trade publications, and blogs.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: History

CIN 3513: Film, History, and Trauma

Historical trauma has characterized the 20th century. Traumatic events return in unexpected forms, haunting communities and shaping both collective memory and mourning practices. Taking a comparative approach across national cinemas, this course analyzes the historical context, style, and narratives of films that circle around the question of trauma. The course covers German, Israeli, Chilean, Japanese, Russian, and American cinemas.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 1010: Western Civilization I

The ancient world to the beginning of the modern world at 1500 AD: an amalgamation of Celtic, Jewish, Greek, Roman, and German historical traditions.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 1020: Western Civilization II

A study of texts and events that have shaped Western society and culture since 1500.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 1025: Archaeology: An Introduction

Combines a history of the discovery and excavation of famous archaeological sites worldwide with an introduction to archaeological methodology. Students explore the role that material culture plays in understanding social, political, and economic systems and examine the role of archaeologist as interpreter of the past.

Credits: 3

Department: History

HIS 1115: Eight Moments When History Mattered

Spotlights moments when history became the focus of wider social debate, including the trial of Adolf Eichmann, a trial involving Holocaust denier David Irving and an academic historian, and the debates that took place between historians concerning the invasion of Iraq. This course illustrates that, by reflecting on fundamental questions about history—how evidence is used, who has agency in history, how people make moral judgments—citizens are better equipped to confront contemporary political and social issues.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 1200: Development of the United States I

Examines the history of the United States from European colonization and initial contact with Native Americans through the Civil War. Subjects include the diversity of settlement experiences; European-Native American relations; the development of slavery; the causes and consequences of the American Revolution; social, political, and cultural changes in the 18th and 19th centuries; the sectional crisis; and the significance of the Civil War.

Credits: 3

Department: History

HIS 1205: Development of the United States II

Examines the history of the United States from Reconstruction through the end of the 20th century. Subjects include changes in race and gender relations; industrialization, urbanization, and suburbanization; the emergence of new social and political movements; the impact of war on American institutions; and America's rise to world power.

Credits: 3

Department: History

HIS 1410: From Explorations to New Nations: North America, 1450-1820

Offers an expansive view of North America's early history through exploration of the peoples, places and ideas of the United States, Canada, Mexico, and various Caribbean nations. Special emphasis is placed on social history – the lived lives, built environments, cultural collisions, and examples of coexistence among people in an especially-robust phase of human encounter.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 1600: Introduction to Latin American Studies

An introductory survey of the history of Latin America from colonial times to the present. Topics include geography, indigenous peoples, colonization and nation formation, society, politics, economy and culture of contemporary Latin America, and its place in today's world.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 1650: Food, Fashion, and Physic: Consumption in the Medieval World

Before the Industrial Revolution, the European Middle Ages enjoyed explosions in urban development, industry, intellectual life, science and technology, and travel. This period witnessed a spike in material consumption that included the things people ingested and their physical environments as well as education and literacy. We will explore these developments and their impact on early modern and modern European society.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 1655: Medieval Hollywood

Through lectures, discussion, and the viewing of films, this course compares popular depictions of the Middle Ages with the historical record and modern historiography of the Middle Ages and considers the relationship between fiction and history. Topics include: knighthood, peasants, royalty, religion, warfare and violence and preconceptions about the medieval world that have been inherited from popular culture.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 1850: Special Topics in History

Topics in history to be determined each semester.

Credits: 3

Department: History

HIS 2005: Modern Latin America

Explores major social, cultural, economic, and political developments in Latin America from the period following the Wars of Independence to the present. The historical roots of such problems as racism, persistent poverty, and political repression are examined, focusing on “subaltern” groups (e.g., peasants, workers, women, and people of color).

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 2025: Religion in the Greco-Roman World

An exploration of the relationship between Judaism and other religions and cultures in the ancient Mediterranean world. Students will study the historical development of and religious innovation within Judaism in the context of intercultural and interreligious contact in the Greco-Roman period

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 2035: The Ancient Middle East

Explores the ancient civilizations of the Middle East, including those of Egypt, Israel, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, and Iran. Students examine cultural, social, and political movements using texts as well as archaeology as sources.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 2040: Jewish Culture and Civilization

Examines how early Jewish interactions with various cultures affected the development of Judaism. Interactions with Mesopotamian, Greek, Roman, Christian, and Muslim cultures are explored. Topics include conflicts with external powers, exile, and diaspora.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 2045: Cults in the Ancient World

An exploration of the many religious cults that populated the ancient world from Greece to Egypt to the near East. Students will study the history and development of counter-cultural movements like the Greek cults of Asclepios and Isis, the Jewish sect of Essenes, the messianic Jesus movement, and Roman Mithraism. Students will also examine the distinction between a “religion” and a “cult”.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 2120: Princes, Priests, and Peasants

A survey of the history of Europe in the Middle Ages (1000–1400). Topics include the expansion of the frontiers of European civilization, the changing forms of intellectual and religious life, and the growth of towns and trade.

Credits: 3

Department: History

HIS 2170: Colonial Latin America

An introductory survey of the history of the Spanish and Portuguese conquest and colonization of the Americas from 1450 to 1810, i.e., from the late preconquest period to the Latin American struggle for independence. Lectures, readings, and

discussions provide an overview of the economic, political, social, and cultural dimensions of colonization.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 2210: Renaissance and Reformation Europe

Examines the origins of modern Europe from the Renaissance in Italy through the Protestant Reformation and the age of religious wars, using both primary source readings and secondary historical scholarship.

Credits: 3

Department: History

HIS 2215: Latinos and Cities in the Americas

Focuses on the history of Latinos in urban centers across the U.S. and Latin America. Students explore how Latinos established and maintained distinctive social and cultural identities in the Americas. The historical definition of “Latinidad” is also discussed through the study of colonization, immigration, diaspora, globalization, and the history of the racialization of Latin American descendants.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 2220: Rise of Modern Europe

Explores the political and social transformation of Europe between the religious wars of the 16th century and the French Revolution. Topics include the growth of commercial capitalism and the scientific revolution.

Credits: 3

Department: History

HIS 2260: Popular Music in America: Evolution and Revolution

The invention of sound recording in the late 1800s caused profound aesthetic transformations in music. This course surveys the many styles that have swept through American music—from parlor songs, ragtime, blues, and brass band through R&B, top 40, heavy metal, rap, and hip-hop—and discusses the roles of rural and urban musical centers. Using the last 125 years of technological innovation in recording, students analyze the more significant cultural changes that continue to reverberate throughout American society.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 2285: Immigration and Migration in U.S. History

Explores migration and immigration from 1830 to the present. Major subjects include Native American removal and genocide, the intersection of migration and slavery, immigration exclusion, and race and the making of illegal immigration. Students examine long patterns of U.S. legislative policies alongside on-the-ground experiences and reactions to migration and immigration. The course concludes with an analysis of immigration in the post-9/11 era.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 2300: Age of Revolutions

Covers European institutions, traditions, economies, geopolitical boundaries, and the essential social and intellectual framework of the mid-18th to the mid-19th century. Critical changes and events covered include the Industrial Revolution, the French Revolution, Napoleon, the revolutions of 1848, romanticism, nationalism, and communism. Readings consist of extensive primary source materials in addition to secondary works.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 2320: First Peoples to European Contact: New World Archaeology

Focuses on the prehistory of the Americas from the first peoples through 1492, beginning with the Ice Age cultures of the New World and moving forward chronologically. South, Central, and North American cultures are examined, including the Olmec, Woodlands, and Mississippi Valley cultures, pueblo culture, and the Maya, Aztec, and Inca.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 2330: The Atlantic World, 1450–1888

Explores the encounters and interactions of the major populations who lived on the landmasses rimming the Atlantic Ocean (native peoples, Africans, and Europeans) from 1450 to 1888. Topics include migration, religion, slaves and enslavement, lived lives and material culture, foodways and folkways, the age of revolutions, and the fight for abolition.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 2420: 20th-Century Europe

How are we to understand the century that has just ended? This course examines the political, social, and ideological forces that have shaped Europe since World War I. Special attention is paid to the impact of war and revolution, economic change, the Nazi dictatorship, the Cold War and its demise, and the changing role of Europe in world affairs.

Credits: 3

Department: History

HIS 2461: The Sixties: Dreams and Dissent

In this examination of the turbulent decade of the 1960s, students explore key social, political, economic, and cultural issues of the era. Specific topics include various struggles for civil rights and social equality; the escalation of the U.S. presence in Vietnam; the sexual revolution; the vision and limitations of the Great Society; and the rise of the New Right.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 2490: Women in America

Covers the experience of American women from colonial times to the 20th century, from political, social, religious, cultural, and economic points of view.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 2540: Society and Culture in Modern Brazil

Covers the history of Brazil from independence to the present. During this period, Brazil has transformed from a colonial, agrarian, slave society to a predominantly urban, industrialized nation and an aspiring world power. Students explore slavery, racism, urban life, immigration and industrialization, changing gender roles, political repression and military rule, *carnaval* and popular culture.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 2600: History of Modern Japan

An introduction to modern Japanese history, from the end of the Tokugawa period in the mid-19th century to the present. Japanese imperialism, Japan's spectacular economic growth after World War II, and U.S.-Japanese relations are discussed.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 2770: Ancient Africa: History and Archaeology

Explores African civilizations from the ninth millennium BCE to the 16th century CE. The diverse regions of ancient Africa are studied using archaeology, written and oral history, linguistics, art, and science, following cultural development in simple societies, states, and empires. Ancient Africa is presented in global context in terms of past civilizations but also in modern scholarship, identity, and popular media.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 2800: Ancient Greece and Rome

Covers the history and cultures of ancient Greece and Rome. Topics include Minoan and Mycenaean civilizations, classical antiquity, the Hellenistic period, Etruscan civilization, the Roman Republic, the Roman Empire, Roman interactions with neighbors, the birth of Christianity, and the early years of the Byzantine Empire. This course also addresses how to read primary sources, the historiography of antiquity, and how to use archaeological sources.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 2815: Issues in the Study of the Holocaust

How was the Holocaust possible in the 20th century? This course responds to the question by examining specific issues: German anti-Semitism; Hitler's rise to power; the genocide process; responses to Nazism and the news of the Holocaust in Jewish and international communities; resistance and collaboration; and theological and moral questions.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 2820: Introduction to Chinese Arts and Culture

A survey of Chinese arts and culture that introduces approaches to and connoisseurship of painting, calligraphy, sculpture, gardens, and architecture in dynamic relation to dynastic changes, literati-scholar tradition, cosmological and aesthetic concepts, and influences of Taoism and Buddhism during the period 221 BC to 1950. Knowledge of Chinese language is not required or expected.

Credits: 3

Department: History

HIS 2825: Modern South Asian History

Investigates the fascinating and complex social, economic, cultural, and political history of South Asia, focusing primarily on the Mughal Empire, British colonial rule in India, and the contemporary nation-states of India and Pakistan. Course materials include introductory history texts, speeches, primary source documents, photographs, musical clips, recipes, short stories, and films.

Credits: 3

Department: History

HIS 2830: Modern East Asia

Examines the histories of China, Japan, and Korea from the disintegration of the traditional order through the transition to modern nation states. Asian views and perspectives are introduced and discussed.

Credits: 3

Department: History

HIS 2870: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

Considers the profound influence Judaism, Christianity, and Islam have exerted on the social, cultural, and political history of the East and the West. This course examines the historical developments, tenets, and scriptures of the three religions.

Credits: 3

Department: History

HIS 3022: American History in Three Dimensions: Creators, Innovations, and Objects, 1607-1900

We will learn the skills needed to “read” the objects of America’s past – household items, buildings, images, etc. - in ways that allow for the interpretation of the lived lives of historical people. This course is excellent preparation for work in history museums, house museums, and other types of historic sites and agencies that preserve history.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3024: Producing History: Power, Media, and the Past

Explore how history is produced and represented in various media, including documentary film, podcasts, Twitter, blogs and other forms of professional writing. In addition to learning from real-world examples, gain experience analyzing and constructing compelling historical narratives for broad audiences, including researching, writing, producing, recording, and editing a history-based podcast or other multimedia project.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3027: History's Places and Spaces: Museums, Movies, and Materials

Public history—history museums, historic houses and landscapes, objects, documentary films—reaches and educates millions of Americans. Students explore how these experiences evolve through time and take part in activities related to handling and interpreting the past. Hands-on learning projects and several off-campus lectures at local historic sites are a critical dimension of this course.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3033: Jazz Age to Hard Times

The U.S. in the 1920s and 1930s. Topics include Prohibition; the New Morality; fundamentalism; the KKK and immigration restriction; African American migration and culture; causes and social effects of the Great Depression; FDR and the New Deal; popular culture; radical challenges; the coming of World War II.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3034: Baseball: America's Game

An interdisciplinary course that will trace the relationship between baseball and American society and culture. We will study the early history of the game and historical developments during the emergence of the American professional teams in connection with government, culture, and issues of society.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3045: Contemporary Europe

Examines European social, political, and cultural developments since the 1950s through history, sociology, literature, and film. Themes include the Cold War, the evolution of the Common Market, youth, women and feminism, consumerism, immigration and labor migration, national identity, attitudes towards America, and Germany and Eastern Europe since the collapse of the Soviet bloc.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3050: Colonial and Revolutionary America

Examines the founding and development of the British colonies in North America and the causes of the American Revolution. The course considers the political, social, religious, and institutional history of colonial America through 1783.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3065: The Passions: A Historical Exploration

In recent years, a growing number of cultural historians have taken inspiration from psychologists, anthropologists, and sociologists and explored whether emotions have a history and, in turn, make history. Studying diaries, memoirs, and personal letters alongside normative and public texts such as advice literature, scientific works, and court cases, students assess how shifting ideas and experiences of emotions have affected individuals¹ self-understandings and provoked wider social change.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3085: Cities and Citizenship in the Americas

Focuses on the relationship between cities, urban life, and form, and the construction of social and political rights in the Americas. The emphasis is on how cities and citizenship are mutually constituted historically, looking at ideas and policies that regulate the city, and how urbanites produce and consume urban space and claim their rights as citizens and urban residents.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3105: U.S. Foreign Relations Since 1898

Is the United States now, or has it ever been, an empire? Students explore this question and others as they examine diplomatic, political, economic, and cultural aspects of U.S. foreign relations since the Spanish American War in 1898. The lecture/discussion format draws upon fiction, films, and other images, as well as traditional historical writing.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3127: Poverty and the Informal City in Latin America

Explore the history of poverty and informality in Latin American cities since the late 19th century to the present. Explore the social, economic, and political circumstances through which cities become spaces of difference. Focus on the history of housing, shantytowns, and slums and popular mobilizations that claimed for citizenship and the right to the city.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3130: American History and Society Through Music

A narrative survey of U.S. history from the colonial period to the present through an exploration of its musical history. The course investigates America's fundamental principles of politics, its primary social issues, and its wealth of aesthetic musical initiatives. Students examine the unity, diversity, originality, and adaptability of significant political, social, and musical institutions.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3145: Chinese Cinema and History

An overview of the development and tradition of Chinese cinema through representative screenings of important films from mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. Students gain a comprehensive understanding of the historical and political context(s) that informed the creation and reception of these films and learn critical scholarly terminology and historical issues related to the analysis of Chinese film.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3150: The Mediterranean Origins of Western Culture

Examines the main historical events in the Mediterranean area from late antiquity through the Renaissance. Judaism, Christianity, and Islam were born here, and the diverse peoples and cultures around its shores competed for intellectual and political dominance. These interactions resulted in the legacy of beliefs and institutions at the core of Western culture, including some issues still unresolved today.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3153: Mediterranean Memories: Jews, Muslims, and Christians before and after Colonialism

Examines the relationships among Jews, Muslims and Christians in North Africa and the Middle East in the period of British and French colonialism. From Morocco to Egypt to Lebanon, explore first-person memories of shared food, music, languages, and religious practices that emerged from centuries of migration. The course also examines the conclusion of the colonial era.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3155: Religion, Heresy, and Witchcraft in Medieval and Early Modern Europe

An exploration of the relationships between orthodox religions and heretical sects in the medieval West and how heterodoxy evolved into the witch-craze of the early modern period. Questions of gender, spirituality, repression, and interpretation are examined in light of their effects on society and established religion. Focuses are on Islamic, Jewish, and Christian relations in medieval Europe; the development and perception of certain heretical sects; the discernment of saints and spirits; Protestant and Catholic Reformation; and the persecution of witches.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3165: War and Gender in 20th-Century Europe

Examines how war changed gender relations in 20th-century Europe. For instance, how did mobilization reinforce or undermine masculine and feminine norms? How did total wars that blurred the line between fighting front and home front challenge notions of chivalry and turn noncombatants into warriors of sorts? Did new job opportunities outweigh the trauma and grief suffered by women during wartime?

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3205: History of American Capitalism

Examine the history of American capitalism from the nation's founding through the present; treating capitalism as a historical construct, examining how it has changed over time. Moreover, we define capitalism as more than the "economy." Rather, students analyze how economic activity has shaped and been shaped by political, cultural, and social developments.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3209: Jews in American Society and Culture

Explores the history of American Jewry from its beginnings to the present, touching on such topics as integration into American society, formation of Jewish identity, anti-Semitism, evolving religious traditions, cultural clashes, cultural issues involving various waves of immigration, the evolving role of women, Jews and entertainment, and economic and political issues.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3213: Peoples of the Book: Jewish Influences on Early Christianity

Survey the approaches to various important religious questions and practices within Ancient Judaism and Christianity. Particular attention devoted to the Jewish roots of Christianity and the assimilation of Jewish faith practice into the Early Christian movement. We also examine the historical and ongoing relationship between the two faith systems.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3222: Medieval Health & Medicine

Introduces systems of health and medicine in the European Middle Ages, elite learned traditions taught in universities, and everyday approaches to wellness. Sources for medieval medicine include religious and academic texts, household accounts and even charms, and are used to explore how people managed their health, practiced medicine, and dealt with challenges ranging from treatments to bubonic plague.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3232: The Evolution of Early Modern European Cities

Explore urban life in early modern Europe focusing on social history and how people of different backgrounds (e.g., gender, religion, and class) experienced urban life. Themes include community politics, women and work, family life, migration, culture and festivals, crime and punishment, and universities. Case studies include Venice, Rome, London, Amsterdam, Prague and Geneva.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3245: The Land of Israel: Ancient to Modern

An exploration of the peoples, religions, cultures, places, and monuments of the land of Israel. Home to three major world religions, the land has been embraced,

fought over, and conquered repeatedly throughout history. Why? Students explore the reasons for Israel's prominence and discover how its position and importance in the worldview is constantly being reinvented.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3255: Biblical History 1200–200 B.C.

The historicity of the Hebrew Bible is explored, from the protohistory of the Israelites as related through the Pentateuch and early prophetic works, through the period of the Monarchies, to the 6th-century B.C. exile, the birth of early Judaism, and the books of prophets and writings. Issues relating to historiography and biblical criticism are essential elements in this course.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3257: Antiquity and the Enlightenment

Explores important works of ancient literature in conversation with important Enlightenment texts and ideas. Students will read selections from the Bible and Greek literature and study the reception of their ideas and ideals in the work and thought of prominent Enlightenment authors.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3260: Ideas and Society in the Age of Enlightenment

Major trends in the intellectual history of Europe from the latter part of the 17th century through the end of the 18th century, including changing perceptions of the relationship of the individual (male and female) to society, in the context of social change.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3265: Empire City: A History of New York City

An introduction to the history and culture of New York City. New York's colonial origins, its critical role in the American Revolution, and its 19th-century ethnic and social conflicts are studied. Secondly, the evolution of the city's dynamic growth in the 20th century and the impact of 9/11 are examined. Lastly, the image of New York City as portrayed in literature and film is explored.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3269: Vietnam and Modern America

Decades after its end, the legacy of the Vietnam war—America's second longest war and a defining episode in its history—is still felt and hotly debated. Using documents, memoirs, fiction, poetry, song, and film, this course explores the war's origins, development, ultimate conclusion, and aftermath, while paying special attention to those who experienced it both "in country" and at home.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3293: Medieval Women

Explore the vast experiences of women in medieval Western Europe from the end of the Roman Empire (500) to the beginning of the Early Modern Era (1500). Students will analyze both societal expectations and the daily realities of what it meant to be a woman in rural villages, larger towns, in religious and secular spheres, in the home and outside it, as marginalized members of society and as major political actors. Sources of study will include recent historiography on women's history in medieval Europe, modern feminist theory, and primary source materials such as legal and religious writings, literature, and prescriptive manuals on running a household.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3310: Politics and Literature in Modern China

Examines the role of Chinese literature in relation to politics. Readings include masterpieces of modern Chinese literature in translation and a couple of typical “propaganda pieces.” The class also sees, discusses, and compares several Chinese films.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3315: Cross-Cultural Interactions: U.S. and East Asia

A general historical survey of the relations between the United States and East Asia (China, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam) from the mid-19th century to the present. The course examines the roots of the diplomatic, political, and cultural interactions and conflicts across the Pacific Ocean.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3325: Encounter and Conflict: History of Jewish-Christian Relations

The historical relationship of Judaism and Christianity and the encounter of the Jewish and Christian communities from ancient to contemporary times are examined. Topics include the split between the two religions in late antiquity, medieval disputations, and the challenges of the modern period. Students also examine the varying ways in which texts can be interpreted.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3337: Politics and Archaeology

Explores the relationship between politics and archaeology. Topics include who owns antiquities; fakes, forgeries, and the manipulating of history; presentations of

archaeology to the public; buying, selling, and auctioning of antiquities; and archaeology in wartime. The geographic range of topics includes Egypt, Iraq, Israel, Syria, and other countries in region, as well as Greece and Rome.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3345: Classic Hollywood, Early America

Students explore the underlying historical narratives of films from 1930 to 1960 that address topics from early America. These narratives are compared to the ways Hollywood recast historical lessons to suit modern circumstances and to promote “American values” challenged by economic depression and the rise of fascism and communism. Special emphasis is on the works of Ford and Capra.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3357: U.S.-Latin American Relations

History of U.S.–Latin American relations from the mid-19th century to the present day. It explores how Latin America and the Caribbean became the object of US intervention into the region’s realities and how Latin American societies involved into nationalist, anti-imperialist, class, racial, and gender struggles that shaped policy outcomes in ways unanticipated by the US.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3380: Paris, Vienna, Berlin

European cultural and intellectual history are examined by focusing on three “storm centers of modern culture”: Paris in the 1860s and 1870s, fin de siècle Vienna, and Berlin in the 1920s. Topics include representations of bourgeois society in art and literature; psychoanalysis; and the auditory and visual revolution in mass culture produced by film, radio, photography, and recorded sound.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3415: The Americas Before 1492

An exploration of Native American life before 1492, using books, documentaries, and films. Topics include the rise and fall of native cultures in the Americas, commerce, politics, economics, agriculture, and urbanization. The focus is on institutions, values, and interrelationships among people across the Americas, and the accomplishments and influences of individual civilizations on the history of the Americas.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3440: Modern Germany

This course will explore German politics, society, and culture from the 18th century to the present. Through history and literature, the course examines themes like the creation of a unified state, the two world wars unleashed from German soil, the rise and fall of Nazism, anti-Semitism and the Holocaust, the division into two states during the Cold War, and the role of reunified Germany in today's Europe.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3446: The History of Modern Italy

Explores the political and cultural history of modern Italy, charting Italy's emergence as a modern nation and its subsequent reinvention as a fascist society. The rise and fall of Christian democracy, the building of the European Union and the impact of Americanization feature in the second half of the course. Another prominent theme is Italian migrations across Europe and the Americas.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3463: From Haiti to Ferguson: The Global Black Freedom Struggle since Slavery

Explores the global and historical dimensions of the black freedom struggle. Students are challenged to reflect on the contingent nature of identity and power by historicizing self-proclaimed black movements on five continents. Assignments move students to practice civic and scholarly engagement around past silences through research and multimedia history-telling.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3465: Emergence of the Modern U.S.: 1877–1945

Examines some of the political, social, and economic transformations in the United States between 1877 and 1945. Topics include immigration, the expanding international role of the U.S., reform movements, urbanization, and technological change. Analysis of a range of primary sources, from paintings to film, is emphasized.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3466: To Enjoy Our Freedom: African American History Since 1865

The meaning of freedom and citizenship is a central theme in this examination of the social, political, economic, and cultural forces that have shaped the lives of African Americans since the end of the Civil War. Topics include Reconstruction, the Harlem Renaissance, and the civil rights and black power movements.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3475: The History of Ireland

The social, political, economic, and cultural development of Ireland from 1610 to the present is examined. Topics include the effects of conquest and land confiscation, survival techniques, the creation of Anglo-Irish society, the rise of nationalism, the legacy of the Great Famine, the Celtic cultural revival, the cost of Irish independence, and the emergence of the "Celtic Tiger."

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3510: China in the Modern Age

Examines transformations of Chinese society and culture since the early 19th century. Themes include the impact of the West; the rise of Chinese nationalism; modernization, reforms, and revolution; and rapid economic growth in the 1990s.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3535: The Blue and the Gray: U.S. Civil War

The Civil War was arguably the most controversial and traumatic event in American history. This course considers how and why the war developed, its long-term results, and why it is such an important part of America's cultural heritage. Through an examination of novels, films, diaries, and letters written by Civil War participants, students analyze the impact of this war and our continuing fascination with it.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3543: Farm Fish Graze Sail: Americans and the Natural World, 1607-1900

Explore the natural world, in the form of plants, animals, microbes, minerals, climates, and topographical features, and its connection to an influence on historical events. Case studies will explore migrations, innovations, risks, and ecological disasters.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3545: The Militarization of American Society

The influence of warfare is arguably the least understood aspect of human history; too often, war is considered like a sporting event—teams, winners, and losers. Students critically examine the effects of warfare on U.S. history in the 20th century. Topics include how militarization and “modern” warfare influence American society and shape its history.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3565: The New Nation: America, 1788–1850

Examines crucial factors that shaped the U.S. from the ratification of the Constitution to the Compromise of 1850, a period that witnessed the spread of democracy, the development of capitalism, and the expansion and consolidation of slavery in the South. Special emphasis is placed on race and class, technological developments, and the period’s influential movements and personalities.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3575: History of Popular Culture in the United States

Examines the development of popular culture and the major cultural industries in the U.S. from the early 19th century to the present. Students are also introduced to theoretical approaches to popular culture and learn how to apply these tools to selected texts from various periods and media.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3585: Archaeology of Empires: The Ancient World

Introduces the largest unit of political organization, the empire, and its early appearances in various regions of the world. The focus is on Akkadia in Mesopotamia, Egypt's New Kingdom, the Qin Dynasty in China, and the Inca Empire in South America (also known as the Inka Empire). The course reviews theories of sociopolitical organization and development drawn from anthropological archaeology, economics, ecology, and political science.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3615: African History

This study of African history addresses the continent's geography and how it has affected Africa's place in history, the rise and fall of civilizations, Islamic/Arab influences, European colonization, independence movements, and current challenges. In particular, students examine the slave trade and its effects on African societies, colonial domination, and the rise of nationalist movements.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3635: Race, Ethnicity, and Identity in the U.S.

Examines conflicts and controversies over the issue of American identity from the early 19th century to the present, emphasizing the links between Americanism and "whiteness." Students explore how immigrants and people of color contested their exclusion from the symbolic national community, and how these groups have been incorporated into a larger national community during the last century.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3645: The American Frontiers

The history of the American West is surveyed from its beginnings to the present. The focus is interdisciplinary: art, the popular novel, film, and historical documents are examined as a way of understanding the role of the West in the American mind. Writing is an integral part of the course.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3655: Intellectuals in an Age of Crisis

Examines the responses of European intellectuals to the Russian Revolution, Great Depression, spread of fascism, two world wars, and genocide. Themes include: the ideological conflict between communism, fascism, and democracy; race and empire; attempts to rethink socialist and capitalist economics; and reappraisals of human nature and modern progress in the light of the savageries unleashed in these decades.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3670: America in Recent Times

An examination of American society, culture, and politics from World War II to the present. Topics include the Cold War, Vietnam, and the rise of a global order dominated by America; economic development and its social and cultural consequences; movements of the 1960s and their legacy in American politics; and the triumph of conservatism and emergence of a “postliberal” era.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3685: Sex and Gender in Latin America

Examines the new historiography on gender and sexuality in Latin America. It is organized around the themes of changing gender roles and shifting constructions of

masculinity, femininity, and honor, with particular attention to issues of sexuality, sexual preferences, constraints, and transgressions.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3717: Weaving Jewish, Christian and Muslim Texts

Jews, Christians, and Muslims each have their own scriptures, but also share stories, traditions, and ideas in common. Students explore this relationship through examination of important examples of biblical commentary and interreligious dialogue in the late ancient and early medieval periods.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3730: Wives, Widows, Workers

Explores the place of women in Western society, from ancient Greece to the 17th century. The roles covered range from the prescribed (wife and mother) to the actual (intellectual and worker). Lectures are supplemented by discussion of primary sources.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3740: Wives, Workers, Warriors

Explores the place of women in European society, from the Enlightenment through the 20th century. Topics include the emergence of a women's movement, the effects of industrialization on women, and the impact of both democratic and totalitarian regimes on women. Lectures are supplemented by discussion of primary sources.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3770: Traditional China

Explores traditional Chinese civilization, including the shaping of the strong imperial tradition; Confucianism, Taoism, and Buddhism; arts and literature; and China's relations with other Asian countries before the modern age.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3855: Oral History Workshop

Develops students' interviewing and interpretive skills in the field of oral history. Students learn the theory and methodology and work on a final research project that seeks to bring forward the voices of those frequently excluded from more typical historical sources. Students also learn to produce archival quality interviews, and the final project includes some form of public presentation.

Credits: 4

Department: History

HIS 3880: Junior History Seminar

Students read selections from the works of major historians and examine new techniques and methodologies. Designed to help juniors prepare proposals for their senior projects. Required for junior history majors and intended exclusively for them.

Credits: 4

Department: History

LIT 2635: Introduction to China: Literature, History, and Thought

Through studying modern Chinese literature, this course offers students an opportunity to approach China in depth in its social, historical, cultural, and political aspects. The stories of people and land, revolutions and traumas, and dream and utopia make it possible to comprehend this vast and seemingly impenetrable entity in an intimate and critical way.

Credits: 4

Department: History

THP 3400: Theatre in Prague

Meeting at the Academy of Drama in Prague, students study and perform plays by Václav Havel, the dissident playwright imprisoned during the Communist era who became president of the Czech Republic. Students explore political and cultural contexts of theatrical performance, enhanced by meetings with theatre professionals and visits to sites relevant to the intersection of artistic creation and political revolution.

Credits: 6

Department: History

Jewish Studies

Description:

Jewish Studies courses explore the Bible, the history and archaeology of ancient Israel, the ancient Middle East, Jewish history, Israel studies, Holocaust history, philosophy, literature and Hebrew language.

Course materials extend from antiquity to the contemporary. The approach is interdisciplinary and involves the faculties of History, Literature, and Language and Culture, in the School of Humanities. Students in any discipline may minor in Jewish studies, or students may major in History and choose Jewish history as their area of interest.

This program was originally made possible, in part, by a Challenge Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Minor requirements:

The minor in Jewish studies is designed to provide students with a general introduction to the history and culture of the Jewish people through a combination of courses in Jewish history, literature, and philosophy, and in the Hebrew language.

Students interested in the minor should submit a completed [Application for a Program of Minor Study](#) to the School of Humanities main office. The student is assigned a minor advisor after consultation with the Chair of the Jewish studies program.

For students interested in majoring in History with a concentration in Jewish history, please go to the [history department](#).

Academic Requirements for the Minor in Jewish Studies

Five courses, selected from Jewish history, Jewish literature in translation, or Hebrew language, in consultation with the Chair of the Jewish Studies program.

Faculty

Rachel Hallote

Professor of History

- BA, Bryn Mawr College
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Courses

HEB 1010: Beginning Hebrew I

For beginning students and those with rudimentary training in Hebrew. The course stresses reading, writing, and speaking by involving students in situations that concretely express the concepts of the language.

Credits: 4

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HEB 1020: Beginning Hebrew II

A continuation of HEB 1010. Students increase their fluency and confidence in comprehension through discussions of simple stories and increased grammar drill. Situations are presented and discussed in Hebrew.

Credits: 4

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HIS 2025: Religion in the Greco-Roman World

An exploration of the relationship between Judaism and other religions and cultures in the ancient Mediterranean world. Students will study the historical development of and religious innovation within Judaism in the context of intercultural and interreligious contact in the Greco-Roman period

Credits: 4

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HIS 2035: The Ancient Middle East

Explores the ancient civilizations of the Middle East, including those of Egypt, Israel, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, and Iran. Students examine cultural, social, and political movements using texts as well as archaeology as sources.

Credits: 4

Department: Jewish Studies

HIS 2040: Jewish Culture and Civilization

Examines how early Jewish interactions with various cultures affected the development of Judaism. Interactions with Mesopotamian, Greek, Roman, Christian, and Muslim cultures are explored. Topics include conflicts with external powers, exile, and diaspora.

Credits: 4

Department: Jewish Studies

HIS 2045: Cults in the Ancient World

An exploration of the many religious cults that populated the ancient world from Greece to Egypt to the near East. Students will study the history and development of counter-cultural movements like the Greek cults of Asclepios and Isis, the Jewish sect of Essenes, the messianic Jesus movement, and Roman Mithraism. Students will also examine the distinction between a “religion” and a “cult”.

Credits: 4

Department: Jewish Studies

HIS 2815: Issues in the Study of the Holocaust

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Department: Jewish Studies

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Department: Jewish Studies

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Department: Jewish Studies

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Credits: 4

Department: Jewish Studies

HIS 3213: Peoples of the Book: Jewish Influences on Early Christianity

Survey the approaches to various important religious questions and practices within Ancient Judaism and Christianity. Particular attention devoted to the Jewish roots of Christianity and the assimilation of Jewish faith practice into the Early Christian movement. We also examine the historical and ongoing relationship between the two faith systems.

Credits: 4

Department: Jewish Studies

HIS 3245: The Land of Israel: Ancient to Modern

An exploration of the peoples, religions, cultures, places, and monuments of the land of Israel. Home to three major world religions, the land has been embraced, fought over, and conquered repeatedly throughout history. Why? Students explore the reasons for Israel's prominence and discover how its position and importance in the worldview is constantly being reinvented.

Credits: 4

Department: Jewish Studies

HIS 3255: Biblical History 1200–200 B.C.

The historicity of the Hebrew Bible is explored, from the protohistory of the Israelites as related through the Pentateuch and early prophetic works, through the period of the Monarchies, to the 6th-century B.C. exile, the birth of early Judaism, and the books of prophets and writings. Issues relating to historiography and biblical criticism are essential elements in this course.

Credits: 4

Department: Jewish Studies

HIS 3257: Antiquity and the Enlightenment

Explores important works of ancient literature in conversation with important Enlightenment texts and ideas. Students will read selections from the Bible and Greek literature and study the reception of their ideas and ideals in the work and thought of prominent Enlightenment authors.

Credits: 4

Department: Jewish Studies

HIS 3325: Encounter and Conflict: History of Jewish-Christian Relations

The historical relationship of Judaism and Christianity and the encounter of the Jewish and Christian communities from ancient to contemporary times are examined. Topics include the split between the two religions in late antiquity, medieval disputations, and the challenges of the modern period. Students also examine the varying ways in which texts can be interpreted.

Credits: 4

Department: Jewish Studies

HIS 3337: Politics and Archaeology

Explores the relationship between politics and archaeology. Topics include who owns antiquities; fakes, forgeries, and the manipulating of history; presentations of archaeology to the public; buying, selling, and auctioning of antiquities; and archaeology in wartime. The geographic range of topics includes Egypt, Iraq, Israel, Syria, and other countries in region, as well as Greece and Rome.

Credits: 4

Department: Jewish Studies

HIS 3717: Weaving Jewish, Christian and Muslim Texts

Jews, Christians, and Muslims each have their own scriptures, but also share stories, traditions, and ideas in common. Students explore this relationship through examination of important examples of biblical commentary and interreligious dialogue in the late ancient and early medieval periods.

Credits: 4

Department: Jewish Studies

JST 3709: Theatrical Representations of the Holocaust

Critics agree that the world of the concentration camps and ghettos is impossible to duplicate on stage. Despite serious aesthetic and practical constraints, playwrights in Europe, Israel, and America have, for the last five decades, created a diverse group of plays dealing with this unprecedented 20th-century event. Works examined in class include documentary dramas, realistic reenactments, absurdist plays, a comedy, and a standup routine.

Credits: 4

Department: Jewish Studies

LIT 2872: The Golden Land: American Jewish Literature and Film

Beginning as a response to the immigrant experience, writing by American Jews emerged as a central literary presence and the inspiration for important films. This course traces the evolution from early writers such as Abraham Cahan and Anzia

Yezierska, through major figures such as Saul Bellow, Bernard Malamud, Philip Roth, and I.B. Singer, to their contemporaries and heirs, including Stanley Elkin, Joseph Heller, Cynthia Ozick, and Grace Paley.

Credits: 4

Department: Jewish Studies

LIT 3047: Literature and Film of the Arab-Israeli Conflict

Explores a variety of literary and cinematic works that depict the conflicting points of view and the varied interests of contemporary Israeli and Arab writers and filmmakers. Students learn the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict and then explore a variety of issues relating to it by reading the work of Amos Oz, David Grossman, Mahmood Darwish, and others. Films include *Paradise Now* (Hany Abu-Assad, 2005) and *Lemon Tree* (Eran Riklis, 2008).

Credits: 4

Department: Jewish Studies

LIT 3572: Imagining America's Yiddish World: Writings and Performance

Focuses on a variety of writings (memoirs, letters, fiction, poetry), theatre, and films depicting the Yiddish world of the Lower East Side, home to more than two million Eastern European Jewish immigrants between 1880 and 1920. Readings include selections from the work of a variety of authors, from Yiddish newspapers, films, and other cultural materials.

Credits: 4

Department: Jewish Studies

PHI 3360: Responsibility and Judgment: Postwar European Philosophy

Examines philosophers' efforts to rethink fundamental ethical, legal, and political issues in the wake of total war and totalitarian domination in Europe between 1914 and 1945. Focusing on Arendt's *Eichmann in Jerusalem*, questions about resistance, complicity, guilt, and punishment become central. Additional texts are selected from Jaspers, Beauvoir, Sartre, Foucault, Derrida, Levinas, Adorno, and Butler.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PHI1515 Or PHI2110 Or PHI3212

Department: Jewish Studies

Journalism

Description:

The journalism major at Purchase College is designed to provide students with the intellectual bases and skills to gather, assess, and disseminate information and ideas.

This equips students for careers in journalism and a wide variety of other fields, including law, government, business, and public relations. The program fits naturally in the School of Humanities, as journalism at its best exemplifies the open and honest inquiry that marks the liberal arts and sciences.

Students are offered a central set of skills courses in journalism, electives in specialized areas in a variety of media, and courses that explore the broader context of journalistic practice. Students also take advantage of the broad offerings of Purchase College, and are encouraged to have internships. The studies culminate in a senior project, an extended work that allows students to showcase the full range of their talents.

Facilities

Purchase students produce journalism in a variety of computer labs using equipment consistent with industry standards. Journalism majors work in a dedicated suite in the Humanities Building that offers an integrated newsroom, broadcast studio, and control room with up-to-the-minute technology.

Our proximity to New York City, the media capital of the world, has enabled students to land internships with such varied media outlets as NBC, CBS, ABC, PBS, MSG, *Marie Claire*, and the *Daily News*. In essence, we strive to offer our students whatever they need to produce and promote excellent work. Chief among these things is a core set of journalistic practices and principles that remain steady even as the technology changes.

Requirements:

In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, all journalism majors must complete the following:

I. Introductory Courses: 6 credits

These two introductory courses are the only journalism courses open to freshmen.

- JOU 1500/Introduction to Media: 3 credits
- JOU 2150/History of Journalism: 3 credits

II. Central Courses: 22 credits

- JOU 2515/Journalism I: 4 credits*
- JOU 2915/Journalism II: 4 credits*
- JOU 3080/Freedom and the Media: 4 credits
- JOU 3880/Junior Seminar in Journalism: 2 credits
- SPJ 4990/Senior Project I: 4 credits
- SPJ 4991/Senior Project II: 4 credits

*Students must earn a minimum grade of C+ in JOU 2515 and 2915, which must be taken initially and in sequence.

III. Journalism Electives: 10–12 credits

Three journalism electives, chosen from the list below. For students who begin the major from fall 2020 onward, at least one of the three electives must be a practical course in visual journalism (denoted by an asterisk).

Please note: New courses may be added to this list. Students should check with their faculty advisor to determine if a new course is an appropriate elective.

- COM 3375/Podcasting and Audio Storytelling
- JOU 1120/Journalism and Film
- JOU 3040/Race, Gender, and the Media
- JOU 3100/Photojournalism*
- JOU 3120/First-Person Reporting
- JOU 3130/Documentaries and Journalism
- JOU 3160/Broadcast News I*
- JOU 3170/Broadcast News II
- JOU 3200/Feature Writing
- JOU 3220/The Art of Sportswriting
- JOU 3230/The Beat of Music Journalism
- JOU 3350/Community Reporting
- JOU 3360/Narrative and Nonfiction Podcasting
- JOU 3374/The Literature of Journalism
- JOU 3500/Multimedia I*
- JOU 3600/News Editing
- JOU 3700/The Beat, Magazine Production
- JOU 3780/Criticism/Reviewing Workshop
- JOU 4010/Covering the Arts

JOU 4020/International Issues Reporting
JOU 4150/Investigative Reporting
JOU 4320/Broadcast Writing
LIT 3635/Reviewing the Contemporary Novel
PHI 3085/Objectivity

IV. Other Studies

Five electives in one area of study within the liberal arts and sciences, chosen in consultation with the faculty advisor. (Many students will find it appropriate to earn a minor.) The per-course credits vary, but the credit total is typically 18 to 20. A minimum of 9 credits must be upper-level.

Minor requirements:

The minor in journalism is designed for undergraduate students in all disciplines at Purchase College who are interested in the field of journalism.

Students interested in this minor should submit a completed [Application for a Program of Minor Study](#) to the School of Humanities main office.

Academic Requirements for the Minor in Journalism

Five courses (18–20 credits) are required:

JOU 2515/Journalism I*
JOU 2915/Journalism II*
JOU 3080/Freedom and the Media
JOU –/Two journalism electives

*Students must earn a minimum grade of C+ in JOU 2515 and 2915, which must be taken initially and in sequence.

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Courses

COM 3375: Podcasting and Audio Storytelling

Students will learn different styles of podcasting, best practices for developing and pitching a show, how to use professional audio recorders, basic audio editing techniques with Adobe Audition and how to build an audience and distribute a podcast once it's complete.

Credits: 3

Department: Journalism

JOU 1120: Journalism and Film

An exploration of journalism through famous films. Students screen a variety of films that investigate different aspects of journalistic practice—from classic shoe-leather reporting to high-stakes investigations aimed at uncovering political malfeasance and corruption. The course also covers everyday challenges of the craft, from developing sources to navigating ethical dilemmas and the ever-increasing demand to meet deadlines and make headlines.

Credits: 4

Department: Journalism

JOU 1500: Introduction to Media

Today's media are placed in historical, cultural, and economic context. Students explore the concept of media literacy, and then delve into specific media platforms, including newspapers, magazines, the Internet, radio, TV, and movies. The class also examines the spin-off industries of advertising and public relations.

Credits: 3

Department: Journalism

JOU 2150: History of Journalism

Covers the history of journalism with an emphasis on American journalism after 1900. Students examine the objectives of journalism, styles of writing and coverage, and the shape and impact of the industry in various periods. Recent developments are studied with an eye toward how they fit into historical contexts.

Credits: 3

Department: Journalism

JOU 2515: Journalism I

In this introductory course, students learn the fundamentals of reporting and writing news stories, focusing on the skills that form the basis for newspaper, magazines, broadcast, and Web-based journalism. Students also learn AP (Associated Press) style and proofreading and examine broader issues, such as ethics, the impact of the media, and libel.

Credits: 4

Department: Journalism

JOU 2915: Journalism II

Students build on skills developed in JOU 2515 and delve into more specific areas of coverage called “beats.” Students who complete JOU 2515 and 2915 may be eligible for semester-long internships at local publications.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: JOU2515

Department: Journalism

JOU 3020: Reporting the Region

Students explore the region to produce journalistic reports that include writing and photography. Assignments include stories on challenges facing a French family, implications of a French political issue, a social issue, and a travel piece. The goal is for students to write as a foreign correspondent, conveying the community’s views, struggles, sights, and sensations to an audience back home. (offered in France, Summer)

Credits: 4

Department: Journalism

JOU 3040: Race, Gender, and the Media

Examines the relationship between the media and social constructions of race, gender, and class, both in the U.S. and within a global context. Topics include biases

and assumptions in print and visual media; representations of masculinity and femininity; and the media's role in creating and reinforcing ideas, symbols, and ideologies within cultures. Text analysis includes newspapers, magazine articles, cartoons, television, movies, and advertising.

Credits: 4

Department: Journalism

JOU 3080: Freedom and the Media

Examines the historical, philosophical, and legal bases for freedom of speech and of the press in the U.S. and the practical application of these principles to print, broadcast, and online media today. Topics include the First Amendment, libel, privacy, government regulation, news gathering, and journalism ethics. *Not recommended for freshmen or sophomores.*

Credits: 4

Department: Journalism

JOU 3090: The Art of the Interview

Students build on skills acquired in previous journalism classes as they explore in depth the various interviewing techniques for print, broadcast, and online media. Students critique each other's work and critically dissect published articles and broadcast interviews. They report and write their own in-depth profiles with an eye toward publication in professional or student publications or broadcast outlets.

Credits: 4

Department: Journalism

JOU 3100: Photojournalism

A basic course in the use of photography for journalistic purposes. Topics include how to shoot news events, feature photo shoots, cropping, and the use of computer technology.

Credits: 4

Department: Journalism

JOU 3120: First-Person Reporting

Students build on the skills acquired in JOU 2515 and 2915 as they discuss, critique, write, revise, and edit first-person reporting. This is a writing-intensive course; students work on developing a point of view and voice and craft material that resonates with the reader. They are also expected to be active peer-editors of their classmates' work.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: JOU2915

Department: Journalism

JOU 3130: Documentaries and Journalism

Documentaries are supposed to provide a factual record, but do they? In this course, students analyze, critique, and deconstruct documentary films, and discuss the evolution of the genre. Historical context, aesthetics, and ethics are examined. Students look at the emerging fault lines in the documentary format, where it has become increasingly difficult to tell the difference between news and entertainment.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: JOU2915

Department: Journalism

JOU 3140: Business and Economic Reporting

Students learn about business and economic news through reporting, writing, and reading, and establish an understanding of the four core elements of business journalism: the economy; the financial world; the consumer; and government regulation/policy. Students familiarize themselves with the language of corporations and the financial markets, and learn how to write clearly for any audience.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: JOU2915

Department: Journalism

JOU 3160: Broadcast News I

Building on the foundations of JOU 2515 and 2915, this hands-on course enables students to make the transition from reporting for print and online publications to reporting for radio and television news broadcasts. Students gain experience shooting, writing, and editing television news stories and are introduced to the basics of live television studio production. *Recommended prior course: JOU 3500.*

Credits: 4

PREREQ: JOU2515

Department: Journalism

JOU 3170: Broadcast News II

Students further their development as broadcast journalists through class exercises, field assignments, and in-studio productions, serving as reporters, anchors, producers, and directors for a campus television news and feature program. Strengthening broadcast writing skills and polishing on-air delivery are emphasized.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: JOU3160 Or JOU3150

Department: Journalism

JOU 3200: Feature Writing

An advanced course focusing on longer and more complex reporting and writing techniques for newspapers, magazines, and other types of publications.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: JOU2515 And JOU2915

Department: Journalism

JOU 3220: The Art of Sportswriting

In this overview of national sports journalism, the craft is explored through extensive reading of eminent sports writers and the history of the art, as well as intensive writing. Special emphasis is placed on thorough reporting, the craft of interviewing, writing on deadline, and producing prose written in a distinctive voice.

Credits: 4

Department: Journalism

JOU 3230: The Beat of Music Journalism

Explores the craft of journalistic writing about various musical genres, including rock, hip-hop, punk, heavy metal, classical, R&B, and jazz. Readings include notable works of music journalism in print and on the web. Students write articles on the genres of particular interest to them. This course is suitable for both specialized (journalism and music) and general audiences.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: JOU2915

Department: Journalism

JOU 3350: Community Reporting

Students report on communities surrounding the college, with an emphasis on Port Chester, in collaboration with Casa Purchase. Includes résumé-building opportunities to get work published in local news outlets on such topics as immigration, social justice, public safety, sports, housing, education, politics, business, volunteerism, lifestyles, and college issues.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: JOU2915

Department: Journalism

JOU 3360: Narrative Nonfiction Podcasting

Building on skills developed in COM3375 Podcasting and Audio Storytelling, students will create longer audio reporting projects with more complex structures. Focus will be on audio documentary and nonfiction narrative storytelling and production.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: COM3375

Department: Journalism

JOU 3374: The Literature of Journalism

Students look at the evolution of long-form journalism of postwar America, roughly defined as 1946–1980. Works include Truman Capote's *In Cold Blood*, John Hersey's *Hiroshima*, and the magazine writing of Lillian Ross, Alex Haley, Joan Didion, and Gay Talese. The class also explores more recent authors, such as Isabel Wilkerson and Rachel Aviv, and the influences of the digital age.

Credits: 4

Department: Journalism

JOU 3500: Multimedia I

An introduction to issues and developments in multimedia journalism. Students critique and create stories for publication online, learning how to assemble story packages that combine media elements, including text, video, audio, and images. Includes some exploration of the use of social media and other techniques to promote stories. *May be taken concurrently with JOU 2515 or 2915. Completion of JOU 3500 is strongly recommended before taking JOU 3160.*

Credits: 4

PREREQ: JOU2515

Department: Journalism

JOU 3600: News Editing

Covers the art of editing, from breaking news to features in special styles. Students work intensively on improving writing, expanding knowledge of word crafting, and producing tight prose. The relationship between reporters, editors, and decisions about news judgment is examined. An essential course for writing-based careers.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: JOU2515

Department: Journalism

JOU 3700: The Beat: Magazine Production

Putting a range of journalism skills into practice, students produce a finished, arts-based magazine. Students will utilize their reporting and writing talents and develop other ones: editing; writing headlines and captions; layout and design; and finer points of news judgment. Passion for journalism and the ability to work independently, and with peers, are a must.

Credits: 2

Department: Journalism

JOU 3780: Criticism/Reviewing Workshop

An introduction to styles of criticism and a practical course in writing short, critical essays (reviews) on the performing and visual arts. On-campus plays and films are assigned; students write about theatre, film, music, dance, painting, and other art forms.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: JOU2515

Department: Journalism

JOU 3880: Journalism Junior Seminar

The goal of this seminar is to equip students with the skills needed to complete a successful senior project, and guide them in choosing a topic and format to research and report in depth. Students look at career options in journalism, do a résumé and job-hunting workshop, and discuss internships. *Required for journalism majors.*

Credits: 2

PREREQ: JOU2915

Department: Journalism

JOU 4010: Covering the Arts

Using the college's wide array of cultural activities as material, students learn to bring immediacy and depth to their reporting on entertainment and the arts. The course begins with a study of the form and function of various disciplines as a basis for this reporting.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: JOU2515 Or JOU3700

Department: Journalism

JOU 4020: International Issues Reporting

Examines the methods of international affairs journalism, how international issues and organizations are covered, and the innovative ways in which local reporters can reach out to bring the world closer to their readers. Students produce stories that illuminate connections between nearby neighborhoods and faraway lands.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: JOU2915

Department: Journalism

JOU 4030: Socially Engaged Multimedia

Choose a local social issue and produce multimedia reporting projects with that focus. Emphasis on sustained connection with communities and producing impactful journalism. Includes history of independent media and case studies of advocacy journalism.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: JOU2915 And (JOU3500 Or JOU3160)

Department: Journalism

JOU 4040: Multimedia II

Building on skills from Multimedia Tools, students approach video in a photojournalistic style. They learn to identify interesting characters with remarkable stories. In nonnarrative video storytelling—where students capture vérité scenes and create cinematic sequences—the focus is on having people tell their stories in their own words. This personal approach allows the viewer to relate and to emotionally engage.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: JOU3500 Or JOU3160

Department: Journalism

JOU 4150: Investigative Reporting

Student reporters learn to develop the investigative state of mind needed to change public opinion and influence policy making. Working individually and in teams, students use documents, databases, official records, and human sources to probe social justice issues, expose official hypocrisy, and ferret out corruption, waste, and inefficiency in government and other institutions.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: JOU2915

Department: Journalism

LBS 3020: The Power of Art: Activism and Creative Expression

Explore the sociopolitical dimensions of the arts across diverse creative outlets. Students examine art in relation to the politics of power in society, and engage the activist dynamics of artistic expression with regards to persistent forms of inequality and oppression.

Credits: 4

Department: Journalism

LIT 3635: Reviewing the Contemporary Novel

An introduction to the contemporary novel and the art and practice of book reviewing. Students read exemplary novels (e.g., *Cloud Atlas* and *Netherland*); they read exemplary book critics (e.g., Zadie Smith and James Wood); and they write their own exemplary reviews of contemporary fiction. Writing assignments range from blog posts to newspaper-style reviews and magazine-style essays.

Credits: 4

Department: Journalism

PHI 3085: Objectivity

Is there such a thing as objectivity, journalistic or otherwise? How do accounts of reality in the natural sciences, social sciences, and the humanities differ, and is any account more objective than the others? How do narratives tell the truth, and how do they lie? What might people mean by the term “truth,” anyway? Course readings are interdisciplinary; the course style is philosophical.

Credits: 4

Department: Journalism

WRI 1200: Introduction to Digital Publishing

How do we create meaningful writing for an online readership that scrolls quickly and relies less on the printed page than any other generation? Students will write

essays, features, and criticism and identify online publications that suit each project, while guest lecturers offer insight on engaging social media to share reported stories. Students co-edit Expose, Purchase's online expository writing magazine.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: WRI1110

Department: Journalism

WRI 2770: The Art of the Essay

Though often seen as simply a test of students' knowledge and ideas, essays go far beyond what is generally required in courses. Students in this course read and experiment with a wide variety of critical, journalistic, academic, personal, and experimental essay forms. In the process, they further develop their skills as critical thinkers and writers.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: WRI1110 Or WRI2110

Department: Journalism

Language and Culture

Description:

Knowledge of foreign languages and an awareness of other cultures are of critical importance in today's world, in which international communication is instantaneous and events taking place at great geographical distances have immediate global repercussions.

The language and culture program offers students the opportunity to acquire fluency in at least one language and to gain familiarity with the society (or societies) in which that language is used. Keeping in step with the increasingly complex interactions among countries, the program also allows students to explore a diversity of cultures through the wide choice of courses that fulfill requirements for the major.

The language and culture major offers a full program in French and Spanish, with opportunities to study Chinese, German, Hebrew, Italian, linguistics, and Portuguese. A course in Nigerian/Hausa language and culture is also available through the anthropology program.

Modern languages are taught through an approach that immediately involves students in oral interactions in the target language, while developing their linguistic and cultural awareness. Beginning French and Spanish courses also include interactive language labs. As students acquire fluency, they are introduced to varied aspects of the language's cultural context. These include courses in civilization, translation, literature, and history.

Foreign Language Placement

All students are required to complete a **foreign language placement** exam before enrolling in any language course. Faculty members monitor their class lists to ensure that students have taken the exam and are enrolled in the appropriate level.

Study Abroad Opportunities

Students are strongly encouraged to participate in the college's **study abroad** programs. These interdisciplinary programs include courses that fulfill requirements for the major in language and culture and/or **core curriculum** requirements.

Minors in the Language and Culture Program

Students majoring in any discipline may pursue a minor offered by the language and culture program: **Chinese, French, Italian, Spanish, and linguistics**. Students interested in pursuing any of these minors should submit a completed **Application for a Program of Minor Study** to the School of Humanities main office.

Related Interdisciplinary Minors:

[Asian Studies](#) | [Latin American, Caribbean, and LatinX Studies](#)

Requirements:

In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, all students majoring in language and culture must complete **40 total credits** as listed below:

1. Complete the Translation course in the selected language concentration with a grade of B or higher.

- SPA3735/Spanish Translation (4 credits)
- FRE 3735/French Translation (4 credits)

Note: For the French Concentration, if FRE 3735/French Translation is not being offered during a particular year, *LAC 3430/An Introduction to Linguistics* may be substituted for this requirement if your Advisor permits.

2. Complete Two 3000 level language courses from your chosen concentration below: (8 credits total)

Spanish Concentration

- SPA3015/Advanced Spanish (4 credits)
- SPA3030/Spanish for Native Speakers II (4 credits)
- SPA3260/Advanced Reading and Conversation (4 credits)
- SPA3650/Modern Latin American Poetry (4 credits)
- SPA3700/The Latin American Short Story (4 credits)

French Concentration

- FRE3015/Advanced French I (4 credits)
- FRE3230/The Island as Laboratory (4 credits)
- LAC 3340/Postcolonial French-language Literature (4 credits)
- LIT3217/Oceanic Fictions (4 credits)

3. Four courses in Hispanic or Francophone culture from your chosen concentration below: (16 credits total)

Spanish Concentration

- CIN3080/Mexican Cinema
- HIS1600/Introduction to Latin American Studies
- HIS2215/Latinos and Cities in the Americas
- HIS3085/Cities and Citizenship in the Americas
- HIS3127/Poverty and the Informal City in Latin America
- LIT3685/Modern Novel of Latin America
- LIT1610/Introduction to Latinx Literature
- SOC1030/Cultural Activism in Latin America
- SOC3735/Globalization, Culture, Social Change: Latin America
- SPA3715/Modern Hispanic Theatre

- THP3650/Contemporary United States Latino Theatre

French Concentration

- ARH2050/Introduction to Modern Art
- ARH3630/French Art from LaTour to David
- CIN3420/Contemporary European Cinema
- CIN3550/Francophone Cinema
- CIN3835/Andre Bazin, Realism, and Cinema
- CIN3855/French Cinema
- CIN4210/Theory and Praxis: Welles and Resnais
- FRE 3100/Developing French Pronunciation through Phonetics
- FRE3230/The Island as Laboratory
- HIS3380/Paris, Vienna, Berlin
- LAC3340/Postcolonial French-language Literature
- LIT3217/Oceanic Fictions
- LIT3680/Surrealism and its Legacy
- PHI2060/Existentialism
- PHI3470/Foucault, Habermas, Derrida

Note: For the French concentration, the same courses cannot be taken for requirements 2 and 3.

For example, if you take FRE3230/The Island as Laboratory, it will fulfill either 2 or 3, and not both.

4. One elective from the list of courses in requirements 2 and 3 that have not been taken or one of the following courses:

Examples of Other Courses (4 credits each)

- CHI2010/Intermediate Chinese I
- CHI2020/ Intermediate Chinese II
- CHI3010Advanced Chinese I
- CHI3020/Advanced Chinese II
- ITA2010/Intermediate Italian I
- ITA2020/Intermediate Italian II

- LAC3360/Methods of Language Teaching

5. Complete a two-semester Senior Project with a focus in one of the following areas: (8 Credits)

- Language Pedagogy: Creating a lesson plan and classroom materials for language instruction and applying pedagogical principals learned in the Methods of Language Teaching class.
- Translation: Propose a translation for a passage of a novel, film, etc. applying the theory and methodology of translation studies learned in the Translation course.
- Literature (Hispanic or Francophone): Engage in research on literature and supplement with materials from History, Philosophy, Art History, Political Science, etc. It is encouraged that students write their project in French or Spanish but it is not required.
- Topics in Hispanic or Francophone Culture: Students may research on topics such as Cinema, Politics and Visual Arts
- Creative Projects: Students with artistic skills may submit an original work in their genre of choice. The work must reflect Francophone or Hispanic cultures and include an explanatory essay. Approval from an advisor is needed.

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Chinese

Description:

The minor in Chinese is designed to provide students with basic knowledge of written and spoken modern Chinese, and to introduce them to the culture, politics, and literature of Asian countries.

Students interested in the minor should submit a complete [Application for a Program of Minor Study](#) to the School of Humanities main office. The student is assigned a minor advisor in Chinese after consultation with the appropriate faculty.

Minor requirements:

Academic Requirements for the Minor in Chinese

Five courses (20 credits), as follows:

- CHI 1010/Beginning Chinese I
- CHI 1020/Beginning Chinese II
- CHI 2010/Intermediate Chinese I
- CHI 2020/Intermediate Chinese II
- CHI 3010/Advanced Chinese I

Foreign Language Placement

Related Interdisciplinary Minor: [Asian Studies](#)

French

Description:

The minor in French is designed to provide the student with basic fluency in spoken and written French and to provide a general introduction to the culture and literature of France and the Francophone nations.

Students interested in the minor should submit a completed [Application for a Program of Minor Study](#) to the School of Humanities main office. The student is assigned a minor advisor in French after consultation with the Chair of the Language and Culture Department.

Minor requirements:

Academic Requirements for the Minor in French

Five courses in French (20 credits), as follows:

- Two courses must be chosen from the following advanced-level French courses:
 - FRE 3015: Advanced French I, 4 credits
 - FRE 3230: The Island as Laboratory, 4 credits
 - LAC 3340: Postcolonial French-Language Literature, 4 credits
- One course must be in cultural studies and/or translation:
 - ARH 2050: Introduction to Modern Art, 4 credits
 - ARH 3510: 19th Century Art, 4 credits
 - ARH 3630: French Art from LaTour to David, 4 credits
 - HIS 3380: Paris, Vienna, Berlin, 4 credits
 - HIS 2330: Atlantic World, 4 credits
 - CIN 3420: Contemporary European Cinema, 4 credits
 - CIN 3550: Francophone Cinema, 4 credits
 - CIN 3835: André Bazin, Realism, and Cinema, 4 credits
 - CIN 3855: French Cinema, 4 credits
 - CIN 3857: Contemporary French Cinema, 4 credits
 - CIN 4210: Theory and Praxis: Welles and Resnais, 4 credits
 - FRE 3735: French Translation, 4 credits
 - LIT 3680: Surrealism and its Legacy, 4 credits
 - PHI 2060: Existentialism, 4 credits
 - PHI 3470: Foucault, Habermas, Derrida, 4 credits
- The remaining two courses must be chosen from the following courses:
 - FRE 1010: Beginning French I, 4 credits
 - FRE 1020: Beginning French II, 4 credits
 - FRE 2010: Intermediate French I, 4 credits
 - FRE 2020: Intermediate French II, 4 credits
 - FRE 3015: Advanced French I, 4 credits*

- FRE 3230: The Island as Laboratory, 4 credits*
- LAC 3340: Postcolonial French-Language Literature, 4 credits*
- Any other FRE course

*Note: A course taken to fulfill one of the requirements will not also fulfill a second requirement. For example, FRE 3015 can fulfill either requirement #1 or requirement #3, but not both. A minimum of 5 courses (20 credits) must be taken to complete the minor.

Foreign Language Placement

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Italian

Description:

Students majoring in any discipline may pursue a minor in Italian, which is designed to provide the student with basic fluency in spoken and written Italian and a general introduction to Italian culture.

Students who complete the minor in Italian should achieve proficiency in the language equivalent to ITA 2020/Intermediate Italian II. All students interested in Italian are strongly encouraged to participate in the college's summer study abroad program in Italy.

Students interested in the minor should submit a completed [Application for a Program of Minor Study](#) to the School of Humanities main office. The student is assigned a minor advisor in Italian after consultation with the [Program Chair](#) of the Language and Culture Department.

Minor requirements:

Academic Requirements for the Minor in Italian

Five courses, as follows:

- ITA 1010/Beginning Italian I
- ITA 1020/Beginning Italian II
- ITA 2010/Intermediate Italian I
- ITA 2020/Intermediate Italian II
- One elective course related to Italian studies, chosen in consultation with the minor advisor

Foreign Language Placement

Spanish

Description:

The minor in Spanish is designed to provide the student with basic fluency in spoken and written Spanish and a general introduction to the culture and literature of Spain and Latin America.

Students who complete the minor in Spanish should achieve proficiency in the language equivalent to SPA 3015/Advanced Spanish. All students interested in Spanish are strongly encouraged to participate in the college's summer **study abroad** program in Spain.

Students interested in the minor should submit a completed **Application for a Program of Minor Study** to the School of Humanities main office. The student is assigned a minor advisor in Spanish after consultation with the Chair of the Language and Culture Department.

Related Interdisciplinary Minor:

Latin American, Caribbean, and LatinX Studies

Minor requirements:

Academic Requirements for the Minor in Spanish

Five courses in Spanish above the level of SPA 1010 and 1020/Beginning Spanish I and II, chosen in consultation with the minor advisor.

Foreign Language Placement

Linguistics

Description:

The minor in linguistics is designed for students who are fascinated by language.

Linguistics investigates language as a self-contained system (sounds, words, sentences), as a component of culture and society, and as a cognitive and neurological operation of individuals. It also intersects with a range of academic disciplines whose subject matter, in one way or another, involves language. Therefore, this minor is particularly valuable for students whose primary field of study is language, sociology, anthropology, music, psychology, philosophy, or literature.

Students interested in the minor should submit a completed [Application for a Program of Minor Study](#) to the School of Humanities main office.

Minor requirements:

Academic Requirements for the Minor in Linguistics

Five courses (19–20 credits), as follows:

- LAC 3430/An Introduction to Linguistics
- And four electives, chosen from the following:

Anthropology:

ANT 2175/Language, Culture, and Society

Language and Culture:

FRE 3730/Translation Theory *and* FRE 3735/French Translation

LAC 3000/Syntax and Semantics

LAC 3360/Methods of Language Teaching (*formerly LAC 3350*)

LAC 3400/Introduction to Spanish Linguistics (*added Spring 2018*)

SPA 3450/The Structure of Spanish: Grammar, Morphology, and Syntax

SPA 3730/Translation Theory *and* SPA 3735/Spanish Translation

Philosophy:

PHI 2120/Methods of Reasoning

Psychology:

PSY 3320/Language and Thought

PSY 3490/Development of Language (*added Spring 2018*)

Note: FRE 3730 and 3735 count as one elective and must be taken together. Likewise, SPA 3730 and 3735 count as one elective and must be taken together.

Courses

LAC 3000: Syntax and Semantics

An introduction to the study of syntax and its relationship to interpretation and meaning (semantics). Data from English and other languages are used to illustrate the basic principles and parameters that govern language facility. The course progresses from an introduction of the basic notions of syntactic theory to more complex phenomena observed in the world's languages.

Credits: 4

Department: Language and Culture

LAC 3000: Syntax and Semantics

An introduction to the study of syntax and its relationship to interpretation and meaning (semantics). Data from English and other languages are used to illustrate the basic principles and parameters that govern language facility. The course progresses from an introduction of the basic notions of syntactic theory to more complex phenomena observed in the world's languages.

Credits: 4

Department: Linguistics

LAC 3250: Space as Construction: Reclaiming and Rewriting Colonial Landscapes in French-language Literature

The literatures of former French colonies are deeply concerned with questions of space: territory, displacement, indigeneity and migration. This course analyzes recurrent spatial tropes (the island, the plantation, the border, etc.) in the French-language literatures of the Caribbean, the Indian Ocean and Africa to see how received notions of space, including literature as textual space, are reinvented.

Credits: 4

Department: Language and Culture

LAC 3250: Space as Construction: Reclaiming and Rewriting Colonial Landscapes in French-language Literature

The literatures of former French colonies are deeply concerned with questions of space: territory, displacement, indigeneity and migration. This course analyzes recurrent spatial tropes (the island, the plantation, the border, etc.) in the French-language literatures of the Caribbean, the Indian Ocean and Africa to see how received notions of space, including literature as textual space, are reinvented.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LAC 3340: Postcolonial French-Language Literature

We will look at French-language texts from the Caribbean, Indian Ocean and Africa. Emphasis will be on transnational conflicts and solidarities. Texts will be read and taught in English, but French majors and minors are encouraged to read the texts in the original French.

Credits: 4

Department: Language and Culture

LAC 3340: Postcolonial French-Language Literature

We will look at French-language texts from the Caribbean, Indian Ocean and Africa. Emphasis will be on transnational conflicts and solidarities. Texts will be read and taught in English, but French majors and minors are encouraged to read the texts in the original French.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LAC 3340: Postcolonial French-Language Literature

We will look at French-language texts from the Caribbean, Indian Ocean and Africa. Emphasis will be on transnational conflicts and solidarities. Texts will be read and taught in English, but French majors and minors are encouraged to read the texts in the original French.

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

LAC 3400: Introduction to Spanish Linguistics

An introduction to the study of linguistics, with a focus on Spanish. Students examine the theoretical aspects of numerous subfields of linguistics—phonetics, phonology, morphology, and syntax—and begin to apply this knowledge to the fields of dialectology and sociolinguistics. Taught in Spanish.

Credits: 4

Department: Language and Culture

LAC 3400: Introduction to Spanish Linguistics

An introduction to the study of linguistics, with a focus on Spanish. Students examine the theoretical aspects of numerous subfields of linguistics—phonetics, phonology, morphology, and syntax—and begin to apply this knowledge to the fields of dialectology and sociolinguistics. Taught in Spanish.

Credits: 4

Department: Linguistics

LAC 3400: Introduction to Spanish Linguistics

An introduction to the study of linguistics, with a focus on Spanish. Students examine the theoretical aspects of numerous subfields of linguistics—phonetics, phonology, morphology, and syntax—and begin to apply this knowledge to the fields of dialectology and sociolinguistics. Taught in Spanish.

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

LAC 3430: An Introduction to Linguistics

An introduction to basic linguistic concepts, providing a background for understanding how language works and is used in everyday life. Topics include core areas of linguistics (e.g., phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics) and more applied areas of language study (e.g., sociolinguistics and second language acquisition).

Credits: 4

Department: Language and Culture

LAC 3430: An Introduction to Linguistics

An introduction to basic linguistic concepts, providing a background for understanding how language works and is used in everyday life. Topics include core areas of linguistics (e.g., phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics) and more applied areas of language study (e.g., sociolinguistics and second language acquisition).

Credits: 4

Department: Linguistics

Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx Studies

Description:

The major in Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx studies at Purchase College is designed as a **multidisciplinary immersion experience** that prepares students for life in a globalized world.

Along with an introductory course on Latin American history, students are required to take courses in at least two different disciplines, drawing from courses on or related to Latin America in the social sciences, the humanities, or the arts. All students are required to have or to attain language proficiency, defined as the equivalent of five semesters in **Spanish, French, or Portuguese**.

Experiential learning is a central and distinctive feature of this major: all students fulfill this requirement by completing a service-learning project or an internship in a local Latin American/Latino community, school, or nonprofit, or through a **study abroad** program. Students synthesize this experiential learning with the knowledge gained from their coursework in an in-depth, two-semester senior project.

Graduates of this program will be able to demonstrate knowledge of Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx history, geography, cultural traditions and innovations, political structures, and social issues and will possess an in-depth awareness of Latin America's diversity as well as its role in global processes.

What can you do with a degree in Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx studies?

Opportunities exist in a wide variety of fields, nationally and internationally. In a world that is increasingly transnational and cross-racial, individuals with a solid knowledge of Spanish, French, and/or Portuguese and an understanding of Latin American and Latino history and major contemporary issues, including immigration, are needed for this century's jobs and careers.

In addition, with Latin American immigrant communities increasing in number throughout the U.S., there is a broad range of career and volunteer options available. Internationally, options include positions in government and in nongovernmental for-profit and nonprofit organizations.

Students are also encouraged to double-major in another program to increase their opportunities after graduation.

Requirements:

In addition to meeting general degree requirements, all Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx studies majors must complete the following requirements (37–43 credits):

- **Foreign language proficiency**

This major requires proficiency in Spanish, French, or Portuguese, equivalent to five semesters of the language. Students can fulfill this proficiency in any of the following ways:

1. through an exemption based on an assessment of proficiency in Spanish, French, or Portuguese by a member of the faculty
2. through successful completion of a course conducted in Spanish or French at or above the advanced language level
3. through successful completion of the minor in Spanish or French

- **HIS 1600/Introduction to Latin American Studies: 3 credits**

- **Six approved electives in Latin American and Latino studies (18–24 credits)**

Students must take six approved electives that are directly related to Latin America or Latino studies, as outlined below. Up to four credits of an advanced-level language course may be used toward this requirement. Approved courses offered in the target language in which the main focus is on literary, cultural, or historical subject matter are not subject to the four-credit restriction.

- Two electives chosen from courses in anthropology, environmental studies, political science, and/or sociology

- Two electives chosen from courses in language and culture, history, and/or literature
- Two electives chosen from courses in art history and/or cinema studies

Students should consult with their faculty advisor to determine if a course from another discipline is an appropriate elective.

- **One of the following methods courses: 4 credits**

SOC 3405/Research Methods

ANT 3560/Fieldwork: Qualitative Methods

HIS 3880/Junior History Seminar

Or a designated upper-level course in the humanities or the arts that provides senior project preparation, to be chosen in consultation with the faculty advisor

- **Experiential learning—one of the following: 4 credits**

LST 3050/Experiential Learning in Latin American Studies

LST 3995/Internship in Latin American Studies

Or an approved study-abroad program

- **SPJ 4990/Senior Project I: 4 credits**

- **SPJ 4991/Senior Project II: 4 credits**

Examples of Electives

Art History (School of Humanities):

ARH 3335/Latin American Art in the Age of Globalization

ARH 3815/Mexican Art From the Revolution to the NAFTA Era

ARH 4590/Pre-Columbian Aesthetics in Modern Latin American Art

Cinema and Television Studies (School of Film and Media Studies):

CIN 3000/Cinema and Revolution

CIN 3080/Mexican Cinema

CIN 3245/Latin American Cinema

Economics (School of Natural and Social Sciences):

ECO 2223/Economies of Latin America

Environmental Studies (School of Natural and Social Sciences):

ENV 3420/Tropical Ecosystems

French (School of Humanities):

FRE 3067/French Caribbean Literature

FRE 3230/The Island as Laboratory

LAC 3340/Postcolonial French-Language Literature

History (School of Humanities):

HIS 2005/Modern Latin America
HIS 2170/Colonial Latin America
HIS 2215/Latinos and Cities in the Americas
HIS 2540/Society and Culture in Modern Brazil
HIS 3005/Representations of Latinos and Latinas in American Film, 1930–2000
HIS 3085/Cities and Citizenship in the Americas (*added Fall 2018*)
HIS 3395/Nation and Revolution in Latin America
HIS 3555/African Diasporas in the Americas
HIS 3625/Slaves and Enslavement in the Americas
HIS 3685/Sex and Gender in Latin America
HIS 3855/Oral History Workshop

Language and Culture (School of Humanities)

LAC 3340/Post Colonial French Language Literature
LAC 3400/Intro to Spanish Linguistics

Literature (School of Humanities):

LIT 3217/Oceanic Fictions
LIT 3685/Modern Novel of Latin America

Music (Conservatory of Music):

MTH 2230/World Music and Jazz Traditions

Political Science (School of Natural and Social Sciences):

POL 3130/Immigration: Policies, Problems, and Politics
POL 3300/Development and Politics of Latin America
POL 3307/Politics and Memoir
POL 3340/U.S./Latin American Relations
POL 3361/Cuba, Latin America, and the U.S.
POL 3570/Human Rights

Sociology (School of Natural and Social Sciences):

SOC 1030/Cultural Activism in Latin America
SOC 3056/Global Social Movements
SOC 3661/Border Wars and Transnational Human Rights
SOC 3725/Globalization, Culture, Social Change: Latin America

Spanish (School of Humanities):

SPA 2030/Spanish for Native Speakers

SPA 3365/Languages and Cultures of Spanish-Speaking Countries*

SPA 3370/Lettered Cities: The Literatures of Latin American Cities

SPA3650 Modern Latin American Poetry

SPA 3700/The Latin American Short Story*

SPA 3715/Modern Hispanic Theatre

SPA 3800/Translation Workshop

**Taught in Spanish*

Theatre and Performance (Conservatory of Theatre Arts):

THP 3650/Contemporary U.S. Latino Theatre

Minor requirements:

The minor in Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx studies is designed to provide students with a basic interdisciplinary grounding in the culture, history, and politics of Latin America.

Students interesting in pursuing this minor must submit a completed [Application for a Program of Minor Study](#). Because new courses may be added to the curriculum from time to time, students should also consult with the [coordinator](#) of the Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx studies program.

Recommended: Basic Spanish

Academic Requirements for the Minor in Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx Studies

Five courses, as follows:

- a. HIS 1600/Introduction to Latin American Studies
- b. Plus four electives in Latin American studies

Elective Courses

Examples of [elective courses](#) available for the minor in Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx studies are listed under the academic requirements for the major.

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Courses

ARH 3335: Latin American Art in the Age of Globalization

Focuses on contemporary Latin American artists working in and out of Latin America: Gabriel Orozco, Guillermo Gómez Peña, Adriana Varejao, Teresa Margolles, Carlos Garaicoa, Betsabeé Romero, Javier Tellez, Nadín Ospina, Tania Bruguera, and Nicolás de Jesús. Students analyze the way these artists address such questions as urban violence, social inequality, pollution, emigration, and national identity.

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

ARH 3815: Mexican Art From the Revolution to the NAFTA Era

A broad look at modern and contemporary Mexican art, using an interdisciplinary and comparative approach. Special emphasis is on the Mexican Revolution (1910–1920) and its aftermath throughout the 20th century. Students analyze links between the visual arts (including mural painting, prints, and photography) and the literature, the popular scene and the mainstream, the street art and the gallery art.

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

CIN 3000: Cinema and Revolution

Third cinema was a movement proposed by Latin American directors in the 1960s and further developed by African directors in the 1970s. It addresses important questions about independent national cinemas, colonialism, race, and identity. This course examines the movement and its global influence, with emphasis on the cinemas of Latin America, Africa, black Britain, and American minorities.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1500 And CIN1510

Department: Latin American Studies

CIN 3065: Netflix in Latin America

As a global internet TV network, Netflix produces and distributes fiction films, documentaries and television series in Latin America. By paying close attention to this content, students examine the quickly-evolving media landscape in Latin America, evaluating the ways in which Netflix has impacted production and distribution in the region. Students should have access to Netflix.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CIN1510

Department: Latin American Studies

CIN 3080: Mexican Cinema

A survey of the history of Mexican cinema from the early 1930s to the present. Students examine popular genres like *la comedia ranchera* (Mexican cowboy musical), *el género cabaretíl* (dancehall film), and *el cine de luchadores* (wrestling film) as well as the work of the most prominent Mexican filmmakers (e.g., Arturo Ripstein, Jaime Humberto Hermosillo, Nicolás Echeverría, María Novaro, Guillermo del Toro).

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

FRE 3067: French Caribbean Literature

A study of major developments in French Caribbean literature of the 19th through 21st centuries. This course focuses on questions of language, race, gender, geography, and class, with emphasis on local, regional, and global frames of reference.

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

FRE 3230: The Island as Laboratory

Islands, because of their size and supposed isolation, have been the site of environmental and military experiments. Similarly, writers have used the island to build a textual laboratory in order to test their philosophical and narrative experiments. In this course, students will look at novels (including graphic novels) to examine this scientific, military and narrative instrumentalization of the island.

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

HIS 1600: Introduction to Latin American Studies

An introductory survey of the history of Latin America from colonial times to the present. Topics include geography, indigenous peoples, colonization and nation formation, society, politics, economy and culture of contemporary Latin America, and its place in today's world.

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

HIS 2005: Modern Latin America

Explores major social, cultural, economic, and political developments in Latin America from the period following the Wars of Independence to the present. The historical roots of such problems as racism, persistent poverty, and political repression are examined, focusing on "subaltern" groups (e.g., peasants, workers, women, and people of color).

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

HIS 2170: Colonial Latin America

An introductory survey of the history of the Spanish and Portuguese conquest and colonization of the Americas from 1450 to 1810, i.e., from the late preconquest period to the Latin American struggle for independence. Lectures, readings, and discussions provide an overview of the economic, political, social, and cultural dimensions of colonization.

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

HIS 2215: Latinos and Cities in the Americas

Focuses on the history of Latinos in urban centers across the U.S. and Latin America. Students explore how Latinos established and maintained distinctive social and cultural identities in the Americas. The historical definition of "Latinidad" is also

discussed through the study of colonization, immigration, diaspora, globalization, and the history of the racialization of Latin American descendants.

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

HIS 2285: Immigration and Migration in U.S. History

Explores migration and immigration from 1830 to the present. Major subjects include Native American removal and genocide, the intersection of migration and slavery, immigration exclusion, and race and the making of illegal immigration. Students examine long patterns of U.S. legislative policies alongside on-the-ground experiences and reactions to migration and immigration. The course concludes with an analysis of immigration in the post-9/11 era.

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

HIS 2540: Society and Culture in Modern Brazil

Covers the history of Brazil from independence to the present. During this period, Brazil has transformed from a colonial, agrarian, slave society to a predominantly urban, industrialized nation and an aspiring world power. Students explore slavery, racism, urban life, immigration and industrialization, changing gender roles, political repression and military rule, *carnaval* and popular culture.

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

HIS 3085: Cities and Citizenship in the Americas

Focuses on the relationship between cities, urban life, and form, and the construction of social and political rights in the Americas. The emphasis is on how cities and citizenship are mutually constituted historically, looking at ideas and policies that regulate the city, and how urbanites produce and consume urban space and claim their rights as citizens and urban residents.

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

HIS 3127: Poverty and the Informal City in Latin America

Explore the history of poverty and informality in Latin American cities since the late 19th century to the present. Explore the social, economic, and political circumstances through which cities become spaces of difference. Focus on the history of housing, shantytowns, and slums and popular mobilizations that claimed for citizenship and the right to the city.

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

HIS 3357: U.S.-Latin American Relations

History of U.S.–Latin American relations from the mid-19th century to the present day. It explores how Latin America and the Caribbean became the object of US intervention into the region’s realities and how Latin American societies involved into nationalist, anti-imperialist, class, racial, and gender struggles that shaped policy outcomes in ways unanticipated by the US.

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

HIS 3685: Sex and Gender in Latin America

Examines the new historiography on gender and sexuality in Latin America. It is organized around the themes of changing gender roles and shifting constructions of masculinity, femininity, and honor, with particular attention to issues of sexuality, sexual preferences, constraints, and transgressions.

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

HIS 3855: Oral History Workshop

Develops students' interviewing and interpretive skills in the field of oral history. Students learn the theory and methodology and work on a final research project that seeks to bring forward the voices of those frequently excluded from more typical historical sources. Students also learn to produce archival quality interviews, and the final project includes some form of public presentation.

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

LAC 3340: Postcolonial French-Language Literature

We will look at French-language texts from the Caribbean, Indian Ocean and Africa. Emphasis will be on transnational conflicts and solidarities. Texts will be read and taught in English, but French majors and minors are encouraged to read the texts in the original French.

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

LAC 3400: Introduction to Spanish Linguistics

An introduction to the study of linguistics, with a focus on Spanish. Students examine the theoretical aspects of numerous subfields of linguistics—phonetics, phonology, morphology, and syntax—and begin to apply this knowledge to the fields of dialectology and sociolinguistics. Taught in Spanish.

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

LIT 1610: Introduction to Latinx Literature

Read multi-genre literature and social histories and identify and analyze the distinctions and similarities that have shaped the experiences and the cultural imagination among different Latinx communities. Topics include identity formation

and negotiation in terms of language, race, gender, sexuality, and class; discuss diaspora and emigration. Authors include Gloria Anzaldúa and Piri Thomas. Taught in English.

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

LIT 3217: Oceanic Fictions

Analyzing poetry, novels, films and comic series, we consider topics such as colonialism and decolonization, transnationalism and border crossings, and the particular literary and aesthetic sensibilities of island and oceanic literatures. Included are works by Aldous Huxley, Jamaica Kincaid, Aimé Césaire, Patrick Chamoiseau, Maryse Condé, Nathacha Appanah, Shenaz Patel, as well as Hergé's Tintin and excerpts from X-men.

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

LIT 3685: Modern Novel of Latin America

Major works of the most celebrated Latin American novelists, such as Cortázar, García Márquez, Carpentier, and Guiraldes, emphasizing the cultural and social contexts from which these novels spring. Although this is a literature course taught in English, students with competent Spanish language skills are encouraged to read the works in the original and write their papers in Spanish.

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

POL 3130: Immigration Policy & Political Incorporation

Examine the evolution of American immigration and the related policies that governed, shaped, and restricted immigrant flows, and immigrants' interactions with key institutions of American life, e.g., labor, education, and politics, along with the impact for the United States. We will discuss the impact of immigration policies on the lives of immigrants and their children on American institutions, e.g.,

education, labor, social services, and nonprofits and will explore the multiple levels at which immigration and immigrant policies operate. To provide a foundation for the hands-on research project, the theoretical and empirical literatures on immigrant political incorporation broadly speaking, probing the experience of the myriad immigrant and native-born minority groups in New York, will be explored in-depth.

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

POL 3307: Politics and Memoir

A study of memoirs by male and female authors, politicians, activists, and ordinary citizens describing childhood, communities, social changes, and revolutions. Works are drawn from South Africa, South America, Asia, Cuba, and the U.S. The rubric is the non-West's interaction with the West, a north-south divide.

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

POL 3361: Cuba, Latin America, and the U.S.

The course revolves around the international political and economic dynamics that have existed historically between the U.S. and Cuba. Although the course emphasizes the post-1959 era (the Castro years), readings introduce students to the imperial relationship that evolved in the early 20th century. Topics include foreign policy, war, human rights, the U.S. embargo, and the politics of Fidel Castro.

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

POL 3570: Human Rights

Although human rights have become a significant theme in international relations, ethnic slaughter and political repression continue to afflict the world. This course examines relevant theoretical issues and practical problems, including: How are human rights viewed from different cultural, political, and religious perspectives? In

a multicultural world, can common ground be found to address human rights? What is the relationship between sovereignty and the pursuit of human rights?

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

SOC 1030: Cultural Activism in Latin America

What does Latin American hip-hop have to do with social change? How do *murga* dances in Argentina and Uruguay or “theatre of the oppressed” performances in Brazil challenge “social authoritarianism”? Why are Greenpeace campaigns so successful in raising awareness about the Amazon? Why are carnivals in Oruro, Bolivia, or in Santiago del Estero, Argentina, still so lively and engaging? This course explores the relationship between activism and “culture” in different Latin American countries.

Credits: 3

Department: Latin American Studies

SOC 3056: Global Social Movements

How do groups mobilize to act for social change and against injustice? This course focuses on contemporary movements that emerge within and outside the United States, e.g., in Latin America. Case studies focus on human rights, feminism, environmentalism, landless rural workers, indigenous peoples, and global justice movements, with a particular focus on how these movements emerge, (re)create their identities, and frame injustice. The class analyzes how 21st-century movements are both global and local.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500

Department: Latin American Studies

SOC 3515: Education Across Cultures

Incorporates service learning and examines immigration and the U.S. school system. Combining hands-on work within local schools with academic readings that address children of immigrants in schools, this course emphasizes applied sociology. Throughout the course, students analyze how school structures, peer networks, relationships with teachers, and familial interactions influence the incorporation and educational trajectories of first- and second-generation immigrants.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500

Department: Latin American Studies

SOC 3661: Border Wars and Transnational Human Rights

An examination of the various causes and consequences of international migration on migrants, their sending communities, and their destination countries. Topics include immigration debates, the social structures and economic and social conditions that facilitate labor migration, undocumented migration, refugee migration and forced migration. New York is an amazing place to explore migration, providing firsthand knowledge about migrant communities.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500 Or ANT1500

Department: Latin American Studies

SOC 3725: Globalization, Culture, Social Change: Latin America

A global sociological examination of the contemporary debates and studies concerning the social organization of cultures that transcends national boundaries. This course examines the highly debated concept of globalization by studying transnational social organizations and the distinctive dynamics of global political economy and culture. Topics include colonialism and postcolonialism, social movements and social change, social inequality, labor, human rights, democracy, global capitalism, urbanization, and cultural identity.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500

Department: Latin American Studies

SOC 4025: Critical Race Theory

An advanced seminar in critical race studies specifically designed for juniors and seniors interested in reading theory, history, and research. Focuses on key works that have defined the field and shaped understandings of race in the 21st century, including those of Du Bois, Wacquant, Fanon, hooks, Crenshaw, Davis, Hall, and Said.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500

Department: Latin American Studies

SPA 2030: Spanish for Native Speakers

For native speakers of Spanish who have had little or no formal training in the language. The focus is on expanding each student's ability to read and write fluently, in preparation for the challenges of upper-level Spanish courses.

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

SPA 3320: Masterpieces of Hispanic Poetry

The history of Hispanic poetry is examined through readings of its major poets from the Middle Ages through the modern period. Taught in Spanish

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

SPA 3365: Languages and Cultures of Spanish-Speaking Countries

Students explore the various languages and cultures that exist in Spanish-speaking countries. In general terms, the course is structured in two blocks: (1) Iberian

Peninsula, pre- and post-Indo-European invasion; and (2) Latin America, pre- and post-Spanish invasion.

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

SPA 3650: Modern Latin American Poetry

A study of modern Latin American poetry from Modernismo through the various avant garde movements of the first half of the 20th century. Poets read include Jose Marti, Ruben Dario, Vicente Huidobro, Cesar Vallejo, Nicolas Guillen, Pablo Neruda and Octavio Paz.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SPA3015 Or SPA3070 Or SPA3260 Or SPA3340

Department: Latin American Studies

SPA 3700: The Latin American Short Story

Selected examples drawn from the significant number of Latin American writers who have made some of their most interesting contributions in this short form. Selected works from 19th- and 20th-century writers are read closely. Taught in Spanish.

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

SPA 3715: Modern Hispanic Theatre

In this examination of the modern theatre of Spain and Latin America, students read and analyze plays from Spanish-speaking countries in their aesthetic and cultural contexts. When possible, students perform scenes from some of the plays.

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

SPA 3800: Translation Workshop: Spanish

Begins with a brief presentation of some theoretical aspects of translation, after which students become directly involved in translating both from English to Spanish and from Spanish to English. Literary texts representing a wide variety of styles are selected. Particular attention is given to idiomatic aspects of each language.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SPA3016

Department: Latin American Studies

THP 3650: Contemporary U.S. Latino Theatre

Engaging with a wide variety of plays and performances, students explore U.S. Latino theatre as a site of personal, cultural, and political intervention. Readings reflect the aesthetics, narratives, historical contexts, and systems of theatrical production pertinent to Latino culture in the U.S.

Credits: 4

Department: Latin American Studies

Liberal Arts

Description:

Students who wish to pursue an individualized, interdisciplinary program of study that cannot be accommodated within another major at Purchase College may apply for admission to the Bachelor of Arts in liberal arts (BALA) program.

Each student works closely with two or more faculty sponsors from different disciplines to design a course of study that meets both the specialized interests of the student and the academic standards of the college.

This degree program appeals especially to students interested in constructing highly individualized and innovative major areas of study. Some examples include bioethics, Mediterranean studies, philosophy of science, and choreography of literature. Students may also

work with the faculty in established programs currently offering minors, which could provide core coursework that serves as a basis for a major.

Requirements:

Students in this program must meet [general degree requirements](#) for the BA.

Students design a proposed curriculum for the major in collaboration with two or more faculty sponsors. This proposal is reviewed by the BALA committee, which may include faculty representatives from the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the School of the Arts. Although individualized in nature, all proposals must:

1. include relevant theoretical and methodological courses in the proposed area(s) of study
2. incorporate the teaching specialties of the Purchase College faculty
3. demonstrate why established majors or programs of study at Purchase College cannot accommodate the student's needs

A senior project is required of all BALA students. Approval of the proposal may be contingent upon inclusion of additional courses recommended by the BALA committee.

Representative Courses

Courses span the entire curriculum at Purchase College, according to the student's specific area of interdisciplinary study.

Questions? Contact aviva.taubenfeld@purchase.edu

Literature

Description:

Students majoring in literature at Purchase College learn to read texts closely and critically and to understand literature in relation to the social and historical conditions in which it is written and read.

Program Highlights

- The principal focus of the major is British and American literature; the program places these national literatures in an international frame. Thus, students may count toward the major courses in [French](#), [Spanish](#), and other literatures, in translation or in the original language.
- In addition to courses in traditional literatures, students may take courses in contemporary literature, theatre, popular culture, and film.

- Feminist inquiry, the critical study of race, and other theoretical or interdisciplinary approaches are central to the literature curriculum.
- In learning to read, write, and think about literature and the world it reflects, inhabits, and creates, students gain valuable preparation for advanced academic study and for the professional world.

Requirements:

In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, literature majors must complete a minimum of 10 literature courses, plus an 8-credit senior project, as outlined below.

- LIT 2450/Colloquium I: Studies in Literature*

*Generally taken in the second year; transfer students who want to major in literature must complete this course during their first semester at Purchase.
- Three courses in the **literature sequence** (courses that emphasize issues of history and period): One each from sequence I (before 1750), II (1750–1900), and III (1900–present)
- One Comparative Literature course must be taken. This course could be an upper or a lower level course. This course can also fulfill one of the ‘sequence’ course requirements or one of the ‘3 literature electives.’
- One course in Shakespeare
- At least three elective literature courses (see notes below)
- LIT 4450/Colloquium II: Advanced Studies in Literature*

*Generally taken in the second semester of the junior year
- LIT 4885/Senior Project Seminar
- SPJ 4990/Senior Project I
- SPJ 4991/Senior Project II

Of the 10 literature courses:

- At least five must be at the 3000 or 4000 level (LIT 4450 counts toward this requirement; LIT 4885 does not).
- At least four must be taken at Purchase College.
- Students may not use the required Shakespeare course to satisfy the Sequence I requirement. For example, THP 2205 may be taken to fulfill the Sequence I requirement *or* the Shakespeare course requirement, but not both.
- Certain courses in language and culture and in theatre and performance (THP prefix) may fulfill the requirements. These courses are cross-referenced in the list of literature courses.
- Students may count toward the major up to 8 credits of **writing courses** at the 3000 or 4000 level. Writing courses at the 2000 level may not be counted toward the major requirements.
- All courses taken to satisfy major requirements, excluding the senior project, must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

Course Sequences for the Major and Minor

Comparative literature courses in the sequences are indicated with an asterisk.

Sequence I: Before 1750

- HIS 2120/Princes, Priests, and Peasants*
- LIT 2080/The Ancient Epic*
- LIT 3127/Early Modern English Poetry
- LIT 3137/From Romance to Fantasy*
- LIT 3140/Medieval English Literature*
- LIT 3142/Chivalry and Romance
- LIT 3150/Chaucer
- LIT 3155/Renaissance in England
- LIT 3160/Literature of the High Middle Ages*
- LIT 3220/The Renaissance in Europe*
- LIT 3250/Milton
- LIT 3705/Cervantes (in English)
- LIT 3822/Dread, Sadness, and Grief in Early English Literature
- LIT 3825/British Poetry I: Beginnings to 1650
- LIT 4050/The Bible in Medieval and Early Modern Literature*
- LIT 4180/Dante and Medieval Culture*
- PHI 3205/Shakespeare and Philosophy
- THP 2205/Shakespeare Then and Now*
- THP 2885/Theatre Histories I*
- THP 3140/Medieval and Renaissance English Drama*

Sequence II: 1750–1900

- LIT 2375/Classics of European Fiction*
- LIT 2560/Survey of U.S. Literature I
- LIT 2570/Survey of U.S. Literature II
- LIT 3003/Dostoevsky and Tolstoy*
- LIT 3017/Eighteenth-Century British Women Writers
- LIT 3082/19th-Century British Literature and Empire
- LIT 3121/Comparative 19th-Century Novel*
- LIT 3267/Dostoevsky, Tolstoy, Chekov, Kafka: The Short Stories*
- LIT 3271/The Age of Reason
- LIT 3315/The 19th-Century Novel in the U.S.

LIT 3320/The 19th-Century British Novel
LIT 3330/Romanticism I LIT 3340/Romanticism II
LIT3347/Transatlantic Romanticism
LIT 3355/Romanticism and Empire
LIT 3369/Victorian Poetry
LIT 3540/Emerson
LIT 3581/Realism and Naturalism in U.S. Literature
LIT 3630/Melville
LIT 3673/Austen
LIT 4675/George Eliot and Henry James
LIT 4685/Whitman and Dickinson

Sequence III: 1900-Present

HIS 3180/British Culture and Society in the 20th Century
HIS 3424/Modern and Postcolonial France*
FRE 3067/ French Caribbean Literature*
FRE 3710/Classics of French Literature on Film
JST 3709/Theatrical Representations of the Holocaust*
LAC 3340/Postcolonial French-Language Literature*
LIT 1150/Border Crossings*
LIT 1190/Modernism: The 20th Century*
LIT 2195/Italian American Literature and Popular Culture
LIT 2235/ Animals and the Environment*
LIT 2305/Intro to Contemporary Global Literature*
LIT 2387/Literature of the South Asian Diaspora*
LIT 2388/Literature of the African Diaspora*
LIT 2675/Literature and the City*
LIT 2765/Child Soldier Narratives*
LIT 2825/Modernism and the Metropolis*
LIT 2872/The Golden Land: American Jewish Literature and Film
LIT 3007/Visions of Dystopia
LIT 3008/Literature of Disruption*
LIT 3012/The Lives of James Baldwin
LIT 3025/Women in Film*
LIT 3043/Toni Morrison
LIT 3047/Literature and Film of the Arab-Israeli Conflict*
LIT 3093/Immigration and Ethnicity in U.S. Literature
LIT 3095/ Literature of Race and Human Rights*

- LIT 3195/The Vietnam War in U.S. Literature and Film
LIT 3215/South Asian Literature*
- LIT 3226/Literature of Decolonization in South Asia*
- LIT 3265/Kafka*
- LIT 3266/Kafka to Roth*
- LIT 3310/Modern Poetry in the U.S. and Latin America*
- LIT 3380/Literature of the Harlem Renaissance
- LIT 3396/Fiction of Eastern Europe*
- LIT 3415/Global Metafictions*
- LIT 3420/Modern Poetry
- LIT 3427/20th-Century World Literature*
- LIT 3432/The Roaring Twenties
- LIT 3490/James Joyce
- LIT 3532/Body, Race, Performance*
- LIT 3555/Modern British Literature
- LIT 3575/Virginia Woolf
- LIT 3605/Jazz and the Literary Imagination
- LIT 3633/The Beat Generation
- LIT 3635/Reviewing the Contemporary Novel
- LIT 3680/Surrealism and Its Legacy*
- LIT 3685/Modern Novel of Latin America (in English)*
- LIT 3695/Contemporary U.S. Literature
- LIT 3721/Contemporary Jewish American Fiction
- LIT 3725/Literature of the Holocaust*
- LIT 3745/Identity and Self-Fashioning
- LIT 3839/The Modern Novel
- LIT 3845/Zora Neale Hurston
- LIT 3915/Magical Realism*
- LIT 3940/Literature of War
- LIT 4190/Williams and Faulkner
- LIT 4240/Science Fiction
- LIT 4690/Contemporary U.S. Poetry
- POL 3307/ Politics and Memoir*
- SPA 3370/Lettered Cities: The Literatures of Latin American Cities
- SPA3650/Modern Latin American Poetry*
- THP 2600/American Drama: From O'Neill to Albee
- THP 3495/Black American Drama
- THP 3690/American Theatre in Our Time
- THP 3750/European Drama in Our Time*

Examples of Non Sequence Comparative Literature Courses

Please note that these courses do not fulfill the sequence requirement.

- ARH 3040/Vermeer in the World
- LIT 1610/Intro to Latinx Literature
- LIT 1065/Only Connect: Difference and Otherness in Literature
- LIT 1140/The West and Others
- LIT 2590/Mythologies
- LIT 3157/Novel Pairings
- LIT 3676/Short Narrative
- PHI 2835/Happiness: Philosophy, Film, Literature
- SPA 3687/The Idea of Latin America
- THP 3250/Theories of Drama and Performance

Minor requirements:

The minor in literature is designed to provide students with an opportunity to study literature in a comparative context.

Students interested in the minor should submit a completed [Application for a Program of Minor Study](#) to the Department Chair of Literature.

Academic Requirements for the Minor in Literature

Five courses in English and comparative literature, as follows:

- a. A maximum of two 2000-level courses or
one 1000-level and one 2000-level course
- b. At least three upper-level (3000- or 4000-level) courses
- c. Of the five courses, two must chosen from two different literature sequences.
- d. Of the five courses, one must be comparative.

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Courses

ARH 3040: Vermeer in the World

Half of this team-taught course is devoted to examining Johannes Vermeer's subjects, painting techniques, and reception. The other half examines the invention and use of comparable subjects and literary techniques during the three eras in which Vermeer figured prominently on the global stage: the Dutch Golden Age, the American Gilded Age, and the US financial boom of the 1990s.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

FRE 3067: French Caribbean Literature

A study of major developments in French Caribbean literature of the 19th through 21st centuries. This course focuses on questions of language, race, gender, geography, and class, with emphasis on local, regional, and global frames of reference.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

FRE 3230: The Island as Laboratory

Islands, because of their size and supposed isolation, have been the site of environmental and military experiments. Similarly, writers have used the island to

build a textual laboratory in order to test their philosophical and narrative experiments. In this course, students will look at novels (including graphic novels) to examine this scientific, military and narrative instrumentalization of the island.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

JOU 3374: The Literature of Journalism

Students look at the evolution of long-form journalism of postwar America, roughly defined as 1946–1980. Works include Truman Capote's *In Cold Blood*, John Hersey's *Hiroshima*, and the magazine writing of Lillian Ross, Alex Haley, Joan Didion, and Gay Talese. The class also explores more recent authors, such as Isabel Wilkerson and Rachel Aviv, and the influences of the digital age.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

JST 3709: Theatrical Representations of the Holocaust

Critics agree that the world of the concentration camps and ghettos is impossible to duplicate on stage. Despite serious aesthetic and practical constraints, playwrights in Europe, Israel, and America have, for the last five decades, created a diverse group of plays dealing with this unprecedented 20th-century event. Works examined in class include documentary dramas, realistic reenactments, absurdist plays, a comedy, and a standup routine.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LAC 3250: Space as Construction: Reclaiming and Rewriting Colonial Landscapes in French-language Literature

The literatures of former French colonies are deeply concerned with questions of space: territory, displacement, indigeneity and migration. This course analyzes recurrent spatial tropes (the island, the plantation, the border, etc.) in the French-

language literatures of the Caribbean, the Indian Ocean and Africa to see how received notions of space, including literature as textual space, are reinvented.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LAC 3340: Postcolonial French-Language Literature

We will look at French-language texts from the Caribbean, Indian Ocean and Africa. Emphasis will be on transnational conflicts and solidarities. Texts will be read and taught in English, but French majors and minors are encouraged to read the texts in the original French.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LAC 3450: Introduction to Literary Translation

An exploration of literary translation for the contemporary moment. Students learn the basics of literary translation craft. Knowledge of languages other than English is not required for this course. Readings include Mary Jo Bang's translation of Dante's Purgatorio, Cecilia Rossi's translations of Alejandra Pizarnik, and Victor Montejo's translations of Jakaltek Mayan folktales. Students develop their own literary translations.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 1025: Live Lit

Witness literature come alive! Students read work by well-known authors visiting Purchase in the Durst lecture series and read plays staged by the Theatre Program. Students meet independently with authors and attend their public lectures. Directors visit the class and students receive free tickets to all plays. Classwork analyzes material before and after students meet authors and attend plays.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 1055: "Nature"

What is it we are talking about when we address "Nature"? The closer we look, the more difficult the question becomes. The class looks closely at "Nature," primarily through various literary texts, as well as through images and videos, considering topics and issues of "natural history," environmental politics, etc.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 1060: On Beauty

What is beauty? How does one recognize it? How do—or how should—people respond to it? What is its relation to justice? This interdisciplinary humanities course examines such fundamental questions with the help of philosophers, theologians, neuroscientists, poets, and artists of all kinds.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 1065: Only Connect: Difference and Otherness in Literature

Students trace the development of non-Western identity as it is formulated within the West by examining marginalized characters who are shaped by their powerlessness. Topics include educating the native, victimage, Orientalism, backwardness, and gender. Authors include William Shakespeare, Thomas Babington Macaulay, Aphra Behn, Mary Shelley, Emily Brontë, William Beckford, Rudyard Kipling, E.M. Forster, Katherine Mayo, and Rukeya Sakhawat Hossein.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 1150: Border Crossings

Social borders are examined through literature that explores immigration, assimilation, and the experience of those who exist “between” cultures. A major focus is on the “hybridizing” of cultures and the way that literature expresses the blending of cultures through language and narrative structure.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 1520: Introduction to Literature

An introduction to the principles and practice of close reading and literary criticism. Readings include a variety of literary modes, including fiction, poetry, and drama.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 1540: Introduction to the Novel

The rise of the novel and its continued relevance today. In addition to close readings of novels from a variety of time periods and countries, students read about the conditions that gave rise to the novel as a genre and various theoretical interpretations of the form and its functions.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 1550: Introduction to Lyric Poetry

An examination of a wide array of poems from classical antiquity to the 21st century. In this course, students consider the multiple ways that poetry works to create meaning and emotion and investigate techniques of close analysis. Particularly recommended for students interested in the study of literature, creative writing, and language.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 1610: Introduction to Latinx Literature

Read multi-genre literature and social histories and identify and analyze the distinctions and similarities that have shaped the experiences and the cultural imagination among different Latinx communities. Topics include identity formation and negotiation in terms of language, race, gender, sexuality, and class; discuss diaspora and emigration. Authors include Gloria Anzaldúa and Piri Thomas. Taught in English.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 2055: American History Through Literature

Literature inhabits, reflects, creates, and ironically examines the “history” that is its context. This course observes the central narrative of American history, American institutions and anti-institutions, and the American international situation through the peculiar lens of American poetry, fiction, cinema, and other literary arts.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 2100: Freedom Dreams: Introduction to African American Literature

Examines black literary and performance culture from the 18th century to the present. Students explore the self-making and resistance of black authors and activists through literary culture. Discussions focus on the intersections of identity formation (race, gender, sexuality, class) to enhance an understanding of the broader tradition of American letters and black culture. Readings include James Baldwin, Toni Morrison, and Zora Neale Hurston.

Credits: 3

Department: Literature

LIT 2115: Loneliness, Environment, and the Modern Mind

The Zoom Age has prompted many to reflect on feelings of detachment, burnout, and loneliness. These reflections draw from theories of individual autonomy explored by Enlightenment authors and thinkers. Starting with writings on solitude and external nature by Locke, Hume, and Rousseau, students explore early novels by Defoe, Sterne, and others before turning to recent works by Marquez and Robinson.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 2235: Animals and the Environment in Global Literature

Readings explore postcolonial and other contemporary global literary representations of animals and the environment, specifically their engagement with narratives of colonization and development, human-centeredness, and the posthuman. Students will consider how these representations invite readers to rethink hierarchical and human-centered visions of our world.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 2305: Introduction to Contemporary Global Literature

Examines how literature is shaped by intersections of the local and the global in examples drawn from five regions: North America, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 2361: U.S. Short Story

Short stories by important U.S. writers of fiction, from the beginnings of the literary tradition in the earlier 19th century (Poe, Hawthorne, Melville) to current authors. As the sequence of stories unfolds, the development of American issues unfolds as well.

Credits: 3

Department: Literature

LIT 2387: Literature of the South Asian Diaspora

Students read about South Asians dislocated from their homeland, focusing on issues of cultural displacement, alienation, assimilation, and construction as they follow narratives of South Asians who attempt to preserve the traces of their ethnic, cultural, and religious identities. Authors include Jhumpa Lahiri, Bharati Mukherjee, V.S. Naipaul, and Amitav Ghosh, among others.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 2388: Literature of the African Diaspora

Readings include literature by 21st century writers of African descent living around the globe, with special focus on the Black Atlantic region. Students consider the texts' engagement with issues of modernity, postmodernity, identity, belonging, and citizenship. Authors include Zadie Smith, Edwidge Danticat, Teju Cole, and Taiye Selasi.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 2450: Colloquium I: Studies in Literature

An introduction to literary study for current and prospective literature majors. Readings are divided among three areas: primary texts, secondary texts that offer contexts for the primary texts, and works that define the study of literature. Each course section addresses its own topic.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 2530: The Bible

Readings illustrate the range of issues, styles, and contexts in the Bible, including Genesis and Exodus, Deuteronomic Histories, prophets major and minor, Job and Ecclesiastes, the Gospels, and Apocalypse. This is not a course in religion, but in a literary and cultural tradition deeply concerned with human action in relation to divinity.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 2560: Survey of U.S. Literature I

Spans the literature of the European invasion of North America, from the 16th century through the first decades of a national publishing industry of “American” letters following the Revolutionary War. Students consider the connections between writing and colonialism, nation building, and the resistance of these powerful narratives in, for example, the few written words of the indigenous populations and the enslaved.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 2570: Survey of U.S. Literature II

An examination of literature written in the U.S. between the 1830s and the beginning of the 20th century. Careful attention is paid to the context of western expansion, slavery and its legacy, industrialization, immigration, and other historical developments. While much of the course is devoted to the “American Renaissance,” students also consider several contemporaneous literary traditions and their interrelationships.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 2590: Mythologies

Myths are the narrative form of a culture's essential knowledge—of itself, its origins, its contexts. This course substantially engages Greek and Roman mythology as well as myths from many time periods and cultures (biblical, South Asian, Native American, contemporary, and more). Theoretical approaches are also considered.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 2635: Introduction to China: Literature, History, and Thought

Through studying modern Chinese literature, this course offers students an opportunity to approach China in depth in its social, historical, cultural, and political aspects. The stories of people and land, revolutions and traumas, and dream and utopia make it possible to comprehend this vast and seemingly impenetrable entity in an intimate and critical way.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 2765: Child Soldier Narratives

Engage with literary texts and cinematic productions such as Sozaboy, Beasts of No Nation, A Long Way Gone, War Witch, and Kony 2012 which portray children forced to the front lines of war. What meaning is carried through these literary and cinematic texts? How do genre, point of view, language, medium, etc. impact our reading of these narratives?

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 2775: Survey of British Literature I: Beowulf to Lucifer

A survey of British literature from *Beowulf* to *Paradise Lost*, with a particular focus on the history of literary form and the birth of a vernacular tradition in English.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 2776: Survey of British Literature II: From Patronage to Print Culture

A survey of British literature from Alexander Pope's "The Rape of the Lock" to Kamila Shamsie's Home Fire, with a particular focus on the development of a national literature in the dual contexts of empire and transnational modernism.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 2791: Writing Life through Literature

Explore texts that use literary tropes/techniques to create fact-based narratives. Study the formal aspects of this literature as well as its thematic content, paying close attention to its use in works by women and people of color. Topics include speculation, testimony, and archival work among others. Authors include Saidiya Hartman and Ta-Nehisi Coates. Taught in English.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 2825: Modernism and the Metropolis

The relationship between the developments of urban modernity and aesthetic modernism is charted through the first half of the 20th century in three major metropolitan centers: Paris, London, and New York. The focus is on British and American modernist poetry and novels.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 2850: Birds: Literature, Ornithology

A study of the cultural, literary, and natural history of birds. Students read poems and essays, study ornithology texts and field guides, and occasionally go into the

field to look at birds. Owning a pair of binoculars would be helpful.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 2872: The Golden Land: American Jewish Literature and Film

Beginning as a response to the immigrant experience, writing by American Jews emerged as a central literary presence and the inspiration for important films. This course traces the evolution from early writers such as Abraham Cahan and Anzia Yezierska, through major figures such as Saul Bellow, Bernard Malamud, Philip Roth, and I.B. Singer, to their contemporaries and heirs, including Stanley Elkin, Joseph Heller, Cynthia Ozick, and Grace Paley.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3004: Lesbian and Gay Poetry

A writing-intensive course in which students study the poetry of queer-identified writers through the lenses of sexuality, culture, identity, history, and poetic technique.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3007: Visions of Dystopia

Examines literary depictions of dystopia, from classics of the genre such as Huxley's and Orwell's, to contemporary examples from Atwood and others. Topics to be explored include homogenization of humanity in the name of progress; the strategies by which tyranny operates; and social, political, and environmental catastrophe.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3008: Literature of Disruption

Read a broad cross-section of writings by international authors to facilitate discussion of global and local values that emerge from and respond to disruptive events, such as 9/11 and global pandemics that disorient cultural arrangements and reset social formations. Topics include terror, isolation and alienation, fragility, silence, nostalgia, and the human capacity for recovery and resilience.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3011: Literature, Race, and the Police State

Examines the intertwined histories of race and the American police state, with a specific focus on the relationship between US policing practices and crime fiction. Students read literature by Poe, Doyle, Hammett, Christie, Wright, Himes, and others, as well as histories and theoretical texts about race, policing, and the different types of crime fiction (detective fiction, police procedurals, mysteries, etc.).

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3012: The Lives of James Baldwin

We will examine Baldwin's moving fictional and nonfictional works to understand his enduring legacy up through our contemporary moment. Students read Baldwin's work through the lens of literary history, civil rights, transnational black activism, the arts, and queer theory. Major texts include *The Fire Next Time*, *Another Country*, *If Beale Street Could Talk*, and *Giovanni's Room*.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3025: Women and Film

Considers the intersections of sexual difference and cinema. Topics include theories of enunciation and sexual difference, female authorship and the idea of "women's cinema," gender and genre, woman as spectacle, the female spectator, and feminist film theory. Representations of sexual difference in films by selected male directors are studied as a means of examining the institution(s) of cinematic expression. The bulk of the course is devoted to studying women directors as they attempt to work within and against that institution.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3027: Eighteenth-Century British Women Writers

An investigation of the formation of the literary canon and the women who were written out of it. Students become familiar with the novel form as well as genres such as amatory fiction and the Jacobin novel, and read a selection of the most influential women writers of the long eighteenth century.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3043: Toni Morrison

An exploration of Toni Morrison's generous literary career as a playwright, fiction writer, and essayist. Students read a collection of Morrison's most popular works (*Bluest Eye*, *Sula*, *Beloved*) alongside her more recent publications (*A Mercy*, *God Help the Child*). Discussions place Morrison in conversation with her literary interlocutors (Hurston, Woolf, Faulkner) and some of her most cherished contemporaries (James Baldwin, Toni Cade Bambara).

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3047: Literature and Film of the Arab-Israeli Conflict

Explores a variety of literary and cinematic works that depict the conflicting points of view and the varied interests of contemporary Israeli and Arab writers and filmmakers. Students learn the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict and then explore a variety of issues relating to it by reading the work of Amos Oz, David Grossman, Mahmood Darwish, and others. Films include *Paradise Now* (Hany Abu-Assad, 2005) and *Lemon Tree* (Eran Riklis, 2008).

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3049: Wrath and Revolution in Early English Literature

Explores how ideas about anger influence the tumultuous history of England between 1350 and 1675: an era in which widespread rage against an increasingly unjust establishment fueled massive revolts. In addition to reading historical sources chronicling a variety of uprisings, students read literature by William Langland, John Gower, Margery Kempe, and William Shakespeare that influenced and/or reflected upon these events.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3082: 19th-Century British Literature and Empire

Examines the representation of colonized places and people in the British literary imagination during the 19th century. Topics include otherness, difference, exoticism, transculturation, assimilation, and hybridity. Authors include Jane Austen, Emily Brontë, Lord Byron, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Joseph Conrad, Thomas de Quincey, Rider Haggard, William Jones, Rudyard Kipling, Thomas Moore, Olive Schreiner, and Robert Southey.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3085: Literature of the American West

No American geographical fact is more significant than the West less a place than an idea, an imaginative provocation. Many American writers have been provoked to represent the West, and students read from among their work, including such writers as Raymond Chandler, Sandra Cisneros, Jack London, Nathanael West, Walter Van Tilburg Clark, Willa Cather, and many poets.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3093: Immigration and Ethnicity in U.S. Literature

We are “a nation of immigrants,” wrote John F. Kennedy. Beginning in the 1880s and continuing to the present, this course explores issues surrounding immigration, ethnicity, and nationality through the lens of immigrant writing. Students look at shifts and continuities over time and among diverse ethnic groups and explore how America creates ethnicity and immigrants create America.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3095: Literature of Race and Human Rights

Examines the narrative strategies and genres that Black American writers have used to publicize discrepancies between Western discourses of freedom and liberality and the realities of slavery, segregation, apartheid, and the prison industrial complex. Students read literary and nonliterary works by writers including Olaudah Equiano, Ralph Ellison, and Michelle Alexander.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3127: Early Modern English Poetry

An exploration of representative poems in English and associated poetical theories from the late medieval and early modern period (c. 1450–1660), including erotic and religious lyrics, epic and narrative poems, and the emergence of women poets. Poets

studied include Wyatt, Spenser, Philip, Robert and Mary Sidney, Southwell, Greville, Raleigh, Shakespeare, Donne, Wroth, Herbert, and Crashaw.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3137: From Romance to Fantasy

Explore a global tradition of premodern adventure writing ranging from the Chinese legend of Mulan, to Somalian tales about were-hyenas, to European Arthurian romances, to ancient Inca creation myths. Throughout this survey, students read excerpts from modern fantasy literature drawing on these premodern traditions, including works by Maxine Hong Kingston, Marlon James, Ursula K. Le Guin, and Silvia Moreno-Garcia.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3140: Medieval English Literature

Examines the literature of England written in French, English, and Latin from the Norman Conquest of 1066 (when England was taken over by a Francophone elite) to the 15th century. Epic, romance, history, and the literature of spiritual devotion are read in their literary relations and social contexts. All readings are in translation.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3142: Chivalry and Romance

Covers the literary genre of romance in the late Middle Ages and Early Modern periods. Examines the genre's roots in classical tales of epic travels, adventure, and fantasy. Includes chivalry, heroism, questing, hospitality, and courtliness and attends to the genre's place in the periods' cross-cultural and cross-class encounters. Texts include Arthurian legends, *Gawain*, Spenser's *Faerie Queene*, Shakespeare, *Orlando Furioso*, *Gerusalemme liberata*, and *Don Quixote*.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3150: Chaucer

A study of Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales* for students who want an introduction to medieval studies and for those who wish to extend their knowledge of the Middle Ages.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3155: Renaissance in England

The principal nondramatic genres—lyric poetry, prose fiction, political theory, social commentary, religious devotion—of Elizabethan and Jacobean England, read in their social and cultural contexts.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3160: Literature of the High Middle Ages

Literature from the songs of the troubadours and the rise of romance to the work of Dante is examined in connection with movements in European intellectual life and social history. Readings are in translation.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3217: Oceanic Fictions

Analyzing poetry, novels, films and comic series, we consider topics such as colonialism and decolonization, transnationalism and border crossings, and the particular literary and aesthetic sensibilities of island and oceanic literatures.

Included are works by Aldous Huxley, Jamaica Kincaid, Aimé Césaire, Patrick Chamoiseau, Maryse Condé, Nathacha Appanah, Shenaz Patel, as well as Hergé's Tintin and excerpts from X-men.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3220: The Renaissance in Europe

Considers the literature of the Italian Renaissance in connection with such movements as humanism and Neoplatonism. Readings include works by Petrarch, Boccaccio, Machiavelli, Castiglione, and Ariosto in translation, but work in the original language is encouraged when possible.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3226: Literature of Decolonization in South Asia

Explores the process of decolonization in the context of the emergence of India and Pakistan in South Asia and traces the origin of fundamentalism in this region. Students examine the impact that fundamentalism has on religious, regional, and class identity through the works of both literary and nonliterary writers (e.g., Gandhi, Nehru, Jinnah, Nandy, Adiga, Sidhwa, Desai).

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3228: Decolonizing Sex and Gender

Study LGBTQ identities via novels, short fiction, and films, by queer-identified authors who interrogate heteropatriarchy within a postcolonial framework. Texts include Queer Africa (eds. Martin and Xaba), Leche by R. Zamora Linmark, Walking with Shadows by Jude Bidia, Fire (film by Deepa Mehta), Same-Sex Love in India (eds. Vanita and Kidwai), and Our Sister Killjoy by Ama Ata Aidoo.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3250: Milton

One of the greatest English writers and the central poetic influence in the language, Milton is read in the context of the classical literary, political, and religious traditions that he inherited, disputed, and transcended. Special focus is on the relationship of “prophesy” and mythmaking to the radical and dissenting imagination.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3267: Dostoevsky, Tolstoy, Chekhov, Kafka: The Short Stories

Read the complete short stories of five Eastern European authors, including Dostoevsky's "The Grand Inquisitor" chapter from *The Brothers Karamazov* and focus on historical and thematic influences that connect Tolstoy, Gogol, Dostoevsky, Chekhov, and Kafka. Trace connections between Dostoevsky's stories and stories by Gogol and Tolstoy as well as Chekov's and Kafka's debt to Dostoevskian psychology and paradox.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3315: The 19th-Century Novel in the U.S.

What constitutes the genre of the novel and its various subgenres? Which historical contexts most shaped the novel's development, and how? What was the novel's role in culture and society? This course asks these questions about the 19th-century novel in the U.S. In addition to many of the novels from the period, students read various theoretical and historical considerations of the novel.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3320: The 19th-Century British Novel

The novels of Austen, Dickens, the Brontës, Eliot, and Hardy in the political, intellectual, social, and cultural context of Britain and its empire in the 19th century.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3330: Romanticism I

Examines the emergence of the Romantic imagination, the concept of the subject or self, and the plural nature of Romantic discourse in Wollstonecraft, Austen, and Wordsworth, among others. Topics explored include the writers' diverse concepts of creativity and originality, sense of their place in society, notions of political identity, and relation to British literary traditions.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3340: Romanticism II

Traces the evolution of Romanticism in the aftermath of the radical promise of the first generation of Romantic poets, through the prose writers who self-consciously documented their literary and cultural heritage, to the full flowering of such writers as Byron, Percy Shelley, Mary Shelley, Keats, and Emily Brontë.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3347: Transatlantic Romanticism

Explores Romanticism through a Transatlantic framework, focusing on the Atlantic Ocean as a locus of crossings, encounters, and currents in Britain and the Americas, particularly the United States. Primary readings span the mid-eighteenth through the mid-nineteenth centuries and chart Romanticism's influences on and responses to revolution, war, industrialization, abolitionism, Native American displacement, women's rights, Transcendentalism, ecological awareness, and more.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3352: Love in Literature

From Adam and Eve to the present, numerous authors have written about love. In this course, students examine forms and expressions of both romantic and erotic love in Western literature, from the Bible and ancient Greeks to Bob Dylan. Writers studied include Shakespeare, Emily Brontë, Joyce, F. Scott Fitzgerald, and Nabokov, in addition to love poems, recent American short stories, and more.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3355: Romanticism and Empire

An advanced course examining the construction of India and other “Oriental” spaces in the British imagination during the first phase of imperialism in India (1757–1857). This period coincides with the Romantic movement in England; therefore, British Romanticism and also nonliterary writing in Britain during this period are considered in the context of Empire. Topics include otherness, difference, exoticism, transculturation, assimilation, and hybridity.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3367: The Enlightenment's Other

The Enlightenment, known for its emphasis on humanism, reason, liberty, and the scientific method, emerged, however, alongside the brutal colonization, pillage and enslavement of Europe’s colonial empires. Students will examine this contradiction by reading key Enlightenment texts including Diderot’s Encyclopedia and Rousseau’s The Social Contract, proto-Romanticism novels such as Bernardin de St-Pierre’s Paul and Virginia, and navigators Bougainville and Cook.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3369: Victorian Poetry

Victorian poetry against the backdrop of a rapidly changing world during a period that marked the high point of England's global power. Writers include Tennyson, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Robert Browning, Arnold, and Hopkins.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3380: Literature of Harlem Renaissance

Examines racial pride, racial origins, and urban blacks through an exploration of essays, poems, short stories, and novels by writers of the period (1915–1930). Authors include Langston Hughes, Arna Bontemps, Countee Cullen, Nella Larsen, Jean Toomer, and Zora Neale Hurston. Emphasis is on students' written analysis of in-class and outside readings.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3400: Short Fiction

An examination of the "middle genre," encompassing the novella and the short novel. Readings provide ample opportunity to sample works embodying the intensity of short fiction and some of the expanded characterization and plot development of the novel. Readings include works by several significant 19th- and 20th-century authors from many countries.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3415: Global Metafictions

Metafictions “radically call attention to their status as fictions.” They are hardly new, despite their association with “postmodernity”—Cervantes’ *Don Quixote* is an example of early metafiction. This course focuses on contemporary texts in the global context: *The Wind-up Bird Chronicle*, Murakami; *The Hakawati*, Alameddine; *My Name is Red*, Pamuk; *Underworld*, Delillo. Considerable experience with literature is helpful.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3420: Modern Poetry

A study of modern poetry with a focus on T.S. Eliot, W.H. Auden, Elizabeth Bishop, and others.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3427: 20th-Century World Literature

Students consider world literature of the 20th century as it reflects and questions national and international boundaries, politics, religion, freedom, nationalism, sexuality, gender, and identity. Readings include a broad cross-section of contemporary writings by international authors to facilitate discussion of social norms and values and the diversity of global literary tradition.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3432: The Roaring Twenties

The 1920s was a decade of promise and anxiety in the US. From shell-shocked soldiers to bootlegging millionaires, flappers to factory workers, expatriates to eugenicists, the Great Migration to the Great Depression, much was changing in Americans’ perceptions of their nation, themselves, and the “other.” This course

explores these shifts through Hemingway, Fitzgerald, Eliot, Hurston, Yezierska, DuBois, and Lewis, among others.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3455: Teaching Good Prose

Helping others to read and write better improves one's own reading and writing dramatically. In this course, advanced students improve their own writing and gain tutoring experience by serving as peer tutors in first-year courses. In addition to meeting once weekly to study writing pedagogy, each student is attached to a College Writing section and serves as a peer mentor/tutor, attending classes and working closely with the instructor (approx. 2 to 4 hours weekly).

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3490: James Joyce

An examination of the style, production, and reception of *Ulysses*, one of the founding texts of modernist fiction. Students analyze the distinctive style of each chapter and examine the relationship of the book to political and cultural issues of the period and to other literary texts by Joyce and continental writers. Readings also include historical, cultural, and critical materials.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3497: Gothic

In this advanced lecture, the first wave of Gothic novels from the mid-18th century to the mid-19th century is examined in relation to visual representations of issues that dominate Gothic discourse. Topics include horror, imprisonment, madness, gender, ghosts and vampires. Authors and artists studied include Austen, the Brontë sisters, Radcliffe, Collins, Blake, Fuseli, and Turner.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3532: Body, Race, Performance

How does embodiment reveal shifting notions of race, gender, sexuality, and ability? Students read performance theory and explore contemporary representations of bodies as sites of display, resistance, and re-construction in literature, performance, and everyday practices in transnational and intersectional contexts. Authors include Ntozake Shange, NourbeSe Philip, Jackie Sibblies Drury, Branden Jacob-Jenkins, and David Henry Hwang.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3540: Emerson

Detailed readings of the major essays, poetry, and journals of Ralph Waldo Emerson, the paradoxical central figure of American culture. The course addresses his powerful influence in literature, political ideology, rhetoric, religion, and popular arts.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3571: Holocaust Memoir and Diary

Holocaust scholar Lawrence Langer asks, "To whom shall we entrust the custody of the public memory of the Holocaust?" This course examines eyewitness testimony produced either during or after the Holocaust. Students read works such authors as Elie Wiesel, Primo Levi, Kazik (Simha Rotem), Emanuel Ringelblum, Anne Frank, and Hanna Senesh, a true Jewish Joan of Arc.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3572: Imagining America's Yiddish World: Writings and Performance

Focuses on a variety of writings (memoirs, letters, fiction, poetry), theatre, and films depicting the Yiddish world of the Lower East Side, home to more than two million Eastern European Jewish immigrants between 1880 and 1920. Readings include selections from the work of a variety of authors, from Yiddish newspapers, films, and other cultural materials.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3575: Virginia Woolf

An examination of the novels, short stories, and essays of Virginia Woolf.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3581: Realism and Naturalism in U.S. Literature

What is a realist novel? What does it do, how, and to what end? Students consider these issues by interrogating texts in their cultural contexts, exploring the authors' critical writings, drawing links among novels, and analyzing their reception over time. Readings include works by William Dean Howells, Mark Twain, Henry James, Kate Chopin, Stephen Crane, Charles Chesnutt, and Ann Petry.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3583: Poe and Hawthorne: 19TH Century American Literature of the Uncanny

Students' primary focus is on the bizarre and distorted fictions of Poe. Readings also include Poe's poetry, analogous stories by Hawthorne, works by Melville, poetry by Dickinson, and others, extending to James' 'Turn of the Screw' and other late-19th-century writings.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3585: Childhood in U.S. Literature

Explores constructions and representations of childhood and adolescence in post-Civil War U.S. culture and fiction, focusing particularly on ideological linkages between nation and family and how these connections shape the experiences and writings of authors and educators across cultures. Readings may include works by Alger, Louisa May Alcott, Twain, Dewey, Adams, Riis, Yezierska, Fauset, Cisneros, and Rita Mae Brown.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3605: Jazz and the Literary Imagination

From hip-hop to Kerouac, jazz has influenced American culture through its improvisatory nature and capacious style. This course traces the jazz aesthetic (its early developments, definitions, and evolutions) across a range of novels, poems, and musical performances by writers and artists, including Toni Morrison, Amiri Baraka, Billie Holiday, Gayl Jones, Louis Armstrong, Ralph Ellison, Thelonious Monk, and James Baldwin.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3618: Shakespearean Wonder

Explores the plays in which Shakespeare most explicitly portrays, solicits, and theorizes the emotion wonder, including *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Timon of Athens*, *Macbeth*, *Pericles*, *The Winter's Tale*, *Cymbeline*, and *The Tempest*. Through a variety of theoretical lenses, students explore aesthetic and ethical questions concerning how and why Shakespeare capitalizes on wonder so differently at various moments throughout his career.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3620: U.S. Poetry

The development of U.S. poetry. The course examines its major figures (Dickinson and Whitman from the 19th century; Stevens, Frost, and Williams from the 20th century) and surveys the “minor” poets. Provides an overview of contemporary poetry, as well as much practice in the close reading of poetic texts.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3627: American Berserk: Religion, Drugs, and Terrorism in Recent Fiction

Bringing post-1960s American extremities into focus and organized around units on the Beat Generation, race in the deep south, the Kennedy assassination, 9/11, and social class, this course includes texts such as Allen Ginsberg’s “Howl,” Flannery O’Connor’s stories, Philip Roth’s "American Pastoral", Don DeLillo’s "Libra", Mohsin Hamid’s "Reluctant Fundamentalist", C.T. Boyle’s "The Harder They Come", Tara Westover’s "Educated."

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3630: Melville

The major novels of Melville, as well as some of his poetry and several important shorter works of his fiction.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3633: The Beat Generation

Explores the lives, works, and times of the Beat Generation authors, examining the literary and cultural landscape from which the Beats emerged and their profound

effect on the nascent counterculture and on the music and literature of a generation of artists that followed.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3635: Reviewing the Contemporary Novel

An introduction to the contemporary novel and the art and practice of book reviewing. Students read exemplary novels (e.g., *Cloud Atlas* and *Netherland*); they read exemplary book critics (e.g., Zadie Smith and James Wood); and they write their own exemplary reviews of contemporary fiction. Writing assignments range from blog posts to newspaper-style reviews and magazine-style essays.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3636: Modern American Poetry

Modern and contemporary American poetry is studied with an emphasis on craft and the creative process. Poets include T.S. Eliot, Wallace Stevens, Robert Frost, and Sylvia Plath, among others. Attention is given to the imagery, structure, and sound patterns (or “music”) of the poems. Poetry writers are encouraged to enroll, and anyone interested in poetry is welcome.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3638: Outside the Canon

Looking at the Western literary canon from outside, we will consider texts at the margins (national, transnational and postcolonial) of the canon: contemporaneous texts which do not have the same literary success as well as those published later and meant as a critical response to the canon. Class is in English and texts will be taught in (English) translation.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3665: American Women Writers

Examines several texts written by American women, including works by Radstreet, Wheatley, Rowson, Stowe, Dickinson, Jewett, Cather, Wharton, Hurston, Bishop, and Naylor. The question of whether there is a traceable female tradition during the past 350 years is addressed. Readings include feminist literary criticism and theory.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3673: Austen

An examination of the novels of Jane Austen. Topics include gender and authorship; irony, sympathy, and point of view; the marriage plot; and filmic adaptation.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3677: Modern American Short Stories

Concise and focused, the short story has been a lens through which Americans have explored their identities. Stories written in the last 25 years examine the changing sense of what being an American means.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3680: Surrealism and Its Legacy

Surrealist literature, films, and art in France, Spain, and Latin America. Artists include Aragon, Breton, Buñuel, Césaire, Char, Dali, Eluard, and Lorca. Works are read in translation and lectures given in English; students with French and/or Spanish are encouraged to read in the original language.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3685: Modern Novel of Latin America

Major works of the most celebrated Latin American novelists, such as Cortàzar, García Márquez, Carpentier, and Guiraldes, emphasizing the cultural and social contexts from which these novels spring. Although this is a literature course taught in English, students with competent Spanish language skills are encouraged to read the works in the original and write their papers in Spanish.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3695: Contemporary U.S. Literature

Novels, poems, and plays produced in the U.S. from World War II to the present. Focus is on the development of a postmodern aspect, and attention is concentrated on the flourishing literature of minority groups. Writers include Jack Kerouac, Thomas Pynchon, Louise Erdrich, Toni Morrison, Don DeLillo, Adrienne Rich, and Tony Kushner.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3705: Cervantes: Don Quixote

Centers on a close reading of *Don Quixote*, with attention to other works of Cervantes and to his importance to European narrative as a whole.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3755: Poetry and the Avant-Garde

The notion of the “new” in poetry and art is examined. Students read a range of poetry written in the late 19th century through the 1940s in France, Germany, Spain, Latin America, and the U.S., and explore ways in which expressive novelty is linked to particular cultural and social situations. Along with the poems and some visual art, some contemporary texts that advance theories of the “avant-garde” are considered.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3765: Flannery O’Connor and Her Heirs

An in-depth examination of the life and work of Flannery O’Connor, with a consideration of how later writers like Denis Johnson, Toni Morrison, and Kelly Link respond to her legacy.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3822: Dread, Sadness, and Grief in Early English Literature

Explores how the emotions dread, sadness, and grief are theorized, represented, and solicited by works of literature written in England between 1000 and 1750. Primary readings include “The Wanderer,” Chaucer’s Book of the Duchess, Pearl, Hoccleve’s Complaint, More’s The Sadness of Christ, Shakespeare’s Hamlet, Burton’s Anatomy of Melancholy, and Gray’s Elegy Written in a County Churchyard.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3823: Anxiety and Monstrosity in Early British Literature

Explore representations of monstrosity in a variety of early British literature in order to unearth the social anxieties (about gender, class, race, and religion) that animate them. Readings include Beowulf, the Lais of Marie de France, Chaucer’s Prioress’

Tale and Clerk's Tale, Mandeville's Travels, Marlowe's The Jew of Malta, Shakespeare's Macbeth, and Milton's Paradise Lost.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3825: British Poetry I: Beginnings to the 1650s

An examination of the development of the British poetic canon in its literary and historical context. The development of lyric poetry is discussed in the context of changing reading practices and uses of literacy, and the multiple relations between literary artistry and the social world.

Credits: 3

Department: Literature

LIT 3839: The Modern Novel

Considers seven novels that represent "modernity" as social, ethical, and/or individual crisis. The course explores overlapping modernist prose styles from romanticism to surrealism and concludes with a "postmodern" novel.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3845: Zora Neale Hurston

Examines Hurston's novels, short stories, plays, and essays alongside archival recordings and visual media. Discussions cover Hurston's influential role in shaping conversations around race, class, and gender in the 20th century and her impact on other writers, including Langston Hughes, Alice Walker, and Toni Morrison.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3915: Magical Realism

Magic and mythology meet modernity in this unique form of postcolonial narrative critique. What happens when the old gods reemerge in our hyper-rational globalized world? Students read works by Gabriel García Márquez, Isabel Allende, Amos Tutuola, and Salman Rushdie.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 3940: Literature of War

Examines the central role of war in Western literature, with a concentration on English and American texts.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 4190: Williams and Faulkner

William Carlos Williams and William Faulkner were both deeply engaged with the historical myths of their time and place, and both were central influences in the evolution of American modernism. Readings concentrate on major novels by Faulkner and poetry by Williams.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 4240: Science Fiction

A survey of science fiction in literature and film, with particular focus on the genre's ability to investigate large-scale social, political, philosophical, and narratological questions. Works by Philip K. Dick, Ursula K. Le Guin, Octavia Butler, and China Miéville, among others.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 4450: Colloquium II: Advanced Studies in Literature

A culminating course that draws together the work of the major and prepares students for and complements the senior project. Each course section addresses its own topic; in every section, readings include primary texts, secondary texts that illuminate the primary texts, and works that define the discipline of literature or its interdisciplinary extensions, including theory and cultural studies.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 4675: George Eliot and Henry James

An examination of two of the greatest novelists in the English language, George Eliot and Henry James. Topics include point-of-view and its relation to ethics; the nature of sympathy; melodrama and realism; and the representation of consciousness in literary form.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 4685: Whitman and Dickinson

These two poets, Walt Whitman and Emily Dickinson, dominate not only the American 19th century, but the entire history of poetry at length and in depth. Students also consider some of their marginal work (Whitman's prose and Dickinson's letters, for example).

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 4690: Contemporary U.S. Poetry

Here are poets who epitomize trends, possibilities, or radical departures—poets like Anne Sexton, Robert Lowell, John Ashbery, Elizabeth Bishop, John Berryman, and James Merrill, among others—interesting not only in their context within the tradition, but for their manifold intrinsic excellences as well.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

LIT 4885: Senior Project Seminar

In this seminar, students are guided through the steps required to complete a senior project. Students refine their topic, create a list of secondary sources, write an annotated bibliography, and workshop their first chapter. Required for literature majors in conjunction with the first semester of their senior project.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: LIT2450

Department: Literature

PHI 3205: Shakespeare and Philosophy

Explores what the French philosopher Emmanuel Levinas might have meant when he wrote that “all of philosophy may be found in the plays of Shakespeare.” The focus is on a close study of selected works, together with commentary by such thinkers as Hegel, Nietzsche, Freud, Derrida, Cavell, and Critchley. Plays include *Hamlet*, *Richard II*, *Coriolanus*, *As You Like It*, *Measure for Measure*, *The Tempest*, and *King Lear*.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: THP2205 Or PHI1515 Or PHI2110

Department: Literature

PHI 3650: Philosophy and Literature

A study of how philosophical themes have been developed in recent fiction and an examination of the relationship between philosophy and literary criticism.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

POL 3307: Politics and Memoir

A study of memoirs by male and female authors, politicians, activists, and ordinary citizens describing childhood, communities, social changes, and revolutions. Works are drawn from South Africa, South America, Asia, Cuba, and the U.S. The rubric is the non-West's interaction with the West, a north-south divide.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

SPA 3650: Modern Latin American Poetry

A study of modern Latin American poetry from Modernismo through the various avant garde movements of the first half of the 20th century. Poets read include Jose Marti, Ruben Dario, Vicente Huidobro, Cesar Vallejo, Nicolas Guillen, Pablo Neruda and Octavio Paz.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SPA3015 Or SPA3070 Or SPA3260 Or SPA3340

Department: Literature

SPA 3700: The Latin American Short Story

Selected examples drawn from the significant number of Latin American writers who have made some of their most interesting contributions in this short form. Selected works from 19th- and 20th-century writers are read closely. Taught in Spanish.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

THP 2205: Shakespeare Then and Now

Selected plays spanning Shakespeare's entire career. In addition to close reading and textual interpretation, students address questions and problems of performing, directing, lighting, costuming, and set designing Shakespeare's plays. The course examines past and current trends in Shakespearean criticism, as well as the social and theatrical contexts in which the plays were first produced.

Credits: 3

Department: Literature

THP 2600: American Drama: 1916-1964

American drama considered primarily as a critique of American society, values, and life. Covers the period from 1916 to 1964, including plays by Susan Glaspell, Eugene O'Neill, Clifford Odets, Lillian Hellman, Gertrude Stein, Thornton Wilder, Tennessee Williams, Arthur Miller, Lorraine Hansberry, Adrienne Kennedy, and Edward Albee.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

THP 2885: Theatre Histories I

Western and world theatre from ancient Greece to 1642, when the theatres of Shakespeare's time were finally closed. What would now be called actors, playwrights, producers, directors, designers, and theatre architects are all considered.

Credits: 3

Department: Literature

THP 3140: Medieval and Renaissance English Drama

A study of the mystery plays, morality plays, interludes, masques, and entertainments of the 14th, 15th, and 16th centuries. Analysis of texts is combined with consideration of theatrical production in light of the ideological, religious, and historical contexts of the plays.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

THP 3410: Adapting Virginia Woolf

Virginia Woolf captures sensory detail and internal thought like few other writers. This dramatization of perception makes her work ripe for adaptation. Students will read selections of Woolf's essays, short stories, and novels, and study theatrical adaptations of her work. Students will explore translating Woolf's iconic vision into theatrical shape by creating immersive stage adaptations of her work

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

THP 3495: Black American Drama

Examines the history of 20th-century black American theatre. Major representative plays are read as literature; playwrights include Richard Wright, James Baldwin, Amiri Baraka, Alice Childress, Adrienne Kennedy, August Wilson, Robert O'Hara, Suzan-Lori Parks, Lynn Nottage, Kia Corthron, and Lorraine Hansberry.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

THP 3620: Shakespeare and Film

Shakespeare goes to celluloid, Hollywood, Japan, TV, and elsewhere. On the one hand, this is a Shakespeare seminar, with emphasis on discussions of the plays themselves. On the other, it becomes a film course, focusing on analyses of screen adaptations.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: THP2205 Or LIT2205

Department: Literature

THP 3690: American Theatre in Our Time

American theatre and society during the last 50 years. Plays by Jones (Baraka), Mamet, Shepard, Hwang, Kushner, Fornes, Marsha Norman, Sarah Ruhl, and August Wilson. Some knowledge of the American drama of O'Neill, Williams, and Miller is required.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

THP 3725: Adapting Literature for Performance

A writing workshop on how to develop performance scripts from poetry, prose fiction, and nonfiction. Requires a background in literature, interest in theatrical form, and commitment to the scripting process.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

THP 3750: European Drama in Our Time

Malaise, futility, despair, and, sometimes, hope in the plays of Pirandello, Brecht, Giraudoux, Beckett, Ionesco, Genet, Osborne, Pinter, Churchill, and others, from World War I to somewhere short of tomorrow.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

WRI 2770: The Art of the Essay

Though often seen as simply a test of students' knowledge and ideas, essays go far beyond what is generally required in courses. Students in this course read and experiment with a wide variety of critical, journalistic, academic, personal, and experimental essay forms. In the process, they further develop their skills as critical thinkers and writers.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: WRI1110 Or WRI2110

WRI 3785: The Personal Essay

In the personal essay, writers adopt distinct points of view, moving beyond the emotional to analytical and reasoned positions. Topics can include personal reflections, thoughts on daily life, art analysis, and political arguments. Students read and analyze contemporary essays and “workshop” each other’s writing. Requirements include attending instructor-supervised events (films, performances, guest speakers) outside of class for some writing assignments.

Credits: 4

Department: Literature

Philosophy

Description:

The philosophy program offers students an intensive engagement with the history of philosophy, ancient and modern, Western and non-Western.

Special attention is given to key 20th- and 21st-century developments in Anglo-American and Continental thought. Courses addressing the arts, gender and sexuality, and social and cultural change and conflict are also among the program’s core offerings. Students may pursue topics of special interest through tutorials and directed independent studies. Coursework in philosophy frequently includes small seminars and intensive writing, and special seminars for juniors and seniors help students develop their senior projects.

The philosophy major is ideal for students who:

- seek rigorous preparation for careers that demand articulate, intellectual flexibility and discipline (e.g., law, medicine, government, business, education, and journalism).
- wish to pursue a professional career in philosophy and plan to do postgraduate work in the field.
- want, regardless of career objective, a liberal arts experience that affords a deep unifying perspective on the complexities of human knowledge and experience.
- want an intellectually comprehensive complement to intensive work in another major.

Because of the art- and media-related nature of many programs at Purchase College, the philosophy program also offers courses for arts students and others who wish to investigate the foundation of the fine arts and related cultural media.

Requirements:

In addition to completing **general degree requirements**, all philosophy majors must complete a minimum of nine courses in philosophy, plus an 8-credit senior project:

- PHI 1515/History of Philosophy I: 4 credits
- PHI 2110/History of Philosophy II: 4 credits
- PHI –/One elective in the history of philosophy: 4 credits
- PHI –/One seminar on a major figure (typically Plato, Kant, Hegel, or Heidegger/Arendt) or issue: 4 credits
- At least two additional philosophy courses*

**Strongly recommended courses include:*

- PHI 2120/Methods of Reasoning: 4 credits
- PHI –/One additional elective on a major figure or issue: 4 credits
- PHI 3899/Junior Seminar: 4 credits
- PHI 4860/Senior Colloquium: 1 credit
- PHI 4890/Senior Seminar: 2 credits
- SPJ 4990/Senior Project I: 4 credits
- SPJ 4991/Senior Project II: 4 credits

Additional notes for philosophy majors:

- No more than two courses at the 1000 level may be counted towards the major.
- The sequence and selection of courses is to be made in consultation with a philosophy faculty member chosen by the student to serve as a major advisor.
- The topic of the senior project is to be developed in conjunction with the junior seminar and in consultation with the advisor, who will normally be the project supervisor.
- At the time of graduation, a student must have a minimum 2.0 (C) GPA for courses, excluding the senior project, within the philosophy program.
- It is recommended that students take one year of college-level foreign language courses (6–8 credits).

Minor requirements:

The minor in philosophy is designed for students with a general interest in philosophy.

Students interested in pursuing a minor offered by the philosophy program should submit a completed **Application for a Program of Minor Study** to the Department Chair of the Philosophy program. Upon admission to the minor, the student will be assigned a minor advisor from the philosophy faculty.

Academic Requirements for the Minor in Philosophy

Five courses, to include:

- PHI 1515/History of Philosophy I or
PHI 2110/History of Philosophy II
- One other course in the history of philosophy (e.g., PHI 1515, 2110, or 3212)
- Three elective courses in philosophy (including two at the 3000 or 4000 level), to be chosen in consultation with the minor advisor

Faculty

Emiliano Diaz

Assistant Professor of Philosophy

- BA, University of Montana
- MA, Duquesne University
- PhD, Stony Brook University, SUNY

Casey Haskins

Associate Professor of Philosophy

- BA, University of California, Santa Cruz
- PhD, University of Pennsylvania

Morris B. Kaplan

Professor of Philosophy

- BA, Williams College
- MA, JD, Yale University

Emily FitzGerald

Lecturer of Philosophy

- BA, Philosophy, Purchase College
- PhD Candidate, Columbia University

Alexandra Johnson

Lecturer of Philosophy

- MA, Graduate Center, CUNY
- BA, Purchase College, SUNY
- BA, University of Southern Maine

Jennifer K. Uleman

Associate Professor of Philosophy

- BA, Swarthmore College

- PhD, University of Pennsylvania

Courses

PHI 1155: Possession

Designed for first-year students, this course takes up questions about the nature and significance of property, or owning stuff (including oneself and one's "properties"). Authors include Aristotle, Justinian, Locke, Marx, Hegel, Fourier, Toni Morrison, Jane Smiley, Cheryl Harris, the U.S. Supreme Court, and St. Francis of Assisi. Students read, write, and discuss primary texts using interpretative methods distinctive of the humanities.

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 1160: Religion, Science, and Modernity

Examines the complex and evolving relationship between modern science and religion from the 16th century to the present. Topics include the influence of the Reformation on emerging secular culture; the modern philosophical debate over the existence of God; "disenchantment" as a defining feature of modern experience; and Darwinian evolutionary theory, humanism, and conflicts between secularism and fundamentalism in the 21st century.

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 1165: Power

A critical look at power in its many forms, with special focus on analyzing oppression and domination as they operate through race, class, gender/sexuality, (dis)ability, and other social categories, interpersonally, institutionally, and politically. Historical and contemporary readings by philosophers and other theorists; specific readings will vary from semester to semester.

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 1515: History of Philosophy I: Philosophy and the Polis

The emergence of Western philosophy in ancient Greece during the age of Aeschylus, Sophocles, Plato, and Aristotle.

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 1530: Introduction to Philosophy: Ideas of Good and Evil

A survey of our most important ethical notions and of the philosophers who were most important in shaping them.

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 1540: Introduction to Philosophy: Ideas of Human Nature

An introduction to philosophy through an examination of influential views of what it is to be human. Topics include the relations among people, machines, and animals; the role of culture in shaping people; and the question of whether there is a distinctively human good.

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 1720: Tragedy and Philosophy

An introduction to Western culture through the study of tragic drama, Plato's dramatic dialogues, and philosophical reflections on tragedy. The focus is on the possibilities and limitations of human action. Topics include the relations of individual to city, mortal to divine, and male to female; and the roles of knowledge

and desire in human conduct. Homer, Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, Plato, Shakespeare, Nietzsche, and Toni Morrison are included.

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 2060: Existentialism

An examination of major 19th- and 20th-century European philosophical and literary texts by Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Sartre, de Beauvoir, and Fanon. Topics include “the death of God,” alienation, freedom and commitment, ethics and politics when “everything is permitted,” and the interaction of self and other(s) in the definition of individual and social identities.

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 2110: History of Philosophy II: Descartes to Kant

Close readings of four or five major philosophers from the modern period (e.g., Hobbes, Descartes, Locke, Spinoza, Leibniz, Berkeley, Hume, Kant). Issues and supplementary readings may vary each semester.

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 2120: Methods of Reasoning

Systematic analyses of ordinary arguments, followed by a study of formal languages that are used to represent arguments symbolically.

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 2380: Islamic Philosophy

An overview of the development of philosophy in the Islamic world, with a focus on the medieval period (9th–13th centuries). Key figures and concepts of the Islamic philosophical movement are discussed, together with its influence on Jewish and Christian thinkers, Islamic theology and mysticism, and its impact on modern Islamic projects of reform.

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 2400: Introduction to Asian Thought

A critical introduction to major Asian philosophical systems, including Hinduism, Taoism, Buddhism, and Confucianism. Particular attention is given to core themes in traditional texts and later commentaries pertaining to metaphysical questions about the nature of reality, epistemological questions about the sources of knowledge, ethical questions about virtuous conduct and the good life, and aesthetic questions about art and beauty.

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 2430: Classical Buddhist Philosophy

Topics include philosophic conceptions of experience, nature, self, and truth in classical Buddhist schools of India, Tibet, China, and Japan.

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 2500: Gender and Power

What is gender? What is power? What tools do we have for understanding and addressing gender injustice? This course employs philosophical, feminist, and queer theory to address these and related questions.

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 2540: Beauty: Philosophy, Art, Politics

Examines how philosophical ideas about beauty, ancient and modern, continue to inspire fresh debates about artistic, moral, and political life. Key questions include: Is there a single universal standard of beauty, or are all such standards “relative”? Must good art always be beautiful? Why do disagreements about standards of beauty so often become fiercely political? Examples are drawn from the arts and from students’ personal experiences.

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 2560: Thinking Race

A critical examination of the category and idea of race. The course addresses historical, philosophical, ideological, institutional, ethical, and psychological components of race, focusing on the ways race mobilizes systems of domination, including racism and white supremacy. Relationships between race and ethnicity, race and gender, race and class, and other intersections are explored.

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 2640: Humans, Technology, and the Future

Investigates today’s dramatically escalating codependence between humans and technology. How do “smart” technologies affect our moral, spiritual, and political experiences? What roles do such technologies play in the evolving ecology of a planet that is a hybrid of human and nonhuman things? Can machines become conscious? Might machines achieve personhood? Readings from earlier modern and more recent philosophical and science fiction writers.

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 2780: Philosophy of Art: From Plato to Postmodernism

An introduction to major traditional and contemporary issues in the philosophy of art. Topics include the problem of defining “art”; the nature of representation; the problem of whether taste has an objective basis; and the relation of art to moral, cognitive, and social values.

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 2820: Philosophy of the Environment

relationships between humans, their values, and the nonhuman species that comprise the natural environment. Specific inquiries include: What does it mean, metaphysically, to say that humans are “part of nature”? Do humans have duties towards nonhuman species? Do any nonhuman species have rights? When do ecological philosophies become politically controversial? Readings include a variety of contemporary and traditional philosophers.

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 3025: Temporality

A historical examination of philosophical thought on the structure and meaning of time. Readings emphasize the centrality of time to continental thought, but other approaches are also discussed. Key questions include: What is the relation between subjective and objective temporality, and how are we to conceive of each? Is there anything more to time than our experience of it?

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 3085: Objectivity

Is there such a thing as objectivity, journalistic or otherwise? How do accounts of reality in the natural sciences, social sciences, and the humanities differ, and is any account more objective than the others? How do narratives tell the truth, and how do they lie? What might people mean by the term “truth,” anyway? Course readings are interdisciplinary; the course style is philosophical.

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 3090: Capitalism

An examination of theories of capitalism from the Industrial Revolution to the age of neoliberalism. Students engage major thinkers and develop critical perspectives on the socioeconomic forces that shape people’s lives. John Locke, Adam Smith, Karl Marx, Max Weber, Friedrich Hayek, Milton Friedman, Robert Nozick, C.B. McPherson, E.P. Thompson, David Harvey, and Wendy Brown are among the thinkers.

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 3150: Tibetan Buddhist Philosophy

An examination of the rich philosophies of Tibetan Buddhism, drawing on Nagarjuna and the Indian background, developing the tantric tradition through its philosophic assumptions and arguments. (offered Summer, in India)

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 3205: Shakespeare and Philosophy

Explores what the French philosopher Emmanuel Levinas might have meant when he wrote that “all of philosophy may be found in the plays of Shakespeare.” The focus is on a close study of selected works, together with commentary by such thinkers as

Hegel, Nietzsche, Freud, Derrida, Cavell, and Critchley. Plays include *Hamlet*, *Richard II*, *Coriolanus*, *As You Like It*, *Measure for Measure*, *The Tempest*, and *King Lear*.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: THP2205 Or PHI1515 Or PHI2110

Department: Philosophy

PHI 3211: Enlightenment and Revolution

A critical study of the Enlightenment approach to ethics and politics in the natural rights and social contract theories. Topics include tensions between the individual and the state, liberty and equality, and reason and passion in the theory and practice of the great democratic revolutions of the 17th and 18th centuries. Readings include Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Kant, Burke, and the Federalists.

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 3212: From Hegel to Nietzsche

A study of thinkers who challenged accepted notions of reason and selfhood and, in doing so, helped shape the intellectual life of our present century. Hegel, Marx, Kierkegaard, and Nietzsche are some of the thinkers studied.

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 3360: Responsibility and Judgment: Postwar European Philosophy

Examines philosophers' efforts to rethink fundamental ethical, legal, and political issues in the wake of total war and totalitarian domination in Europe between 1914 and 1945. Focusing on Arendt's *Eichmann in Jerusalem*, questions about resistance, complicity, guilt, and punishment become central. Additional texts are selected from Jaspers, Beauvoir, Sartre, Foucault, Derrida, Levinas, Adorno, and Butler.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PHI1515 Or PHI2110 Or PHI3212

Department: Philosophy

PHI 3375: Music, Minds, and Bodies

Approaches music (represented in various world music traditions) as a form of experience that raises deeper questions about the metaphysics and evolution of human cognition, emotion, rhythm, sociality, and imagination. Readings draw on the literatures of philosophy of music and philosophy of mind, but also on recent discussions of embodied cognition and meaning in evolutionary psychology and cognitive neuroscience.

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 3592: Phenomenology and Embodiment

Explores the development of phenomenology through selections from the major works of phenomenologists, including Husserl, Heidegger, and Merleau-Ponty. The focus is on how strict adherence to phenomenological description leads one beyond the secluded Cartesian ego to accounts of consciousness that take ego and world to be coeval.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PHI1515 Or PHI2060 Or PHI2110

Department: Philosophy

PHI 3595: From Phenomenology to Deconstruction

An exploration of central issues in 20th-century European philosophy. The focus is on the challenges to traditional humanism posed by the successes of modern science and technology; the fragmentation of social and political life; and the decentering of the subject in psychoanalysis, linguistics, and literary modernism. Texts include works by Husserl, Heidegger, Arendt, Levinas, and Derrida.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PHI1515 Or PHI2110 Or PHI3212

Department: Philosophy

PHI 3650: Philosophy and Literature

A study of how philosophical themes have been developed in recent fiction and an examination of the relationship between philosophy and literary criticism.

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 3716: Philosophy and Film

A critical examination of influential attempts to understand the nature of the cinematic medium. Questions raised include: Is film a fine art? Must a movie "represent reality" if it is to succeed as a movie? Are there certain insights into human experience that are better expressed through film than through other media? Readings include Siegfried Kracauer, André Bazin, and Stanley Cavell.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: (CIN1500 And CIN1510) Or PHI1515 Or PHI2110 Or PHI3212

Department: Philosophy

PHI 3725: Theories of Sexuality

An investigation of classical, modern, and contemporary theories of desire and sexuality, with an emphasis on the relationship between familial and other social institutions and on the formation of individual identities. Readings include works by Plato, Aristotle, Hegel, Kierkegaard, Freud, Foucault, and contemporary feminist and queer theorists.

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 3730: Philosophy of Mind

An investigation of philosophical accounts of the nature of mind, including issues like: What does it mean to have a mind? How are mind and body related? Could animals or machines have minds? How are accounts of the mind important for our understanding of freedom, immortality, human nature, and religion?

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 3755: Free Will and Evolved Minds

An investigation of what current evolutionary psychology and cognitive science suggest about a philosophical idea that has long been sacred for modern humanistic culture: that human beings can act freely, without constraint by social or biological forces. Are “free will” and “determinism” fundamentally contradictory ideas, or is a compromise position possible? Includes readings from selected philosophers, cognitive psychologists, and others.

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 3785: Art and Morality

What, if any, moral and political obligations does art have? Should public policy promote some kinds of art and discourage others? This course addresses these and related questions via works from across the arts and philosophical texts.

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 3899: Junior Seminar in Philosophy

A forum for second-semester juniors with two distinct aims: (1) to facilitate the formulation of (a) a senior thesis prospectus, (b) an outline, (c) a bibliography, and (d) a schedule for the composition, during the senior year, of a satisfying 40-page senior

thesis; and (2) to introduce the mainstreams of contemporary thought and interpretation in philosophy. Senior thesis topics need not deal with the topic of the junior seminar.

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 4100: Plato Seminar

An intensive study of the major texts, emphasizing their role in defining the work of Western philosophy, with special attention to the interaction of drama with argumentation in the dialogue form.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PHI1515

Department: Philosophy

PHI 4110: Aristotle

A close study of Aristotle's most influential texts with discussion of how these texts helped shape the philosophical tradition. Topics may include Aristotle's ideas about being, soul, cause, nature, ethics, and politics.

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 4120: Heidegger/Arendt Seminar

This seminar stages an encounter between the two thinkers: Martin Heidegger, one of the most powerful and controversial philosophers of the 20th century, and Hannah Arendt, arguably its greatest political thinker. Among the central questions studied: individual authenticity vs. being in the world with others; resoluteness and political death vs. the promise of birth; and the relation between philosophic reflection and political action.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PHI1515 Or PHI2110 Or PHI3212

Department: Philosophy

PHI 4130: James and Dewey Seminar

An intensive study of the main ideas and texts of William James and John Dewey, two seminal figures of American pragmatist philosophy. Readings and discussions focus on such topics as the centrality of the idea of experience to philosophical analysis; the relations between thought and action; the epistemological status of metaphysical and religious belief; and the reconstructive role of intelligence in art, science, and social life.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PHI1515 Or PHI2110 Or PHI3212

Department: Philosophy

PHI 4150: Nietzsche Seminar

Writing in the latter half of the 19th century, Friedrich Nietzsche has exercised extraordinary influence on subsequent philosophy. He is a powerful thinker and an intriguing writer. This seminar involves an intensive examination of the full range of his work.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PHI1515 Or PHI2110 Or PHI3212

Department: Philosophy

PHI 4160: Foucault/Arendt Seminar

Intensive study of primary texts by major late 20th century thinkers, focusing on relation of subjectivity to language, history and politics.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PHI1515 Or PHI2110 Or PHI3212

Department: Philosophy

PHI 4170: Consciousness

An examination of what it means to be aware of oneself and one's world. Questions discussed will include the following: Is a unified self necessary for experience? What constitutes our sense of self? How does our social existence influence the character of consciousness? What is it like to be conscious? When we are conscious of something, what exactly is it we are conscious of?

Credits: 4

Department: Philosophy

PHI 4200: Kant Seminar

Kant is the thinker who has, more than any other, shaped the discussion of intellectual issues over the past two centuries. The semester is devoted to a close study of Kant's critical philosophy of scientific knowledge, human morality, and judgment in art and the life sciences.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PHI2110

Department: Philosophy

PHI 4250: Kant/Hegel Seminar

This 'single figure' seminar will focus on two figures: Kant and Hegel. Readings will touch on all of Kant's and Hegel's major concerns, but the emphasis will be on their respective conceptions of nature and reason. The seminar will attend to similarities between the two thinkers but also work through Hegel's reasons for rejecting much of Kant's view.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PHI1515 Or PHI2110 Or PHI3212

Department: Philosophy

PHI 4310: Hegel Seminar

A seminar devoted to close readings from several of Hegel's texts (e.g., *Phenomenology of Spirit*, *Elements of the Philosophy of Right*, *Science of Logic*, *Philosophy of History*).

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PHI2110

Department: Philosophy

PHI 4860: Senior Colloquium in Philosophy

Continues the writing workshop format of PHI 4890 (required in the fall semester), and focuses on the development of oral presentation skills. Students present aspects of their ongoing work to each other, culminating in a public presentation to philosophy majors and faculty at the annual Assessment Day in the late spring. Required of philosophy majors in the second semester of their senior projects.

Credits: 1

PREREQ: PHI4890

Department: Philosophy

PHI 4890: Senior Seminar in Philosophy: Senior Thesis Workshop

For first-semester seniors who are developing their senior theses. Designed to give students the invaluable experience of presenting ongoing work to a critical and supportive public of peers.

Credits: 2

Department: Philosophy

Graduate Courses

Art History

Description:

The MA program in modern and contemporary art, criticism, and theory offers a unique and interdisciplinary program that centers engagement with art—as a material, critical, and social practice—in a curriculum designed to train scholars, artists, and museum and gallery professionals in the analytical skills, historical perspective, and theoretical fluency necessary for cultural workers today. Our students learn how art and its institutions have developed over time and acquire the tools to reimagine what they could become.

The program provides an intensive study of contemporary critical and theoretical issues surrounding 20th- and 21st-century artistic practices. During weekly first-year colloquia, students are also introduced to the work of some of the most prominent critics, artists, curators, and historians in the field today. Many courses are supplemented by field trips to museums and art galleries in New York City, just 20 miles south of the Purchase campus. The college's [Neuberger Museum of Art](#) is also a major resource.

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Requirements:

Requirements for the master's degree in art history include eight courses (32 credits), proficiency in one foreign language, and an 8-credit thesis. A minimum 3.0 (B) cumulative GPA must be earned at Purchase College. The total 40 credit requirement can be completed on a full-time two-year program or part-time three-year program.

MA Required Courses:

- ARH 5101/Proseminar: Method and Theory in Art History
- ARH 5325/Master's Colloquium I
- ARH 5326/Master's Colloquium II
- ARH 5—/One course dealing with art before 1950
- Four elective courses in art history
- ARH 5990/Master's Thesis I: 4 credits
- ARH 5991/Master's Thesis II: 4 credits

*Foreign Language proficiency is not a prerequisite and can be completed at Purchase College.

Museum + Curatorial Studies (M+) Option

The Museum + Curatorial (M+) track engages students in object-based research and the study of critical histories of museums and museum practices with an underlying commitment to cultivating more inclusive and accessible institutions and notions of exhibition-making. Building on the required courses for the MA degree in art history, required courses for M+ students include, in the first year, Museology (fall semester) and Critical Curatorial Studies (spring semester). In the

second year, students' coursework will be augmented by workshops, on- and off-campus internships, and the development of an exhibition series based in the Neuberger Museum.

M+ Required Courses:

- ARH 5101/Proseminar: Method and Theory in Art History
- ARH 5325/Master's Colloquium I
- ARH 5326/Master's Colloquium II
- ARH 5—/One course dealing with art before 1950
- ARH5035/Museology
- ARH5037/ Critical Curatorial Studies
- ARH 5025—/Exhibition I
- ARH5026—/Exhibition II
- ARH 5990/Master's Thesis I
- ARH 5991/Master's Thesis II

MA/MFA Academic Requirements

In most cases, obtaining both an MA in Art History (through the School of Humanities) and an MFA in visual arts (through the School of Art & Design) at Purchase College requires three years of in-residence study with a total course load of 98 credits. For successful progress through the program, a 3.0 (B) GPA must be maintained.

First Year: 32 credits

Fall: 16 credits

- VIS 5150/College Pedagogy or Elective/ 3 credits
- VIS 5720/Graduate Studio Critiques I/ 3 credits
- VIS 5760/Graduate Critical Topics/ 3 credits
- VIS 5801/Independent Graduate Studio I /3 credits
- ARH 5101/Proseminar: Method and Theory in Art History* / 4 credits

*ARH5101 offered alternate years; one semester required

Spring: 16 credits

- VIS 5210/Professional Practices: Artists or VIS 5520/Professional Practices Institutions/ 3 credits
- Elective/ 3 credits
- VIS 5770/Graduate Critical Topics II/ 3 credits
- VIS5802/Independent Graduate Studio II/ 3 credits
- ARH 5325/Master's Colloquium I*/ 4 credits

*ARH 5325 and 5326 may be taken in either order

Second Year: 34 credits

Fall: 16 credits

- VIS 5740/Graduate Studio Critiques II/ 3 credits
- VIS 5760/Graduate Critical Topics/ 3 credits
- VIS 5803/Independent Graduate Studio II/ 3 credits
- ARH 5326/Master's Colloquium II*/ 4 credits
- Studio Art Elective/ 3 credits

*ARH 5325 and 5326 may be taken in either order

Spring: 18 credits

- ARH 5-/Art History Elective/ 4 credits
- VIS 5005/MFA Thesis Tutorial/ 2 credits
- VIS 5210/Professional Practices: Artists or
VIS 5220/Professional Practices: Institutions/ 3 credits
- Elective/ 3 credits
- VIS 5790/Graduate Critical Topics IV/ 3 credits
- VIS 5804/Graduate Studio Capstone/ 3 credits

Third Year: 32 credits

Fall: 16 credits

- ARH 5-/Art History Electives (two)**/ 8 credits
- Elective (open)/ 4 credits
- ARH 5990/Master's Thesis I / 4 credits

Spring: 16 credits

- ARH 5-/Art History Electives (two)**/ 8 Credits
- Elective (open)/ 4 credits
- ARH 5991/Master's Thesis II/ 4 credits

**At least one course elective must deal with art before 1950

Notes:

Students must take VIS 5760/Graduate Critical Topics two times.

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ARH 5000: Writing Art Criticism

Students focus on developing competence in both critical style and content.

Focusing on visual art, the course explores different kinds of critical voices, from belle-lettristic to theoretical. Readings and discussions analyze examples by leading critics. Writing assignments aim for students to develop an engaging argument, and the importance of revision, clear thinking, and descriptive ability is stressed.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5006: Investigating Normal

Explores ideas of the “normal” and “non-normal” in art and design today. Through readings, guest speakers, and projects, the class investigates both traditional and unusual depictions of bodies, race, and gender, along with the art and design practices developed in order to represent and understand them.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5010: The Avant-Gardes

Since the 1800s, the avant-gardes have tried to resist the delimited role of fine art in Western culture. In this course, students examine the strategies that avant-garde artists have used to reconnect their art practice with the more contentious areas of social and political life.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5025: Exhibition I

Participants in this seminar propose, research, plan, and coordinate an exhibition series and related public programming to be undertaken the following semester (as part of the course, Exhibition II). These exhibitions will take place in the Neuberger Museum, other sites around campus, or in a combination of Museum-based and other locations.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ARH5035 Or ARH5037

Department: Art History

ARH 5026: Exhibition II

Participants in this seminar coordinate an exhibition series and related public programming based on the plans and preparations of the previous semester (conducted as part of the course, Exhibition I). These exhibitions take place in the Neuberger Museum, other sites around campus, or in a combination of Museum-based and other locations.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: ARH5025

Department: Art History

ARH 5030: Exhibition Seminar

In this seminar, students and the instructor co-curate an exhibition for the Neuberger Museum of Art. The class works on all aspects of the exhibition with the instructor and museum staff. Students learn about the various functions of departments, including curatorial, education, exhibition design, development, and public relations, putting exhibition theory into practice. Exhibition topics vary.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5035: Museology

An investigation of the historical development and function of museums. Students examine the growth of collections and exhibitions, along with the various roles that museums have played in relation to art history and society around the world. Central to this course and its final project is the question: "What should a museum be in the 21st century?"

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5037: Critical Curatorial Studies

A rigorous examination of the historical, theoretical, and concrete concerns of curatorial practice. Course-work culminates in a complete exhibition proposal.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5045: The Art of the Document

Addresses the tension between art and document, or making and recording, in twentieth-century visual culture. The first half investigates the aesthetics and politics of documentary photography and film, including conflicts between realism and modernism. The second half examines the use of documents and documentation by postmodern art and subsequent transformations in the style, form, and truth-content of documentary practices.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5055: Modern and Contemporary Art and Architecture of the Middle East

Takes a broad view of the aesthetic, historical, and conceptual development of modern and contemporary art and architecture of the Middle East. Topics include legacies of Orientalism; colonialism and decolonization; religion and secularization; relationships between art and nation-building; the rise of petrocultures; and questions of reception in the context of global contemporary art.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5056: Metropolis: Architecture and Urbanism in the Twentieth Century

Explores the history of twentieth-century architecture through the modern city, tracing the rise and occasional decline of the metropolis internationally. Students analyze how architects and urban planners proposed new visions of urban life and devised solutions for urgent social and political problems related to urbanization (e.g. public space, housing, gentrification, globalization).

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5061: Colors: An Art History

Explore the history of colors within global art history in a global context. Factors like the availability and cost of pigments, trade routes, religious and political meanings will be considered, along with the impact of industrial color production, globalization, marketing and digital technology on our understanding of colors.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5101: Proseminar: Method and Theory in Art History

The major theoretical orientations and methodologies associated with art historical study are discussed and critiqued. Methods reviewed range from connoisseurship to the iconographical and social-historical. Theories surveyed include formalist, Marxist, literary, feminist, psychoanalytic, and new-historicist concerns that dominated 20th-century interpretative practice. Required for MA students.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5107: Flash-points, Fiascos, and Freak-outs: Art and Controversy, 1863-Present

How and why do certain artworks become embroiled in major public debates, political scandals, and legal disputes? Beginning with the 1863 Salon des Refusés and continuing to the present day through an itinerary that travels the globe, students will examine the role of controversy in defining art, society, and how we imagine the relationship between the two.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5150: Craft Revivals

Examines the relationship between the traditional crafts and the upheavals of modernity. Beginning with the Arts and Crafts movement in the 19th century and continuing to the present day, students explore how craft is framed as protest against industrialization, as utopian model of labor and exchange, and as aesthetic transformation.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5158: The Display of Objects

Examine the display of objects in principle and in practice from the early modern through the modern era. Focus on the way meanings were created through acts of presentation across a range of sites, including scientific collections, cabinets of wonders, salons, stores, shop windows and museums.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5171: African American Art

A study of African American painting, sculpture, architecture, prints, drawings, photography, film, and vernacular and popular art. The course begins with the Afro-Atlantic era and covers images made by Southern artists in the 19th and early 20th centuries, as well as artists associated with the “New Negro” movement, the Harlem Renaissance, the civil rights movement, and postmodernism.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5187: Women Artists in the 20th Century

Focuses on women artists and their place within the art-historical narrative of the 20th century. Students examine both the diverse practices of women artists and the reception of their work by critics, dealers, and collectors.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5193: 20th-Century Photography

Examines the history of photography within both the historical and the neo-avant-gardes. Special attention is given to photographic activities of the Weimar Republic, the Soviet avant-garde, surrealism, and American pictorialism, modernism, and FSA documentary work, as well as the postwar formations of the New York School, conceptual art, and photographic postmodernism.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5197: Global Photography

Treats the history of photography in a global framework. Topics include the transformation of photography as it spreads from Europe to Africa, the Americas, Asia, and the Middle East; the decentering of European modernism in postmodernism; the role of photography in colonialism and decolonization; and its role in fine art as well as vernacular portraiture, journalism, documentary, and other fields.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5202: The Inclusive Museum

Explores the ways in which ability and disability are conceived, represented, and negotiated in museum culture. Weekly discussions, visiting lecturers and screenings will examine key theoretical concepts, practical case studies, as well as the use of educational and internet-based media as assistive technologies. Specific topics will include: museums and the establishment of norms; the category of "assistive technology"; inclusive architecture and design; staring and other practices of looking; disability and performance art; media advocacy and activism.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5215: Photography: The First Century

Examines the photographic medium from its earliest forms through the 1920s and 1930s. Topics include technical innovations, manipulations and interventions, function and reception, the relationship to the fine arts, and debates about photography's claims of realism.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5225: Theories of Painting

Painting has long been accompanied by theories describing its abilities to attract, deceive, and even harm. This course looks at key theories and debates in the history of the medium (e.g., Rubenistes vs. Poussinistes, painting's role among pluralistic practices) to better understand how both making and seeing a painting are colored by a history of ideas.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5250: The Russian Avant-Garde

Despite a growing interest in the work of the Russian avant-garde, there is still relatively little known about the artists of the late Russian Empire and the early Soviet Union. This course addresses the broad scope and multidisciplinary practice of Russian modernism, from the shocking primitivism of *The Rite of Spring* to the cold pragmatism of constructivism.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5285: Design and Culture

Design is both a noun and a verb. This course deals with the idea of design as a cultural phenomenon and a creative practice. Contemporary design and its making are situated within a broad methodological framework, drawing from existing and emerging theories in anthropology, art history, film studies, criticism, the history of technology, and architecture.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5325: Master's Colloquium I: History and Theory of Modern Art

A seminar that considers topics and theoretical models that inform students' understanding of modern and contemporary art. Within this framework, critics, art historians, and artists are invited to give lectures and lead seminars on their particular research interests. Required for MA students.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5326: Master's Colloquium II: Critical Issues in Contemporary Art

A directed investigation of a specific set of issues in contemporary art and culture. The focus, which changes from year to year, introduces students to critical and theoretical models central to contemporary cultural analysis. Invited artists, art historians, and critics participate through individual lectures, seminars, or directed collaborations with students. Required for MA students.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5335: Latin American Art in the Age of Globalization

Focuses on contemporary Latin American artists working in and out of Latin America: Gabriel Orozco, Guillermo Gomez Peña, Adriana Varejao, Teresa Margolles, Carlos Garaicoa, Betsabeeé Romero, Javier Tellez, Nadín Ospina, Tania Bruguera, and Nicolás

de Jesus. Students analyze the way these artists address such questions as urban violence, social inequality, pollution, emigration, and national identity.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5405: Design History and Theory: 1750–Today

Examines the history of design as it parallels the history of technology and industrialization. Covering a variety of design disciplines, including architecture and urban planning, graphic design, fashion, and industrial design, this course focuses less on aesthetics than on the cultural programs that have shaped buildings, objects, and communication systems for more than two centuries.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5460: Field Trips to New York Museums and Galleries

A practical course in art criticism, which meets regularly in New York. Contemporary works of art form the basis for lectures, discussions, and written essays

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5465: Disability Cultures and History

Examines how activists and artists have interrogated questions of “normalcy.” We will read deeply in the history of disability rights, as well as theories of personhood, identity, and representation. In so doing, we use ideas from philosophy, anthropology, feminist criticism, and literature to research and explore how art, media and performance studies present bodies deemed nonnormative.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5507: The Fictional Visual Arts

Examines a selection of poetry, short stories, novels, and films from different historical periods that foreground the visual arts through various means, including the character of the artist, the practices of art, the nature of creativity, and the critical reception of art.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5510: 19th-Century Art

European art from the French Revolution to 1900, with movements in France, Germany, and England receiving particular attention. Major artists studied include David, Gericault, Delacroix, Ingres, Frederich, Constable, Turner, the Pre-Raphaelites, Daumier, Manet, Degas, Monet, and Gauguin.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5526: Art and/as Performance

Examines the development of performance and body-oriented work as a major mainstream in contemporary art practice, beginning with the work of Fluxus and happenings and continuing to the present.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5530: New Media and Contemporary Art

An examination of contemporary art outside of the traditional media of painting, sculpture, and architecture. Looking at painting-based performances of the 1950s, feminist body art, guerrilla television, and current political interventions based in digital media, students identify the strategies artists used to create new forms, and assess their success in modifying our understanding of the world.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5565: Photography in Africa and the African Diaspora

From photography's 19th-century origins to contemporary practices, this survey course explores how and why photography became central to arguments about the modernity of African visual art. Moving from one regional focus to the next, students examine photography's role in expeditionary and ethnographic projects, identity formation, political activism, spirituality, documenting the landscape, and representing the fantastical and the everyday.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5604: Madness and Modernism

A variety of intersections between extreme mental conditions and the production of works of art during the modern period are investigated. Topics include connections between creativity and mental instability, artists with a history of mental disorder, and theories about stylistic or formal affinities between madness and art.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5705: Art and History After 1989

This seminar focuses on uses of history—as both subject and method—in art around the turn of the 21st century. Within a globally comparative frame, students investigate contemporary theories and practices that take stock of the past in order to reimagine the future at a moment when the world seems simultaneously more connected and more fractured than ever before.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5711: Artists on Art

An examination of critical and theoretical writing by artists about art. The course considers texts from various eras, but focuses primarily on 20th-century and contemporary material. Artists' writings are analyzed in the context of art criticism as a whole, and students also have the opportunity try their hand at criticism.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5715: Collect, Display, Exchange

This seminar delves into the historical, theoretical, and practical aspects of museum and exhibition practices in the U.S., from encyclopedic museums to storefront galleries. In addition to classroom discussion, students visit arts institutions in the area to consider collection and exhibition-related issues and to learn more about the operational function and structure of museums.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5770: African Art and Film

African art and visual culture are considered in the context of African film. African youth, who make up most of the continent's population, have had a marked effect on many sociopolitical phenomena. The films screened address African youth culture and such issues as the new independence (1960s), post-apartheid South Africa, youth rebels, religious fundamentalism, HIV, hip-hop and digital culture, and global emigration.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5815: Mexican Art From the Revolution to the NAFTA Era

A broad look at modern and contemporary Mexican art, using an interdisciplinary and comparative approach. Special emphasis is on the Mexican Revolution (1910–1920) and its aftermath throughout the 20th century. Students analyze links between the visual arts (including mural painting, prints, and photography) and the literature, the popular scene and the mainstream, the street art and the gallery art.

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5990: Master's Thesis I

Supervision of research and writing of the master's thesis. *ARH 5990 and 5991 must be taken in consecutive semesters.*

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

ARH 5991: Master's Thesis II

Supervision of research and writing of the master's thesis. *ARH 5990 and 5991 must be taken in consecutive semesters.*

Credits: 4

Department: Art History

School of Natural and Social Sciences

Undergraduate Courses

Anthropology

Description:

Anthropology is the study of human differences and commonalities in a world of global and transnational connections.

Cultural anthropologists study a wide range of contemporary concerns, from identity and community formation to popular culture and political economy. They engage in long-term ethnographic research in rural, urban, and suburban environments around the world and apply critical cultural analysis to their field experiences.

Anthropology at Purchase College takes the study of culture to be an inherently interdisciplinary practice, drawing not only on other social sciences, but also the natural sciences, the humanities, and the arts. Courses in the anthropology program provide the core of a broad liberal arts education for students majoring in anthropology. These courses also introduce students from a range of other disciplines to the vital connections between anthropology and their own fields of study.

Our graduates go on to careers in social work, development, and activism for nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations, curatorial and archival work at museums and historical societies, consumer research and creative communications for marketing and advertising firms, end-user practices for product design firms, and teaching at colleges and universities.

Requirements:

In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, all anthropology majors must complete the following requirements (35–39 credits):

1. The following courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher:

- ANT 1500/Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology: 3 credits
- ANT 3150/Classics in Anthropological Literature: 4 credits (*offered in the spring)
- ANT 3560/Fieldwork: Qualitative Methods: 4 credits (*offered in the fall)
- ANT 4070/Current Anthropological Literature: 4 credits (*offered in the fall)
- Four anthropology electives: 12–16 credits

2. SPJ 4990/Senior Project I: 4 credits

3. SPJ 4991/Senior Project II: 4 credits

Anthropology majors are encouraged to undertake an internship, study-abroad opportunity, or community-action independent study. Students may petition to take credit-bearing internships with anthropology faculty sponsors in lieu of one upper-level elective for the major.

Refer to **The Senior Project** for additional information.

Minor requirements:

The minor in anthropology is designed to provide students with a basic understanding of the discipline and to introduce them to some of the major subfields.

Students interested in the minor should consult with a member of the **anthropology faculty**, then submit a completed **Application for a Program of Minor Study**. A student is assigned to the faculty

advisor who best meets the student's academic interest in the minor.

Academic Requirements for the Minor in Anthropology

Five courses, to include:

- ANT 1500/Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology
- Plus four elective courses in anthropology, chosen with the assistance of the anthropology faculty

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Courses

ANT 1500: Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology

The major fields of interest and contributions of social and cultural anthropologists. Accounts of life in different societies are read to illustrate how institutions vary in different cultural settings and to explore what it means to be a member of a culture different from one's own.

Credits: 3

Department: Anthropology

ANT 2175: Language, Culture and Society

Explores the different roles that language plays in the lives of people, communities, and nations. Topics include language and thought, language and power, poetics and verbal art, bilingualism, African-American English ("Ebonics"), pidgin and Creole languages, Native American language revitalization, "politically correct"; language, and the rise of English as a global language.

Credits: 3

Department: Anthropology

ANT 2250: Film and Anthropology

How useful a tool is film for the study of peoples who come from cultures entirely different from one's own? Appropriate readings accompany the visual material, in addition to ethnographic accounts of the societies viewed in class and discussions of the problems encountered in filming non-Western peoples.

Credits: 3

Department: Anthropology

ANT 2320: Performing Arts in Cross-Cultural Perspective

An introductory survey of music, theatre, and dance in Western and non-Western cultures, including the relationships between music and religion, dance and weddings, theatre and curing. The course also explores the performing arts as aesthetic phenomena in their own right. Live performances by non-Western performers and optional field trips are planned.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: ANT1500 Or MSA1050 Or NME1050

Department: Anthropology

ANT 2555: Magic, Witchcraft, and Modernity

Investigates magic and witchcraft in the shadow of technology, industrialization, and capitalism. Readings range from athletes who employ superstition to cope with uncertainty, to more challenging case studies on witchcraft, spirit possession, shamanism, and other forms of magic as healing. Alongside classical anthropological texts, concepts such as fetishism, fantasy, and enchantment are explored in contemporary contexts, including film, art, and literature.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: ANT1500 Or MSA1050

Department: Anthropology

ANT 2610: Introduction to Ethnomusicology

A survey of theoretical orientations and methodologies for the study of musical production, performance, and consumption in particular cultural contexts and within global flows of materials, ideas, cultural forms, and people. Focuses on music as a communication medium and collective poetic process. Students attend and critically engage musical performances and/or engage directly in musical production and performances.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: ANT1500 Or MSA1050

Department: Anthropology

ANT 2730: New Black Ethnographies

Begins with historical examples of ethnographic work on black diasporic cultures and then moves to contemporary anthropological work on black life from around the world. Underscores the history of anthropology in understanding race and racial politics and also draws on an array of topical issues, from mass incarceration to the Black Lives Matter movement.

Credits: 3

Department: Anthropology

ANT 2755: Global Sexualities

Explores and compares the diverse ways in which sexuality and gender are practiced, experienced, and regulated in different communities around the world. Particular attention is paid to how sexual identities and practices have influenced, and been influenced by, global political, economic, and cultural movements, including colonialism, capitalism, feminism, queer activism, and the spread of world religions.

Credits: 3

Department: Anthropology

ANT 3150: Classics in Anthropological Literature

Theoretical concepts and their use in analyzing empirical data. Students read and critically analyze the work of some of the major thinkers in anthropology, including Benedict, Mead, Malinowski, Radcliffe-Brown, Geertz, Turner, and Lévi-Strauss.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ANT1500 And (ANT1010 Or ANT2175 Or ANT2235 Or ANT2250 Or ANT2320 Or ANT2330 Or ANT2340 Or ANT2400 Or ANT2410 Or ANT2470 Or ANT2555 Or ANT2610 Or ANT2755) And (ANT3070 Or ANT3175 Or ANT3185 Or ANT3190 Or ANT3215 Or ANT3255 Or ANT3275 Or ANT3345 Or ANT3350 Or ANT3380 Or ANT3390 Or ANT3410 Or ANT3415 Or JST3455 Or JST3456 Or JST3457 Or ANT3540 Or ANT3600 Or ANT3610 Or ENV3800)

Department: Anthropology

ANT 3190: Urban Anthropology

The experiences and problems of city dwellers in the Third World and migrants from Third World countries to Western cities, including New York. Topics include urbanization and family life, adaptation of migrants, ethnicity and class, the culture of poverty, and methods of urban anthropologists.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ANT1500 Or ANT2055

Department: Anthropology

ANT 3215: Anthropology of Religion

Examines both foundational and newer critical approaches to understanding religion from an anthropological perspective. Texts cover a diversity of topics from a variety of cultures, including the construction of religion as an analytical category; religion's relation to secularism, law, and political ideology; religion and gender; and embodied religious experience. In particular, the relationships between media and religion are explored. Not intended as a general survey of religious traditions.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ANT1500 Or NME1050 Or MSA1050

Department: Anthropology

ANT 3255: Urban Life in Africa

Africa is home to some of the oldest and fastest-growing cities in the world. Rapid urbanization brings challenges, opportunities, and expectations. Topics include colonial and postcolonial urban planning; corruption and informal economies; violence and security; ethnicity, nationalism, and pan-Africanism; modernism and traditionalism; youth styles and subcultures; charismatic Christianity and Islamic reformism.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ANT1500

Department: Anthropology

ANT 3345: Media and Performance in Africa

Explores how African performing artists and audiences have responded to the cultural, political, and economic circumstances of the times and places in which they live. Performance media include music, song, dance, film/video, and the spoken word, with a special focus on western and southern Africa. Students draw on anthropological theories to produce, perform, and critique their own versions of African performance texts.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ANT1500 Or MSA1050

Department: Anthropology

ANT 3350: Myth, Ritual, and Performance

How have myth, ritual, and performance functioned as ways to comprehend, organize, and even generate the world around us? What are the values and constraints of symbolic structures as they shape and influence bodies and environments? Students consider both structural and poststructural approaches to performance as a medium for exploring, but also transgressing, structures of everyday life.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ANT1500 Or THP2020 Or MSA1050 Or MSA1050

Department: Anthropology

ANT 3390: Critical Perspectives on Language and Culture

Students perform close readings and engage in in-depth discussions of theoretical texts, illustrative ethnographic works, and audio/video recordings on the relationships between language and culture. Questions explored include: What assumptions about culture are implicit in any given method of analyzing language practices? What lies beyond the reach of language? Topics covered include affect, gesture, semiotics, and symbolic violence.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ANT1500

Department: Anthropology

ANT 3415: Anthropology of Sound and Listening

An anthropological and ethnomusicological approach to sound and listening with emphasis on the politics of sound. Topics include sound and the senses,

weaponization of sound, music as torture, sounds of protest and police surveillance, and background music and consumption.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ANT1500 Or MSA1050

Department: Anthropology

ANT 3540: Sensing and Knowing in Anthropology, Psychology, and the Arts

What theories of embodiment, mind, and matter must be adopted to adequately grasp experiences of time, space, color, emotion, and attention? How can people conceptualize forms of experience without purging them of poetic resonance? Students explore this interdisciplinary field in connection with the arts. Includes readings in cognitive science, anthropology, and poetry, plus collaborative art projects, sensory experiments, and excursions.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ANT1500 Or PSY1530 Or MSA1050

Department: Anthropology

ANT 3560: Fieldwork: Qualitative Methods

The methodological, political, and ethical issues of participant observation. Students read and discuss classical examples of participant-observation research. Each student conducts a participant-observation field research study and presents a preliminary version of the results to the seminar before submitting the written report. *Limited to anthropology majors.*

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ANT1500 And ANT3150

Department: Anthropology

ANT 4070: Current Anthropological Literature

Students focus on recent theoretical texts in cultural anthropology and are expected to present short oral reports on these texts and to lead class discussion. *Limited to anthropology majors in their senior year.*

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ANT1500 And ANT3150

Department: Anthropology

ANT 4180: Ethnography of the American Rural

Explore the rural as a meeting place of working-class expressive cultures, an atmosphere of slow or strange time, a dramatic history of industry and agriculture, a notoriously tense racial zone, and a place of exuberant stories and poetics. Examine the vital ideological function of the rural as the urban's dark twin in American myth throughout history and today.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: MSA1050 Or ANT1500

Department: Anthropology

ANT 4860: Special Topic: Geographic Area

Special anthropological topics by geographic area.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ANT1500 And (ANT1010 Or ANT2175 Or ANT2235 Or ANT2250 Or ANT2320 Or ANT2330 Or ANT2340 Or ANT2400 Or ANT2410 Or ANT2470 Or ANT2555 Or ANT2610 Or ANT2755) And (ANT3070 Or ANT3175 Or ANT3185 Or ANT3190 Or ANT3215 Or ANT3255 Or ANT3275 Or ANT3345 Or ANT3350 Or ANT3380 Or ANT3390 Or ANT3410 Or ANT3415 Or JST3455 Or JST3456 Or JST3457 Or ANT3540 Or ANT3600 Or ANT3610 Or ENV3800)

Department: Anthropology

HIS 2320: First Peoples to European Contact: New World Archaeology

Focuses on the prehistory of the Americas from the first peoples through 1492, beginning with the Ice Age cultures of the New World and moving forward chronologically. South, Central, and North American cultures are examined, including the Olmec, Woodlands, and Mississippi Valley cultures, pueblo culture, and the Maya, Aztec, and Inca.

Credits: 4

Department: Anthropology

HIS 3585: Archaeology of Empires: The Ancient World

Introduces the largest unit of political organization, the empire, and its early appearances in various regions of the world. The focus is on Akkadia in Mesopotamia, Egypt's New Kingdom, the Qin Dynasty in China, and the Inca Empire in South America (also known as the Inka Empire). The course reviews theories of sociopolitical organization and development drawn from anthropological archaeology, economics, ecology, and political science.

Credits: 4

Department: Anthropology

MSA 2210: Transhumanist Media

Students focus on how humans are represented and configured across media platforms, how the self is culturally constructed, and how technology continually redefines the meaning of "human." The class also considers what these figurations indicate about contemporary political subjectivities, gender identities, and species belonging. The work of notable thinkers, including William Gibson, Masamune Shiroh, Stellarc, and Spike Jonze, is studied.

Credits: 3

Department: Anthropology

MSA 4100: Alternative Economies

Students look at forms of production and exchange in various contexts throughout the world that are alternatives to dominant, formal economies. These include trash picking and trash art-making, piracy and counterfeiting, independent farming, and alternative banking. Students consider the notion of value in a variety of ways and trace how production, exchange, circulation, and consumption elaborate new forms of social life.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: MSA1050 Or ANT1500

Department: Anthropology

MSA 4110: Lively Geographies

In recent years, anthropologists, physical and cultural geographers, biologists, and media theorists have tried to account for the more-than-human world in order to emplace humans in a general ecology of liveliness. Using methods from multiple disciplines, students explore the animacy of ordinary and extraordinary places. Topics include landscape as a contingent process, geological time, energetics, dwelling, regenerative design, and industrial-chemical ecologies.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: (MSA1050 Or NME1050) Or ANT1500

Department: Anthropology

MSA 4130: Violence and Vision

Investigate the relation between violence and the senses. Think through how our culturally patterned modes of perception can inherently carry traces of violence (e.g. ocular aggression) or be weaponized. Draw on anthropology, cultural studies and media studies to explore the relation between violence (broadly conceived), racialization, the gaze and looking, and regimes of perception.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: MSA1050 Or ANT1500

Department: Anthropology

Biochemistry

Description:

The interplay between biology, chemistry, and even mathematics has rapidly changed the field of biomedical research over the past 25 years.

Students entering this field need to have an in-depth interdisciplinary background that includes advanced courses and research experience in both chemistry and biology. The curriculum in the biochemistry major provides a solid foundation for students who plan to continue their study in biochemistry, biomedical sciences, or pharmaceutical science.

Rapid advances in the biomedical field in recent years have created a great demand for a work force that is well trained in the interdisciplinary area of biochemistry. Students completing the biochemistry major are also well prepared for employment in the biotechnology, pharmaceutical, and other biomedical areas. The biochemistry major also prepares students for medicine, dentistry, and other allied health professions.

Requirements:

To declare biochemistry as a major, students are required to have passed General Chemistry I and II (or the equivalent courses for transfer students) with grades of C or higher.

Other courses required for the biochemistry major, including support courses but excluding the senior project, must be completed with a grade of C- or higher. In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, all biochemistry majors must complete the following requirements (83.5 credits):

Biology Courses (17.5 credits)

Go to [Biology Courses](#) for descriptions.

- BIO 1550/General Biology I: 4 credits
- BIO 1551/General Biology I Lab: 1.5 credits
- BIO 3530/Cell Biology: 4 credits*
- BIO 4620/Molecular Biology: 4 credits
- One advanced elective in biology: 4 credits minimum

*When registering for BIO 3530, biochemistry majors will need to obtain an instructor override exempting them from two prerequisites—BIO 1560 and 2890 (not required for biochemistry majors).

Chemistry Courses (36 credits)

Go to [Chemistry Courses](#) for descriptions.

- CHE 1550/General Chemistry I: 4 credits
- CHE 1551/General Chemistry I Lab: 1 credit
- CHE 1560/General Chemistry II: 4 credits
- CHE 1561/General Chemistry II Lab: 1 credit
- CHE 3150/Chemical Instrumentation and Analytical Methods: 5 credits
- CHE 3310/Organic Chemistry I: 4 credits
- CHE 3311/Organic Chemistry I Lab: 1 credit
- CHE 3320/Organic Chemistry II: 4 credits
- CHE 3321/Organic Chemistry II Lab: 1 credit
- CHE 3510/Physical Chemistry I: 5 credits
- CHE 4610/Biochemistry: 4 credits
- CHE 4611/Biochemistry Lab: 2 credits

Support Courses (18 credits)

Go to [Mathematics](#) and [Physics Courses](#) for descriptions.

- MAT 1500/Calculus I: 4 credits
- MAT 1510/Calculus II: 4 credits
- PHY 1510/Introductory Physics I: 4 credits
- PHY 1511/Introductory Physics I Lab: 1 credit
- PHY 1520/Introductory Physics II: 4 credits
- PHY 1521/Introductory Physics II Lab: 1 credit

Biochemistry Courses (12 credits)

- BCM 3880/Biochemistry Junior Seminar: 2 credits
- BCM 4880/Biochemistry Senior Seminar I: 1 credit
- BCM 4890/Biochemistry Senior Seminar II: 1 credit
- SPJ 4990/Senior Project I: 4 credits
- SPJ 4991/Senior Project II: 4 credits

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Courses

BCM 3055: Fundamentals of Scientific Inquiry: Biochemistry

This is a fully on-line research/project-based course. This hands-on experiential lecture/lab course provides students with an opportunity to experience how professional scientists do research from conception of a research project to publication. Student work closely with a faculty mentor to develop a research project, collect and analyze data, and present results at a symposium. Students also engage in interactive professional development and skills-building webinars focused on developing their quantitative, analytic, and science communication skills. At the end of the course, student present their work at a final summer research symposium.

Credits: 5

Department: Biochemistry

BCM 3880: Biochemistry Junior Seminar

Students complete a senior research proposal, which is submitted to the biochemistry faculty for review and approval. Students also attend research seminars presented by faculty and guest speakers. Required for juniors majoring in biochemistry.

Credits: 2

Department: Biochemistry

BCM 4880: Biochemistry Senior Seminar I

Faculty, visiting scientists, and seniors in biochemistry present results of current research projects. Students are graded on the basis of oral presentations of senior project results made to the faculty and their peers.

Credits: 1

COREQ: SPJ4990

Department: Biochemistry

BCM 4890: Biochemistry Senior Seminar II

Faculty, visiting scientists, and seniors in biochemistry present results of current research projects. Students are graded on the basis of oral presentations of senior project results made to the faculty and their peers.

Credits: 1

COREQ: SPJ4991

Department: Biochemistry

BIO 1550: General Biology I

Introduction to contemporary biology, covering cell structure and function, genetics, development, and molecular biology. This course is for science majors and

premedical students; students with limited high school science and mathematics can satisfy college distribution requirements with BIO 1510 or 1520.

Credits: 4

Department: Biochemistry

BIO 1551: General Biology I Lab

Lab exercises on cell organization, cell division, genetics, enzyme kinetics, photosynthesis, and development, and the use of light microscopes, spectrophotometer, and chromatography. *Required for premedical students, biology majors, biochemistry majors, and environmental studies majors.*

Credits: 1.5

PREREQ: BIO1550

Department: Biochemistry

BIO 3530: Cell Biology

Cellular organization and function, and molecular genetics, with emphasis on eukaryotic cells. Topics include cellular genomes; replication and maintenance of genomic DNA; RNA and protein synthesis, processing, and regulation; macromolecular structure and processes of organelles; vesicular transport; cytoskeleton; the cell surface; cell signaling; and cell cycle. Students prepare a paper based on current literature in the field. *Required for all biology majors immediately following BIO 1550 and 1560.*

Credits: 4

PREREQ: BIO1550 And BIO1560 And BIO2890 And CHE1550

Department: Biochemistry

BIO 4620: Molecular Biology

Structure, function, and regulation of genes at the molecular level. Topics include transcription; RNA processing; involvement of RNA in protein synthesis; DNA

replication, mutation, and repair; gene cloning; DNA sequencing; PCR amplification; and applications of recombinant DNA technology (including gene therapy). Students write a short research grant proposal on a topic of their choice, incorporating molecular approaches learned in class.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: BIO3530

Department: Biochemistry

CHE 1550: General Chemistry I

The principles and applications of chemistry. Topics include the development of an atomic/molecular model, stoichiometry, interaction of light with matter, and the physical behavior of solids, liquids, and gases.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: MAT1150 Or MAT1500

Department: Biochemistry

CHE 1551: General Chemistry I Lab

Emphasizes basic techniques in synthetic and analytical chemistry.

Credits: 1

COREQ: CHE1550

Department: Biochemistry

CHE 1560: General Chemistry II

A continuation of CHE 1550. Topics include chemical kinetics and equilibrium, electrochemistry, thermodynamics, acids and bases, and the chemistry of representative elements..

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CHE1550 And MAT1150 Or MAT1500

Department: Biochemistry

CHE 1561: General Chemistry II Lab

Emphasizes basic techniques in synthetic and analytical chemistry.

Credits: 1

COREQ: CHE1560

PREREQ: CHE1551

Department: Biochemistry

CHE 3150: Chemical Instrumentation and Analytical Methods

The lecture covers general analytical chemistry, including gravimetric and volumetric analysis, solution chemistry, and an introduction to the theory and use of modern analytical instruments. The required lab acquaints students with general wet chemistry techniques and with instrumental methods of qualitative and quantitative analysis.

Credits: 5

PREREQ: CHE1560

Department: Biochemistry

CHE 3310: Organic Chemistry I

An introduction to the chemistry of carbon compounds. The structural theory is used to develop an understanding of the physical properties and chemical reactivity of organic compounds. Compounds are grouped according to structure, using a functional group approach. Reactions are organized according to similarities in mechanism, with an emphasis on electron flow. Infrared and NMR spectroscopy are also introduced.

Credits: 4

COREQ: CHE3311

PREREQ: CHE1560

Department: Biochemistry

CHE 3311: Organic Chemistry I Lab

Lab experience in organic chemistry, with an emphasis on microscale techniques.

Credits: 1

COREQ: CHE3310

Department: Biochemistry

CHE 3320: Organic Chemistry II

The concepts learned in CHE 3310 are elaborated on and more complex organic reactions are studied, including the mechanism and the use in multistep synthesis problems. More compounds, such as aromatics, carbonyl- and carboxyl-compounds, and their reactions are discussed, and the structure, reactivity, and reactions of carbohydrates, proteins, and lipids are introduced.

Credits: 4

COREQ: CHE3321

PREREQ: CHE3310

Department: Biochemistry

CHE 3321: Organic Chemistry II Lab

Continued study of the spectroscopic methods for structure determination of unknown compounds. Synthetic methods for the preparation of interesting compounds are emphasized.

Credits: 1

COREQ: CHE3320

Department: Biochemistry

CHE 3510: Physical Chemistry I

A lecture course introducing the principles of chemical thermodynamics and chemical dynamics. Applications in chemical equilibria, phase equilibria, properties of solutions, chemical kinetics, and transport properties are included.

Credits: 5

PREREQ: CHE3320 And PHY1520 And MAT1510

Department: Biochemistry

CHE 4610: Biochemistry

An introduction to the structure, function, and metabolism of the four classes of biomolecules: proteins, carbohydrates, lipids, and nucleic acids. Topics include molecular biology; the structure, regulation, and kinetics of enzymes; and the structure and function of vitamins.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CHE3320 Or CHE3350 Or CHE3015

Department: Biochemistry

CHE 4611: Biochemistry Lab

Practical hands-on experimental techniques for isolation and analysis of the four classes of biomolecules: proteins, carbohydrates, lipids, and nucleic acids. *Required for biochemistry majors.*

Credits: 2

COREQ: CHE4610

PREREQ: CHE3321

Department: Biochemistry

Biology

Description:

Biology is an area of explosive scientific, intellectual, and technological advances.

Attention is focusing on the origin and evolution of living organisms (even their possible existence on other planets), the molecular mechanics of heredity, the processes of disease and immunity, the ecological balance among life forms, the effect of synthetic chemicals on molecular functions of the cell, the biological basis of behavior, and the extraordinary technologies for the creation of useful new characteristics in microorganisms, plants, and animals.

The biology program at Purchase College embodies the excitement of the dramatic advances in this rapidly expanding field. Students actively participate in the life sciences, studying and pursuing research with faculty who are active in their fields.

The biology program at Purchase College may be pursued from a variety of perspectives, and our majors are well prepared for graduate school, medical school, teaching, and careers with high-tech industries. Biology majors should be aware that, of all the natural sciences, biology is the least able to stand alone as a discipline; mathematics, physics, and especially chemistry are important for a meaningful appreciation of life processes. In consultation with a faculty advisor, the student will expand upon this base by choosing advanced subjects related to particular objectives. Advanced courses are offered in seven concentrations.

Biology courses are also challenging, rewarding, and immediately relevant studies for students in other disciplines. Students who major in other subjects and have a strong secondary interest in biology may consider a biology minor.

Requirements:

Bachelor of Arts (BA) | Bachelor of Science (BS)

BA Academic Requirements

There are two categories of requirements for all biology majors: biology courses and basic science support courses. General Biology I and II, Cell Biology, and the five upper-level electives in the "biology courses" category must be passed with a grade of C- or higher. Students must attain at least a 2.0 (C) GPA in courses used to satisfy the requirements for the major, including the "biology courses" category (excluding the senior project) and the "basic science support courses" category. Students majoring in biology may choose a concentration, but one is not required.

In addition to meeting general degree requirements, all BA majors in biology must complete the following courses:

Biology Courses

- BIO 1550/General Biology I
 - BIO 1551/General Biology I Lab
 - BIO 1560/General Biology II
 - BIO 1561/General Biology II Lab
 - BIO 1880/Biology Freshman Seminar
 - BIO 2890/Biology Program Seminar
 - BIO 3530/Cell Biology (successful completion of BIO 3530 is a prerequisite for all upper-level biology electives, except BIO 3850)
 - Five upper-level biology electives, as follows; these must include at least one at the 4000 level and at least four lab studies, taken either in conjunction with lecture courses or as separately registered lab courses:
 - One of the following courses in biological mechanisms:
BIO 3160/Genetics
BIO 3170/Developmental Biology
BIO 3250/Animal Physiology
BIO 4620/Molecular Biology
 - One of the following courses in biodiversity and ecology:
BIO 3360/Microbiology
BIO 3430/Vertebrate Zoology
BIO 3440/Invertebrate Zoology
BIO 3850/Coral Reef Biology and Ecology
ENV 3080/Wildlife Ecology
ENV 3120/General Ecology
ENV 3220/Restoration Ecology
ENV 3250 and 3251/Ecology of Urban Environments and Lab
ENV 3805/Conservation Biology
 - Three additional upper-level biology electives
 - BIO 3890/Biology Junior Seminar
 - SPJ 4990/Senior Project I
 - SPJ 4991/Senior Project II
- If a student elects to conduct a senior project in an area other than the life sciences, two additional biology courses are required.

Basic Science Support Courses

- CHE 1550 and 1551/General Chemistry I and Lab
- CHE 1560 and 1561/General Chemistry II and Lab
- CHE 3310 and 3311/Organic Chemistry I and Lab
- CHE 3320 and 3321/Organic Chemistry II and Lab

- One of the following courses:
ENV 3025/Biostatistics or
MAT 1600/Introductory Statistics or
PSY 2320/Behavioral Statistics or
PSY 3635/Honors Seminar in Statistics and Research Design
MAT 1500/Calculus I
MAT 1510/Calculus II
MAT 1520/Computer Science I
MAT 3680/Informatics in Biology and Medicine

Additional notes for biology majors:

1. Many students will want to study additional **mathematics**. Graduate schools generally require Calculus I; professional schools may require either Calculus I or Statistics.
 2. A year of **physics** is highly recommended (PHY 1510–1511/Introductory Physics I with lab and PHY 1520–1521/Introductory Physics II with lab). Professional and graduate schools generally require physics.
 3. Some professional and graduate schools may not accept high school AP courses as substitutes for college introductory science courses (e.g., General Biology, General Chemistry, Introductory Physics).
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BS Academic Requirements

There are two categories of requirements for all biology majors: **biology courses** and **basic science support courses**. General Biology I and II, Cell Biology, and the seven upper-level electives in the “biology courses” category must be passed with a grade of C- or higher. Students must attain at least a 2.0 (C) GPA in courses used to satisfy the requirements for the major, including the “biology courses” category (excluding the senior project) and the “basic science support courses” category. Students majoring in biology may choose a **concentration**, but one is not required.

In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, all BS majors in biology must complete the following courses:

Biology Courses:

- BIO 1550/General Biology I
- BIO 1551/General Biology I Lab
- BIO 1560/General Biology II
- BIO 1561/General Biology II Lab
- BIO 1880/Biology Freshman Seminar
- BIO 2890/Biology Program Seminar
- BIO 3530/Cell Biology (successful completion of BIO 3530 is a prerequisite for all upper-level biology electives, except BIO 3850)

- Seven upper-level biology electives, as follows; these must include at least two at the 4000 level and at least four lab courses, taken either in conjunction with lecture courses or as separately registered lab courses:
 - BIO 4620/Molecular Biology or
CHE 4610/Biochemistry
 - One of the following courses in biological mechanisms:
BIO 3160/Genetics
BIO 3170/Developmental Biology
BIO 3250/Animal Physiology
BIO 4620/Molecular Biology
 - One of the following courses in biodiversity and ecology:
BIO 3360/Microbiology
BIO 3430/Vertebrate Zoology
BIO 3440/Invertebrate Zoology
BIO 3850/Coral Reef Biology and Ecology
ENV 3080 / Wildlife Ecology
ENV 3120/General Ecology
ENV 3220/Restoration Ecology
ENV 3250 and 3251/Ecology of Urban Environments and Lab
ENV 3805/Conservation Biology
 - Four additional upper-level biology electives
 - BIO 3890/Biology Junior Seminar
 - SPJ 4990/Senior Project I*
 - SPJ 4991/Senior Project II*
- *The senior project must be an original research project.

Basic Science Support Courses

- CHE 1550 and 1551/General Chemistry I and Lab
- CHE 1560 and 1561/General Chemistry II and Lab
- CHE 3310 and 3311/Organic Chemistry I and Lab
- CHE 3320 and 3321/Organic Chemistry II and Lab

Two of the following courses:

- * ENV 3025/Biostatistics or
- * MAT 1600/Introductory Statistics or
- * PSY 2320/Behavioral Statistics or
- * PSY 3635/Honors Seminar in Statistics and Research Design
- MAT 1500/Calculus I
- MAT 1510/Calculus II
- MAT 1520/Computer Science I
- MAT 3680/Informatics in Biology and Medicine

* Only one statistics course can count towards major requirements.

Additional notes for biology majors:

1. Many students will want to study additional **mathematics**. Graduate schools generally require Calculus I; professional schools may require either Calculus I or Statistics.
2. A year of **physics** is highly recommended (PHY 1510–1511/Introductory Physics I with lab and PHY 1520–1521/Introductory Physics II with lab). Professional and graduate schools generally require physics.
3. Some professional and graduate schools may not accept high school AP courses as substitutes for college introductory science courses (e.g., General Biology, General Chemistry, Introductory Physics).

Minor requirements:

The purpose of the biology minor is to encourage students who are majoring in other disciplines to follow their interest in biology by completing a coherent program of study.

Interested students must submit a completed [**Application for a Program of Minor Study**](#) to the Department Chair of Biology. Upon admission to the biology minor, a student is assigned a minor advisor who will assist in designing an appropriate program.

Academic Requirements for the Minor in Biology

A total of 20 credits in biology, including two of the following courses:

- BIO 1510/Human Anatomy and Physiology I: Anatomy and Physiology
- BIO 1520/Human Anatomy and Physiology II: Physiology and Nutrition
- BIO 1550/General Biology I
- BIO 1560/General Biology II
- A biology-related section of FRS 1200/Science in the Modern World

Additional courses needed to complete 20 credits are to be selected in consultation with the biology minor advisor:

- Courses may be chosen from any available biology courses for which the prerequisites are met.
- At least two courses must be at the 2000 level or above. Advanced courses for students not taking the General Biology sequence include the following (with permission of instructor):
BIO 3160/Genetics
BIO 3250/Animal Physiology
BIO 3430/Vertebrate Zoology
BIO 3440/Invertebrate Zoology
BUI 3530/Cell Biology
BIO 4720/Evolution
BIO 4770/Scanning Electron Microscopy and Digital Imaging

ENV 3805/Conservation Biology

ENV 3820/Animal Behavior

ENV 4460/Marine Ecology

PSY 3660/Physiological Psychology

Note: Lab credit that accompanies the approved lecture courses listed above can also count towards the 20 credit minimum needed for the minor.

Chemistry Minor for Biology Majors

Many biology majors at Purchase qualify for a minor in chemistry. Biology majors who complete Biochemistry for the BS have already taken enough chemistry and need only submit the

Application for a Program of Minor Study. Other biology students must take only one course beyond Organic Chemistry (e.g., CHE 3150, 3510, or 4610).

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Courses

BIO 1510: Human Anatomy and Physiology I: Anatomy and Physiology

Introduction to the organ systems of the human body, including the neuromuscular, skeletal, cardiovascular, respiratory, renal, and digestive systems. The physiological mechanisms of adaptation to exercise are also considered.

Credits: 4

Department: Biology

BIO 1511: Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab

Students learn about both form and function of the human body. Content includes cells and tissues; gross and microscopic anatomy; integumentary, skeletal, and muscular systems; and kinesiology. Lab exercises use microscope slides, models, and dissection for a hands-on approach and a practical knowledge of anatomy.

Credits: 1.5

PREREQ: BIO1510

Department: Biology

BIO 1520: Human Anatomy and Physiology II: Physiology and Nutrition

Introduction to the human body, emphasizing general physiological processes. The body is studied from the viewpoint of homeostasis, concentrating on the relationship of food to the functioning living organism in health and disease. Topics of current interest, controversies, and myths are highlighted.

Credits: 4

Department: Biology

BIO 1521: Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab

Students learn about both form and function of the human body. Content includes neuroanatomy and neurophysiology; senses (vision, olfaction, taste, hearing, equilibrium); and functional anatomy/physiology of the endocrine, urinary, circulatory, lymphatic, respiratory, digestive, and reproductive systems. Lab exercises use microscope slides, models, and dissection for a hands-on approach and a practical knowledge of anatomy.

Credits: 1.5

PREREQ: BIO1520

Department: Biology

BIO 1550: General Biology I

Introduction to contemporary biology, covering cell structure and function, genetics, development, and molecular biology. This course is for science majors and premedical students; students with limited high school science and mathematics can satisfy college distribution requirements with BIO 1510 or 1520.

Credits: 4

Department: Biology

BIO 1551: General Biology I Lab

Lab exercises on cell organization, cell division, genetics, enzyme kinetics, photosynthesis, and development, and the use of light microscopes, spectrophotometer, and chromatography. *Required for premedical students, biology majors, biochemistry majors, and environmental studies majors.*

Credits: 1.5

PREREQ: BIO1550

Department: Biology

BIO 1560: General Biology II

Second semester of an introduction to contemporary biology, covering plant and animal morphology and physiology, ecology, behavior, and evolution. This course is for science majors and premedical students; students with limited high school science and mathematics can satisfy college distribution requirements with BIO 1510 or 1520.

Credits: 4

Department: Biology

BIO 1561: General Biology II Lab

Vertebrate anatomy and physiology, and examination of selected plant and animal phyla through lab exercises, experiments, and field trips. *Required for premedical students, biology majors, and environmental studies majors.*

Credits: 1.5

PREREQ: BIO1560

Department: Biology

BIO 1880: Biology Freshman Seminar

This supplement to BIO 1550 introduces biology majors and undeclared potential majors to the biology program and faculty and assists students in planning and succeeding in their course of study. *Required for all freshman biology majors enrolled in BIO 1550.*

Credits: 1

COREQ: BIO1550

Department: Biology

BIO 2850: Coral Reef Biology and Ecology

An introduction to biology and ecology of coral reefs, using scuba diving. Extensive field work, observations of living organisms, projects, lectures, and labs. Topics include reef coral biology and identification; field sampling; reef monitoring; threats to reefs; reef inhabitants (invertebrates, fish, sea turtles, algae); dolphins and whales; mangroves and sea grasses; local culture, history, and environment; substance and process of science.

Note: This course involves scuba diving. It will be possible to learn to scuba dive during the program or to complete the open-water dives for a scuba course taken before the program. Scuba divers must be certified by a nationally recognized organization. All students must be physically capable and healthy enough for field work, scuba diving, and boat work; able to swim and willing to scuba dive in the ocean and from boats; and have a physician's certification of adequate health and physical fitness to participate in course activities.

Credits: 4

Department: Biology

BIO 2890: Biology Program Seminar

Introduces biology majors and potential majors to the field of study, to the faculty, to the opportunities available to students and graduates, and to necessary computer and writing skills. Programs are presented by biology faculty members and include readings of relevant scientific papers, associated writing assignments, labs, and field trips. *Required for all biology majors and potential majors immediately following BIO 1550 and 1560, and for all transfer students.*

Credits: 2

PREREQ: BIO1550 Or BIO1560

Department: Biology

BIO 3160: Genetics

Basic but intensive survey of the mechanisms of heredity, covering gametogenesis, mutagenesis, chromosome mapping, transmission genetics, and an introduction to population genetics. The lab is optional.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: BIO3530

Department: Biology

BIO 3161: Genetics Lab

Lab and statistical exercises employing Drosophila, human, and plant material, selected to complement the lecture course.

Credits: 1.5

PREREQ: BIO3160

Department: Biology

BIO 3170: Developmental Biology

Lecture course examining patterns and processes of animal development from fertilization to organogenesis in vertebrates and invertebrates. Emphasis is placed on the genetic control of development and on molecular and cellular mechanisms of differentiation and morphogenesis. The lab is optional.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: BIO3530 And CHE1550 And CHE1560

Department: Biology

BIO 3171: Developmental Biology Lab

Students perform lab studies on the embryology of the sea urchin, frog, chick, and zebrafish, as well as slime mold development, gametogenesis, regeneration, and insect development. Students also perform gene knockdown experiments and examine the phenotypic consequences.

Credits: 1.5

PREREQ: BIO3170

Department: Biology

BIO 3200: Biotechnology I

Lecture and lab course trains students in modern methods. Topics may include isolation and characterization of biomolecules, plasmids, and cellular organelles; restriction endonuclease mapping; transformation with recombinant DNA molecules; DNA amplification using polymerase chain reaction; nucleic acid hybridization; tissue culture; and fluorescent labeling.

Credits: 3.5

PREREQ: BIO3530

Department: Biology

BIO 3205: Biotechnology II

Lecture and lab course trains students in modern methods for work in the biotechnology industry. Lectures and visiting experts provide an overview of the industry and needed skills. Labs may include isolation/characterization of biomolecules and plasmids, restriction endonuclease mapping, transformation with recombinant DNA molecules, DNA amplification using polymerase chain reaction, and nucleic acid hybridization.

Credits: 5.5

PREREQ: BIO3530 And (BIO3200 Or BIO3670)

Department: Biology

BIO 3250: Animal Physiology

Lecture course examining the major organ systems of the vertebrates. Topics include neurophysiology and sensory biology, muscle contraction, cardiovascular physiology, respiratory physiology, osmoregulation, and digestion. Physiological adaptations of vertebrates to extreme environments (e.g., high altitude and aquatic hypoxia) are also discussed.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: BIO3530

Department: Biology

BIO 3251: Animal Physiology Lab

Lab course on vertebrate (animal and human) physiology. Topics include neurophysiology and sensory biology, muscle contraction, cardiovascular physiology (anatomy, blood pressure, EKG), respiratory physiology, exercise physiology, fluid balance, and osmoregulation.

Credits: 1.5

PREREQ: BIO1550 And BIO1560 And BIO3530 And CHE1550 And CHE1560 And BIO3250

Department: Biology

BIO 3360: Microbiology

Lecture and lab course examining the anatomy and life processes of microorganisms with emphasis on bacteria and viruses. Topics include macromolecular aspects of growth, expression of genetic information, ecological adaptations, and infection and immunity. *Lab exercises require time in addition to the scheduled period.*

Credits: 5.5

PREREQ: BIO3530 And CHE1550 And CHE1560

Department: Biology

BIO 3430: Vertebrate Zoology

Lecture and lab course examining the evolution of the major groups of vertebrates and emphasizing the interrelationship of vertebrate form, function, and environment in extinct and extant groups. Topics include locomotion, respiration, circulation, osmoregulation, and sensory physiology. The required lab covers anatomy, morphology, behavior, and evolution of vertebrates and includes studies at the American Museum of Natural History, the Bronx Zoo, the Norwalk Maritime Center, and Greenwich Audubon.

Credits: 5.5

PREREQ: BIO3530

Department: Biology

BIO 3440: Invertebrate Zoology

A survey of the biology of freshwater, marine, and terrestrial invertebrates. Considers structure, function, development, evolution, ecology, and phylogenetic relationships. The required lab includes examination of representative species (as possible) and some independent field work to study/collect invertebrates in natural environments.

Credits: 5.5

PREREQ: BIO3530

Department: Biology

BIO 3530: Cell Biology

Cellular organization and function, and molecular genetics, with emphasis on eukaryotic cells. Topics include cellular genomes; replication and maintenance of genomic DNA; RNA and protein synthesis, processing, and regulation; macromolecular structure and processes of organelles; vesicular transport; cytoskeleton; the cell surface; cell signaling; and cell cycle. Students prepare a paper based on current literature in the field. *Required for all biology majors immediately following BIO 1550 and 1560.*

Credits: 4

PREREQ: BIO1550 And BIO1560 And BIO2890 And CHE1550

Department: Biology

BIO 3850: Coral Reef Biology and Ecology

An introduction to biology and ecology of coral reefs, using scuba diving. Extensive field work, observations of living organisms, projects, lectures, and labs. Topics include reef coral biology and identification; field sampling; reef monitoring; threats to reefs; reef inhabitants (invertebrates, fish, sea turtles, algae); dolphins and whales; mangroves and sea grasses; local culture, history, and environment; substance and process of science.

Note: This course involves scuba diving. It will be possible to learn to scuba dive during the program or to complete the open-water dives for a scuba course taken before the program. Scuba divers must be certified by a nationally recognized organization. All students must be physically capable and healthy enough for field work, scuba diving, and boat work; able to swim and willing to scuba dive in the ocean and from boats; and have a physician's certification of adequate health and physical fitness to participate in course activities.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: BIO1550 And BIO1560

Department: Biology

BIO 3890: Biology Junior Seminar

A series of seminars and exercises on basic skills for research, literature review, scientific writing, and communication. Each biology faculty member presents a seminar on his or her own research, illustrating possibilities for senior projects. Students choose a senior project topic and sponsor and prepare a formal research proposal. *Required for all junior biology majors before beginning the senior project; generally taken after completion of BIO 3530 and two advanced electives.*

Credits: 3

PREREQ: BIO2890 And BIO3530

Department: Biology

BIO 3892: Biotechnology Seminar

A series of seminars and exercises on basic skills for research, literature review, scientific writing, and communication, with a focus on the Biotechnology industry. Presentations on possibilities for Senior Project topics. Students choose a senior project topic and sponsor, and prepare a formal research proposal. Required for Biology majors in the Biotechnology Concentration before beginning the Senior Project; generally taken in the junior year, and after completion of Cell Biology and two advanced electives, including Biotechnology I.

Credits: 3

COREQ: BIO3205

PREREQ: BIO2890 And BIO3530 And BIO3200

Department: Biology

BIO 4300: Genomics

An overview of central concepts and methods in the rapidly growing field of genomics. Topics focus on genome projects, molecular genetics, genetic architecture, sequencing methods, bioinformatics, phylogenetics, gene expression analysis, and epigenomics. Throughout the course, students explore the impact of

advances in genomics on human health, public policy, the environment, and biomedical ethics.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: BIO3530

Department: Biology

BIO 4560: Immunology

Lecture course examining both the humoral and cellular immune systems. Topics include antibodies; cellular immunity; immunogenetics; inflammation and resistance to bacterial and viral infection; immunoprophylaxis, immunodiagnostics, and immunological diseases, including hypersensitivity (allergy); autoimmunity; and immunodeficiency. Students prepare a paper based on current literature in the field.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: BIO3530

Department: Biology

BIO 4620: Molecular Biology

Structure, function, and regulation of genes at the molecular level. Topics include transcription; RNA processing; involvement of RNA in protein synthesis; DNA replication, mutation, and repair; gene cloning; DNA sequencing; PCR amplification; and applications of recombinant DNA technology (including gene therapy). Students write a short research grant proposal on a topic of their choice, incorporating molecular approaches learned in class.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: BIO3530

Department: Biology

BIO 4650: Transmission Electron Microscopy and Cell Ultrastructure

Lecture course covering the techniques of transmission electron microscopy and the principles of cell ultrastructure. Lectures consider the structural organization of the cell and its organelles. Labs include practical instruction in the basic techniques required for the preparation and examination of biological materials. A written exam, project, and report are required.

Credits: 6

PREREQ: BIO3530

Department: Biology

BIO 4651: Transmission Electron Microscopy and Cell Ultrastructure Lab

Lab course covering the techniques of transmission electron microscopy and the principles of cell ultrastructure. Lectures consider the structural organization of the cell and its organelles. Labs include practical instruction in the basic techniques required for the preparation and examination of biological materials. A written exam, project, and report are required.

Credits: 0

COREQ: BIO4650

Department: Biology

BIO 4720: Evolution

A survey of historic, observational, and experimental evidence for past and present processes of biological evolution. Familiarity with the principles of genetics is assumed. Each student presents one seminar on an appropriate topic or organism and submits a fully documented term paper.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: BIO3530

Department: Biology

BIO 4760: Behavior Genetics

The study of genetic determinants of animal behavior. Each student presents at least one seminar and submits a term paper. Topics include the inheritance of monogenic and polygenic traits; disruptive and stabilizing selection for behavioral traits; ethological and psychological isolation; and assortative mating as it pertains to a variety of animals, including humans.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: BIO3160 And BIO3530

Department: Biology

BIO 4770: Scanning Electron Microscopy and Digital Imaging

Preparation and examination of biological and other materials for scanning electron microscopy. Lectures consider theoretical aspects of microscopy and imaging. Interpretation of micrographs is emphasized, and a project and report are required. The lab is required.

Credits: 5.5

PREREQ: BIO3530

Department: Biology

Biology Concentrations

Description:

Concentrations allow students to focus their coursework in any of several areas of study. They are available to students pursuing either a BA or a BS in biology, but are not required for either degree.

Courses required for the concentration are completed in the course of, or in addition to, satisfying the requirements for the BA or BS in biology. Concentrations require a senior project in the general subject area of the concentration, as well as specific coursework.

Requirements:

Cellular and Molecular Biology

- BIO 3530/Cell Biology
- BIO 4620/Molecular Biology
- Three courses from the following list:
 - BIO 3170/Developmental Biology
 - BIO 3250/Animal Physiology
 - BIO 3360/Microbiology
 - BIO 3670/Cellular and Molecular Techniques
 - BIO 4300/Genomics
 - BIO 4560/Immunology
 - BIO 4650/Transmission Electron Microscopy and Cell Ultrastructure
 - CHE 4610/Biochemistry
- Senior project in the general subject area of cellular and molecular biology

Evolutionary and Behavioral Biology

- BIO 3160/Genetics
- BIO 4720/Evolution
- ENV 3820/Animal Behavior
- Two courses from the following list:
 - BIO 3250/Animal Physiology
 - BIO 3360/Microbiology
 - BIO 3430/Vertebrate Zoology
 - BIO 3440/Invertebrate Zoology
 - BIO 4300/Genomics
 - BIO 4760/Behavior Genetics
 - ENV 3120/General Ecology
 - PSY 3660/Physiological Psychology
- Senior project in the general subject area of evolutionary and behavioral biology

Biotechnology

- BIO 3200/Biotechnology I
- BIO 3205/Biotechnology II

- BIO 3360/Microbiology
- BIO 3530/Cell Biology
- One of the following statistics courses:
ENV 3025/Biostatistics or
MAT 1600/Introductory Statistics or
PSY 2320/Behavioral Statistics or
PSY 3635/Honors Seminar in Statistics and Research Design
- One of the following courses:
BIO 4300/Genomics
BIO 4620/Molecular Biology
- One of the following courses:
BIO 4650/Transmission Electron Microscopy and Cell Ultrastructure
BIO 4770/Scanning Electron Microscopy and Digital Imaging
- CHE 4610/Biochemistry
- BIO 3892/ Biotechnology Seminar
In fulfilling major requirements, this seminar is taken instead of BIO 3890/Junior Seminar
- Senior project involving sophisticated laboratory skills and techniques

Marine Biology and Ecology

- One of the following courses:
BIO 3360/Microbiology
BIO 3430/Vertebrate Zoology
BIO 3440/Invertebrate Zoology
- ENV 3120/General Ecology
- ENV 4460/Marine Ecology
- One field course at a marine laboratory (e.g., BIO 3850/Coral Reef Biology and Ecology, or a course at Shoals Marine Laboratory)
- Senior project in the general subject area of marine biology

Genetics

- BIO 3160/Genetics
- BIO 4300/Genomics

- BIO 4620/Molecular Biology
- Two courses from the following list:
 - BIO 3170/Developmental Biology
 - BIO 4720/Evolution
 - BIO 4760/Behavior Genetics
 - CHE 4610/Biochemistry
- Senior project in the general subject area of genetics

Microscopy and Imaging

- BIO 3360/Microbiology
- BIO 3530/Cell Biology
- BIO 4650/Transmission Electron Microscopy and Cell Ultrastructure
- BIO 4770/Scanning Electron Microscopy and Digital Imaging
- BIO 4771/Scanning Electron Microscopy and Digital Imaging Lab
- Senior project involving microscopy and imaging techniques

Biochemistry (also open to chemistry majors)

- CHE 4610/Biochemistry with CHE 4611/Biochemistry Lab
- BIO 4620/Molecular Biology
- Two courses from the following list:
 - BIO 3360/Microbiology
 - BIO 3530/Cell Biology
 - BIO 3670/Cellular and Molecular Techniques
 - CHE 3150/Chemical Instrumentation and Analytical Methods
- Senior project in the general subject area of biochemistry

Chemistry

Description:

Chemistry occupies a key position in the modern sciences, influencing nearly every aspect of human enterprise, from agriculture, industry, and medicine to theoretical research on the origin

and structure of the universe.

It forms not only a basis for understanding non-living material systems—its traditional domain—but biological systems and many psychological processes as well. Ultimately, most phenomena in biology, medicine, geology, and environmental sciences can be stated in terms of the chemical and physical behavior of atoms and molecules.

A major in chemistry not only serves students who intend to pursue a career in chemistry; it is also provides a sound foundation for related careers in such fields as medicine and environmental science, teaching, law, business, art conservation, and journalism.

About the Curriculum

The chemistry curriculum at Purchase is designed to introduce students to all of the principal areas of modern chemistry, including organic, inorganic, physical, biological, analytical, and environmental chemistry. A career in chemistry or a closely allied field demands that the individual evolve toward a self-teaching style of scholarly independence. The chemistry curriculum at Purchase provides a foundation from which this long-range educational goal can be achieved.

Freshmen are encouraged to consult members of the chemistry faculty, in addition to their freshman advisors, concerning questions about chemistry at Purchase, program planning, and careers in chemistry and related fields.

Chemistry Education

The chemistry program has a variety of chemistry and related courses tailored to prepare students who are interested in pursuing careers as high school chemistry teachers. Upon completion, the courses allow students to proceed for a “one year” master’s degree in education at one of the SUNY/CUNY campuses and subsequent certification.

Requirements:

To declare chemistry as a major, students are required to have passed General Chemistry I and II (or the equivalent courses for transfer students) with grades of C or higher. Other courses required for the chemistry major, including support courses but excluding the senior project, must be completed with a grade of C- or higher.

In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, all chemistry majors must complete the following requirements (64 credits):

Chemistry Courses (46 credits)

A minimum cumulative 2.0 (C) GPA is required in all chemistry courses, excluding the senior project:

- CHE 1550/General Chemistry I: 4 credits
- CHE 1551/General Chemistry I Lab: 1 credit

- CHE 1560/General Chemistry II: 4 credits
- CHE 1561/General Chemistry II Lab: 1 credit
- CHE 3150/Chemical Instrumentation and Analytical Methods: 5 credits
- CHE 3310/Organic Chemistry I: 4 credits
- CHE 3311/Organic Chemistry I Lab: 1 credit
- CHE 3320/Organic Chemistry II: 4 credits
- CHE 3321/Organic Chemistry II Lab: 1 credit
- CHE 3510/Physical Chemistry I: 5 credits
- A minimum of 4 credits of advanced chemistry electives, chosen from the following list:
 - CHE 3520/Physical Chemistry II: 4 credits
 - CHE 3740/Medicinal Chemistry: 3 credits
 - CHE 3997/Independent Study: 1–3 credits
 - CHE 4600/Bioorganic Mechanisms: 4 credits
 - CHE 4610/Biochemistry: 4 credits
 - CHE 4611/Biochemistry Lab: 2 credits
 - CHE 4800/Special Topics in Chemistry: 3 credits
- CHE 3890/Chemistry Junior Seminar: 2 credits
- CHE 4880/Chemistry Senior Seminar I: 1 credit
- CHE 4890/Chemistry Senior Seminar II: 1 credit
- SPJ 4990/Senior Project I: 4 credits
- SPJ 4991/Senior Project II: 4 credits

Support Courses (18 credits)

- MAT 1500/Calculus I: 4 credits
- MAT 1510/Calculus II: 4 credits
- PHY 1510/Introductory Physics I: 4 credits
- PHY 1511/Introductory Physics I Lab: 1 credit
- PHY 1520/Introductory Physics II: 4 credits
- PHY 1521/Introductory Physics II Lab: 1 credit

Minor requirements:

Students interested in the minor in chemistry must submit a completed [Application for a Program of Minor Study](#) to the Department Chair of Chemistry.

Academic Requirements for the Minor in Chemistry

Students may choose one of the two following pathways:

Pathway One:

- CHE 1550 and 1551/General Chemistry I and Lab

- CHE 1560 and 1561/General Chemistry II and Lab
- CHE 3310 and 3311/Organic Chemistry I and Lab
- CHE 3320 and 3321/Organic Chemistry II and Lab
- And one upper-level elective in chemistry (minimum 3 credits)

Pathway Two:

- CHE 1550 and 1551/General Chemistry I and Lab
- CHE 1560 and 1561/General Chemistry II and Lab
- CHE 3310 and 3311/Organic Chemistry I and Lab
- CHE 3350/Organic Chemistry Bridge to Biochemistry
- And two upper-level electives in chemistry (a lecture and lab combination satisfies this requirement)

Many biology majors at Purchase automatically qualify for a minor in chemistry. For additional information, refer to [**Chemistry Minor for Biology Majors**](#).

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Distinguished Service Professor of Chemistry

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Courses

CHE 1550: General Chemistry I

The principles and applications of chemistry. Topics include the development of an atomic/molecular model, stoichiometry, interaction of light with matter, and the physical behavior of solids, liquids, and gases.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: MAT1150 Or MAT1500

Department: Chemistry

CHE 1551: General Chemistry I Lab

Emphasizes basic techniques in synthetic and analytical chemistry.

Credits: 1

COREQ: CHE1550

Department: Chemistry

CHE 1560: General Chemistry II

A continuation of CHE 1550. Topics include chemical kinetics and equilibrium, electrochemistry, thermodynamics, acids and bases, and the chemistry of representative elements..

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CHE1550 And MAT1150 Or MAT1500

Department: Chemistry

CHE 1561: General Chemistry II Lab

Emphasizes basic techniques in synthetic and analytical chemistry.

Credits: 1

COREQ: CHE1560

PREREQ: CHE1551

Department: Chemistry

CHE 3055: Fundamentals of Scientific Inquiry: Chemistry

This is a fully on-line research/project-based course. This hands-on experiential lecture/lab course provides students with an opportunity to experience how professional scientists do research from conception of a research project to publication. Student work closely with a faculty mentor to develop a research project, collect and analyze data, and present results at a symposium. Students also engage in interactive professional development and skills-building webinars focused on developing their quantitative, analytic, and science communication skills. At the end of the course, student present their work at a final summer research symposium.

Credits: 5

Department: Chemistry

CHE 3150: Chemical Instrumentation and Analytical Methods

The lecture covers general analytical chemistry, including gravimetric and volumetric analysis, solution chemistry, and an introduction to the theory and use of modern analytical instruments. The required lab acquaints students with general wet chemistry techniques and with instrumental methods of qualitative and quantitative analysis.

Credits: 5

PREREQ: CHE1560

Department: Chemistry

CHE 3310: Organic Chemistry I

An introduction to the chemistry of carbon compounds. The structural theory is used to develop an understanding of the physical properties and chemical reactivity of organic compounds. Compounds are grouped according to structure, using a functional group approach. Reactions are organized according to similarities in mechanism, with an emphasis on electron flow. Infrared and NMR spectroscopy are also introduced.

Credits: 4

COREQ: CHE3311

PREREQ: CHE1560

Department: Chemistry

CHE 3311: Organic Chemistry I Lab

Lab experience in organic chemistry, with an emphasis on microscale techniques.

Credits: 1

COREQ: CHE3310

Department: Chemistry

CHE 3320: Organic Chemistry II

The concepts learned in CHE 3310 are elaborated on and more complex organic reactions are studied, including the mechanism and the use in multistep synthesis problems. More compounds, such as aromatics, carbonyl- and carboxyl-compounds, and their reactions are discussed, and the structure, reactivity, and reactions of carbohydrates, proteins, and lipids are introduced.

Credits: 4

COREQ: CHE3321

PREREQ: CHE3310

Department: Chemistry

CHE 3321: Organic Chemistry II Lab

Continued study of the spectroscopic methods for structure determination of unknown compounds. Synthetic methods for the preparation of interesting compounds are emphasized.

Credits: 1

COREQ: CHE3320

Department: Chemistry

CHE 3510: Physical Chemistry I

A lecture course introducing the principles of chemical thermodynamics and chemical dynamics. Applications in chemical equilibria, phase equilibria, properties of solutions, chemical kinetics, and transport properties are included.

Credits: 5

PREREQ: CHE3320 And PHY1520 And MAT1510

Department: Chemistry

CHE 3740: Medicinal Chemistry

An introduction to how drugs are designed and the molecular mechanisms by which drugs act in the body. Covers the basic principles and techniques of medicinal chemistry, including drug administration and metabolism, as well as specific topic areas within medicinal chemistry (e.g., opium analgesics and adrenergic receptor antagonists).

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CHE3320 Or CHE3015 Or CHE3350

Department: Chemistry

CHE 3890: Chemistry Junior Seminar

Students complete a senior research proposal, which is submitted to the chemistry faculty for review and approval. Students also attend research seminars presented by faculty and guest speakers. *Required for juniors majoring in chemistry.*

Credits: 2

Department: Chemistry

CHE 4610: Biochemistry

An introduction to the structure, function, and metabolism of the four classes of biomolecules: proteins, carbohydrates, lipids, and nucleic acids. Topics include molecular biology; the structure, regulation, and kinetics of enzymes; and the structure and function of vitamins.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: CHE3320 Or CHE3350 Or CHE3015

Department: Chemistry

CHE 4611: Biochemistry Lab

Practical hands-on experimental techniques for isolation and analysis of the four classes of biomolecules: proteins, carbohydrates, lipids, and nucleic acids. *Required for biochemistry majors.*

Credits: 2

COREQ: CHE4610

PREREQ: CHE3321

Department: Chemistry

CHE 4880: Chemistry Senior Seminar I

Faculty, visiting scientists, and seniors in chemistry present results of current research projects. Students are graded on the basis of oral presentations of senior project results made to the faculty and their peers.

Credits: 1

Department: Chemistry

CHE 4890: Chemistry Senior Seminar II

Faculty, visiting scientists, and seniors in chemistry present results of current research projects. Students are graded on the basis of oral presentations of senior project results made to the faculty and their peers.

Credits: 1

Department: Chemistry

Economics

Description:

The main goal of the economics program is to train students in the “economic way of thinking” and to use economics as a tool to understand, analyze, and solve problems in all walks of life.

The **economics major** at Purchase College is designed to train students in the tools and language used in economics and to give them:

1. a rigorous understanding of economic theory and its historical development.
2. the ability to apply economics theory to real-world problems.
3. the ability to conduct interdisciplinary analysis.
4. the ability to combine analytical skills, critical writing skills, and quantitative skills needed to succeed in a highly competitive economy.

The **economics minor** at Purchase College is designed to introduce students to:

1. the economic way of thinking.
2. analytical and quantitative tools.
3. interdisciplinary analysis.

The economics faculty has an unusual breadth of teaching, research, and policy perspectives rarely found in liberal arts colleges. This provides students with rigorous training in neoclassical

economics and an exposure to contemporary Austrian economics, cultural economics, public choice theory, law and economics, urban economics, and behavioral economics. Students have the opportunity to develop their quantitative skills. The program also exposes students to a wide range of policy issues concerning the role of government, economics and the arts, cities and culture, political economy, and international issues.

Given the specialization of the faculty at Purchase College, economics students can take courses that focus on cultural economics, quantitative economics, and political economy. These areas may be studied in regular courses and in tutorials and independent studies. Students also have the opportunity to work in depth on one area in their senior project, mentored closely by a faculty member. In every case, the faculty is dedicated to developing each student's ability to think critically, write clearly, and conduct research.

Students majoring in economics are also encouraged to engage in related activities, such as attending economics lectures, presenting at conferences, joining reading groups in economics, and pursuing **internships** and **study abroad** programs during their four years at Purchase.

About Our Alumni

Many of our alumni pursue graduate training in economics, public policy, business or law; others want a broad-based liberal arts education in economics, but do not pursue advanced work after graduation. Alumni of the economics program have gone on to successful careers in a variety of fields, including finance, journalism, the arts, education, government, law, and entrepreneurship.

Requirements:

In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, all economics majors must complete the following requirements (56 credits):

- MAT 1150/Precalculus (4 credits)
- Two introductory-level theory courses (8 credits); a grade of C+ or higher is required in each:
ECO 1500/Macroeconomic Theory I
ECO 1510/Microeconomics I
- Two intermediate-level theory courses (8 credits):
ECO 3010/Macroeconomic Theory II
ECO 3260/Microeconomics II
- One statistics course:(4 credits)
 - ECO 2040/Essentials of Statistics for Decision Making *or*
 - MAT1600/Introductory Statistics *or*
 - PSY 2320/Behavioral Statistics
- ECO 3070/Econometrics *or*
ECO 3360/History of Economic Thought (4 credits)
- Four electives in economics* (16 credits)

*Refer to the list of examples below.

- ECO 3880/Junior Seminar in Economics: 2 credits
- ECO 4880/Economics Senior Seminar I: 1 credit
- ECO 4890/Economics Senior Seminar II: 1 credit
- SPJ 4990/Senior Project I: 4 credits
- SPJ 4991/Senior Project II: 4 credits

Refer to [**The Senior Project**](#) for additional information.

Examples of Economics Electives

The following are examples of elective courses in economics. New courses may be added to this list every year.

- ECO 2085/Arts and Entertainment in Economics
- ECO 2280/Environmental Economics
- ECO 2300/Business Economics
- ECO 2325/The Development of Modern Capitalism
- ECO 2355/Gender Economics
- ECO 2550/Law and Economics
- ECO 3070/Econometrics
- ECO 3080/Game Theory
- ECO 3100/Cities, Culture, and Economy
- ECO 3190/Money and Banking
- ECO 3195/Financial Economics
- ECO 3200/The Global Economy
- ECO 3330/Cultural Economics
- ECO 3360/History of Economic Thought
- ECO 3400/Business, Government, and Society
- ECO 3430/Entrepreneurship, Public Policy, and the Law
- ECO 3440/Sports Economics
- ECO 3600/Behavioral Economics
- ECO 3650/Special Topics in Economics
- ECO 4250/Advanced Seminar in Economics
- MAT 1025/Personal Finance *Note- Students can take this through Spring 2022.

Additional notes for economics majors:

1. In addition to the grade requirement in the two introductory courses, economics majors must maintain a GPA of 2.0 (C) or higher in required courses, but not necessarily in any one course (except where specified).
2. These requirements should, where possible, be taken in the years appropriate to their numbers: 1000-level in the freshman year, 2000-level in the sophomore year, etc. In addition to the required courses, there are many exciting opportunities for economics-related internships in the business, government, and nonprofit sectors.
3. It is highly recommended that the senior thesis be written in a subject area in which a student already has some knowledge through prior coursework.

Minor requirements:

A minor in economics is awarded to any student who completes at least five economics courses, as outlined below.

This great flexibility permits students to design their own program around a series of economics courses of interest to them. Students interested in the minor should submit a completed [Application for a Program of Minor Study](#).

Members of the [economics faculty](#) assist students in designing their individualized minor. It is recommended that students begin their minor with one or both of the two required introductory-level courses: ECO 1500 and ECO 1510.

Academic Requirements for the Minor in Economics

At least five courses, as follows:

- ECO 1500/Macroeconomic Theory I
- ECO 1510/Microeconomics I

At least three electives (minimum 12 credits), chosen from the following:

- ECO 2040/Essentials of Statistics for Decision Making
- ECO 2085/Arts and Entertainment in Economics
- ECO 2280/Environmental Economics
- ECO 2300/Business Economics
- ECO 2325/The Development of Modern Capitalism
- ECO 2550/Law and Economics
- ECO 2355/Gender Economics
- ECO 3010/Macroeconomic Theory II
- ECO 3070/Econometrics
- ECO 3080/Game Theory
- ECO 3100/Cities, Culture, and Economy

- ECO 3190/Money and Banking
- ECO 3195/Financial Economics
- ECO 3200/The Global Economy
- ECO 3260/Microeconomics II
- ECO 3330/Cultural Economics
- ECO 3360/History of Economic Thought
- ECO 3400/Business, Government, and Society
- ECO 3430/Entrepreneurship, Public Policy, and the Law
- ECO 3440/Sports Economics
- ECO 3600/Behavioral Economics
- ECO 3650 Special Topics in Economics
- ECO 4250/Advanced Seminar in Economics
- MAT1025/Personal Finance *Note- Available to students until Spring 2022.

Faculty

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Courses

ECO 1500: Macroeconomic Theory I

An introductory course on modern theory of the causes of unemployment, inflation, economic growth, and a strong or weak dollar. The course treats the economy as a system and examines the ways in which its behavior can be influenced by policy (e.g., the monetary policy of the Federal Reserve Board, fiscal policies of Congress and the Administration).

Credits: 4

Department: Economics

ECO 1510: Microeconomics I: The Principles of Human Action

A practical introduction to the logic of human action with applications to daily life. This course traces the implication of choice in the face of scarcity and imperfect knowledge. Topics include the nature and value of cost, the spontaneous emergence of social order, demand-supply analysis, theory of markets, and public policy.

Credits: 4

Department: Economics

ECO 2040: Essentials of Statistics for Decision Making

An introductory course in statistics focusing on applications of descriptive and inferential statistics. Students are introduced to the meaning and role of statistics in decision making in business, economics, policy, and in the analysis of data driven information. Students learn essential statistical techniques and to manage and

analyze data in Excel. Students apply statistical inference to make informed managerial decisions.

Credits: 4

Department: Economics

ECO 2085: Arts and Entertainment in Economics

A survey course that reviews economic and financial aspects of the film, music, performing arts, sports, radio, and broadcasting industries.

Credits: 4

Department: Economics

ECO 2105: Entrepreneurship I: Turning Ideas Into Startups

Designed for students interested in the economics surrounding startups and entrepreneurship, business financing, and managing a company. This course breaks down the process of launching a business into practical steps, and students are asked to develop a business plan. In doing so, students learn many aspects of financing, managing, and developing tools of entrepreneurial decision-making.

Credits: 4

Department: Economics

ECO 2106: Entrepreneurship II: Executing On Your Business Plan

An advanced entrepreneurship course designed to follow a similar structure to popular entrepreneurship incubator and accelerator programs. Throughout the semester, students will work on bringing their idea to life. These steps include: finalizing the investor pitch, building the product and creating prototypes, implementing effective sales strategies, and setting up book keeping, accounting, and financials.

Credits: 4

Department: Economics

ECO 2280: Environmental Economics

Economics can help define, address, and solve many environmental problems. This course provides students with a set of conceptual tools that are useful in addressing environmental issues like pollution and pollution abatement, the conservation of natural resources, environmental regulation, and the political economy of environmentalism.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ECO1510

Department: Economics

ECO 2325: The Development of Modern Capitalism

A study of the social and economic history of the great transformation of European civilization from the preindustrial world to the era of industrialization and the shifts in the ideas, ideologies, and social and economic policies that accompanied it.

Credits: 4

Department: Economics

ECO 2355: Gender Economics

This course covers three areas of gender economics. The first examines basic facts and trends regarding women's distinct economic experiences, particularly the gender gap in education, wages, occupations, and labor supply. The second examines the impact of marriage market forces and reproductive constraints on women's socio-economic choices. The third provides a historical and international overview of women's rights.

Credits: 4

Department: Economics

ECO 2550: Law and Economics

Students apply the basic concepts of economics to examine the formation, structure, processes, and consequences of law and legal institutions. The interactions between the legal process and the market process are studied with respect to policy. Topics include intellectual property, environment protection, bankruptcy, tort law, regulation, and property rights.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ECO1500 Or ECO1510

Department: Economics

ECO 3010: Macroeconomic Theory II

A continuation of ECO 1500. Treating the entire economy as a system, contemporary economic theories are introduced to explain: what causes economic growth and a strong or weak dollar; how spending decisions interact with national money and bond markets to affect interest, inflation, and unemployment rates; and how economic performance in one country can affect other countries.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ECO1500

Department: Economics

ECO 3070: Econometrics

An introduction to econometric theory and methods. Particular emphasis is placed on multiple regression techniques widely used in economic research. These include hypothesis testing, choice of functional form, distributed lags, instrumental variable estimation techniques, dummy variables, and two-stage least squares. Problems associated with autocorrelation, heteroscedasticity, and multicollinearity are also discussed.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: MAT1600 Or PSY2320

Department: Economics

ECO 3080: Game Theory

An overview of game theory concepts with emphasis on how successful outcomes of decisions in economics and other disciplines are influenced by the behavior of others. Examples include the “prisoner’s dilemma” and a Nash equilibrium. Students develop analytical tools that allow them to formally analyze outcomes in strategic situations.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ECO1510

Department: Economics

ECO 3100: Cities, Culture, and the Economy

Is there a common set of social institutions or environments that gives rise to both successful urban economies and flourishing arts and culture? Proposing that such a set exists, this course attempts to identify it; traces its implications for cultural and economic development; and explores the interrelations of capitalism, cities, and culture. While areas of culture and society are addressed, the analytical framework is that of economics and political economy.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ECO1500 Or ECO1510 Or ECO2085 Or ECO2325

Department: Economics

ECO 3190: Money and Banking

Details the history and functions of banks and financial institutions. Topics include the evolution of banking, the importance of banking in a community, the functions of banking (credit, deposit, and payment), the Federal Reserve System, and current issues and trends in the industry.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ECO1500

Department: Economics

ECO 3195: Financial Economics

Topics include the economic role of financial markets and the major financial institutions operating in these markets, principles of security pricing and portfolio management, security exchanges and investment banking, the capital asset pricing model, securitization, option pricing, and derivatives.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ECO1510

Department: Economics

ECO 3200: The Global Economy

A policy-oriented examination of current events in international economic relations. Topics include global economic interdependence; the politics and economics of U.S. trade policy; regional trading blocs; European monetary union; reform in transitional economies; U.S.-Japan and U.S.-E.U. economic relations; roles of the International Monetary Fund, World Bank, and World Trade Organization; and debt burdens of developing countries. A background in economics is not required.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ECO1500 Or ECO1510

Department: Economics

ECO 3260: Microeconomics II: Tools for Problem Solving

Further elaboration and discussion of topics in microeconomics, including applications of decision-making under asymmetric information, market power, common law, politics, and the impact of time and uncertainty on choice.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ECO1510

Department: Economics

ECO 3330: Cultural Economics

Examines the economics of the cultural sector, including differences between U.S. and European policies of government support. Other topics include intellectual property rights, including copyright; emerging trends in art and online; artists' labor markets (e.g., are artists poor? why do superstars exist?); the economics of religion; and the economics of language.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ECO1500 Or ECO1510 Or ECO2085

Department: Economics

ECO 3360: History of Economic Thought

Examines the evolution of economic thought from the late 19th century to the present. Topics include the rise of neoclassical theory, the Keynesian critique of orthodoxy, and the later revisions by Keynesians and post-Keynesians. Students may also examine recent contributions in the Marxian tradition.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ECO1000-1994

Department: Economics

ECO 3400: Business, Government, and Society

An examination and critique of the U.S. government's objectives and policies concerning business and other social institutions, from the perspective of their influence on individual incentives. Topics vary, but typically include public policies on poverty, urban planning, business, regulation, and antitrust.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ECO1000-1994 Or ECO2000-2994 Or ECO3000-3994 Or ECO4000-4994

Department: Economics

ECO 3430: Entrepreneurship, Public Policy, and the Law

Provides the economic foundations for understanding the role of entrepreneurship in economic growth and how public policy and the law influence entrepreneurship. Students will explore regulations of entrepreneurial activity, with emphasis on new technology companies (e.g., Uber and Airbnb); the legal framework on launching and growing business ventures; and questions regarding how policies encourage or discourage entrepreneurship and innovation.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ECO1500 Or ECO1510

Department: Economics

ECO 3440: Sports Economics

Explore various aspects of the economics of sports and sports leagues, with a major focus on empirical analysis. The topics include the business and economics of professional team sports; analysis of leagues' competitive balance policies; labor market discrimination in professional sports; public finance aspects of professional sports teams and stadium financing; and relevant issues in collegiate sports.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ECO1510

Department: Economics

ECO 3600: Behavioral Economics

An introduction to behavioral economics that examines how the economic decisions of economic agents are influenced by cognitive, emotional, and social forces, and how these decisions influence resource allocation and well-being in ways that are often at variance from the analysis of standard economics. Topics include hyperbolic discounting, choice architecture, hedonic pricing, and public policy.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ECO3260

Department: Economics

ECO 3650: Special Topics in Economics

An advanced undergraduate course in economics. Topics vary from semester to semester and include such areas as microeconomics, macroeconomics, political economy, economic sociology, law and economics, and the history of ideas.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ECO1500 Or ECO1510

Department: Economics

ECO 3880: Junior Seminar in Economics

Primarily a writing and research methods introduction for economics majors in their junior year, to better equip them to write their senior projects.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: ECO1500 And ECO1510

Department: Economics

ECO 4250: Advanced Seminar in Economics

An advanced seminar geared toward (but not limited to) students interested in pursuing graduate studies in economics or related fields. Topics vary from semester to semester.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ECO1500 And ECO1510

Department: Economics

ECO 4880: Economics Senior Seminar I

This required, two-semester seminar assists seniors in undertaking the research and writing of their senior thesis. It focuses on the fundamentals of producing a good senior thesis, selected current issues in economic theory and policy that may be relevant to the research topics chosen by students, research tools available to those conducting economic research, and improvement of writing skills.

Credits: 1

PREREQ: ECO1500 And ECO1510 And (ECO3260 Or ECO3010)

Department: Economics

ECO 4890: Economics Senior Seminar II

This required, two-semester seminar assists seniors in undertaking the research and writing of their senior thesis. It focuses on the fundamentals of producing a good senior thesis, selected current issues in economic theory and policy that may be relevant to the research topics chosen by students, research tools available to those conducting economic research, and improvement of writing skills.

Credits: 1

PREREQ: ECO1500 And ECO1510 And (ECO3260 Or ECO3010) And (ECO3360 Or ECO3070)

Department: Economics

MAT 1025: Personal Finance

Students explore personal finance concepts. Core focus is to prepare students for civic engagement and to develop problem-solving skills, using personal finance topics. Learning outcomes are designed to develop an appreciation of personal finance and quantitative reasoning skills, including: employing quantitative methods to solve finance problems; interpreting and drawing inferences from data; representing and discussing financial information (visually, numerically, & verbally).

Credits: 4

Department: Economics

Environmental Studies

Description:

Making a Difference: The Natural World and Human Society

Environmental scientists understand the scope and severity of the problems facing human society. We also now recognize the importance of considering people's beliefs and preferences in the search for solutions to preserve the natural systems on which all life relies.

The environmental studies BA program at Purchase College reflects the interdisciplinary focus on the interactions among the sociopolitical, economic, and ecological systems where the natural world and human society overlap. This new approach offers challenges and opportunities for those motivated to help improve the health of our environment and the quality of human existence.

The program culminates in the senior project—a research project undertaken in collaboration with a faculty member. Senior research projects vary widely in topic and method, but all incorporate a common theme: environmental impacts cannot be addressed without consideration of human society.

Requirements:

In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, environmental studies majors must complete the following requirements (77 credits).

In addition to the foundation and synthesis courses, students must choose a concentration in either ecology or policy. Students are encouraged to complete the requirements for a minor in a cognate field, selected in consultation with the student's academic advisor. Electives count toward the general degree requirement of 120 total credits. Electives at the 3000- and 4000-level count toward the general degree requirement of 45 upper-level credits.

Required Foundation and Synthesis Courses

The required core of the environmental studies curriculum consists of the following foundation and synthesis courses. Grades earned in these courses must average at least 2.0 (C):

- ENV 1500/Introduction to Environmental Science
- BIO 1550/General Biology I
- BIO 1551/General Biology I Lab
- BIO 1560/General Biology II
- BIO 1561/General Biology II Lab
- ENV 2720/Geology
- ENV 3025/Biostatistics
- ENV 3030/Environmental Policy

- ENV 3120/General Ecology
- ENV 3150/Geographic Information Systems or ENV 3163/Cloud-Based GIS and Remote Sensing Technologies (*added Fall 2020*)
- One of the following courses:
ENV 3045/Environmental Impact Assessment or
ENV 3300/Environmental Regulations
- One of the following **physical education** courses:
PED 1000/Lifeguard Training or
PED 1050/Aerial Challenge Course or
PED 1070/Outdoor Skills or
PED 1105/Scuba or
PED 1120/Rock Climbing or
PED 1460/Kayaking Skills
- ENV 3880/Environmental Studies Junior Seminar
- ENV 3995/Internship in Environmental Studies (at least 2 credits)
- SPJ 4990/Senior Project I
- SPJ 4991/Senior Project II

Ecology Concentration

- CHE 1550/General Chemistry I
- CHE 1551/General Chemistry I Lab
- CHE 1560/General Chemistry II
- CHE 1561/General Chemistry II Lab
- *Electives (12 credits):*
Students must complete at least 12 credits in elective courses, chosen from the following. Please note that some of these courses have prerequisites and/or corequisites. New and reinstated courses may be added to the following list; students interested in taking elective courses not listed below should check with their faculty advisor before registering.
BIO 2850 or 3850/Coral Reef Biology and Ecology
BIO 3360/Microbiology
BIO 3430/Vertebrate Zoology
BIO 3440/Invertebrate Zoology
ENV 2030/Computer Applications in the Sciences
ENV 2050/Wildlife Toxicology
ENV 2300/Physical Geography
ENV 3153/GIS Certification Lab
ENV 3080/Wildlife Ecology (*added Spring 2018*)

ENV 3163/Cloud-Based GIS and Remote Sensing Technologies (*added Fall 2020*)
ENV 3220/Restoration Ecology
ENV 3250/Ecology of Urban Environments
ENV 3251/Urban Ecology Lab
ENV 3640/Watershed Science
ENV 3700/Natural Resources
ENV 3720/Aquatic Pollution
ENV 3805/Conservation Biology
ENV 4460/Marine Ecology

Policy Concentration

- Two of the following courses in **political science** or **economics**:
POL 1570/Introduction to United States Politics *or*
POL 2360/Politics in American Democracy *and*
POL 2180/Political Theory II: Hobbes to the Present
or
ECO 1500/Macroeconomic Theory I *and*
ECO 2550/Law and Economics *or*
ECO 3200/The Global Economy
or
ECO 1510/Microeconomics I *and*
ECO 2280/Environmental Economics
- *Electives (14 credits):*
Students must complete at least 14 credits in elective courses, chosen from the following. Please note that some of these courses have prerequisites and/or corequisites. New and reinstated courses may be added to the following list; students interested in taking elective courses not listed below should check with their faculty advisor before registering.
ECO 3070/Econometrics
ECO 3100/Cities, Culture, and Economy
ECO 3600/Behavioral Economics
ENV 2030/Computer Applications in the Sciences
ENV 2040/Introduction to Renewable Energy
ENV 2050/Wildlife Toxicology
ENV 3153/GIS Certification Lab
ENV 3250/Ecology of Urban Environments
ENV 3700/Natural Resources

ENV 3805/Conservation Biology
LEG 3025/Environmental Law* (*added 10/11/16*)
PHI 2820/Philosophy of the Environment
SOC 2165/Culture, Consumption, and the City
SOC 3255/Environmental Sociology
*offered by the School of Liberal Studies

Minor requirements:

Students who are interested in the environmental studies minor should submit a completed [Application for a Program of Minor Study](#) to the Department Chair of Environmental Studies.

Academic Requirements for the Minor in Environmental Studies

A minimum of 20 credits, as follows:

1. ENV 1500/Introduction to Environmental Science
2. ENV 2720/Geology or
ENV 3120/General Ecology
3. ENV 3030/Environmental Policy or
ENV 3300/Environmental Regulations
4. At least two additional environmental studies courses, at least one of which must be upper level

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Courses

ECO 2280: Environmental Economics

Economics can help define, address, and solve many environmental problems. This course provides students with a set of conceptual tools that are useful in addressing environmental issues like pollution and pollution abatement, the conservation of natural resources, environmental regulation, and the political economy of environmentalism.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ECO1510

Department: Environmental Studies

ENV 1120: The Search for Life in the Universe

Explore the nature of life, examine the history of life on Earth, look for life among the rocky planets and icy moons of our solar system, hunt for extrasolar planets, and join in the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI). Are we alone in the universe?

Credits: 4

Department: Environmental Studies

ENV 1500: Introduction to Environmental Science

A survey of the physical, biological, and cultural dimensions of current and past environmental problems. The nature of scientific inquiry and principles that apply to the study of the environment are covered, with emphasis on developing facility in interpreting environmental data.

Credits: 4

Department: Environmental Studies

ENV 2030: Computer Applications in the Sciences

Introduces techniques for advanced use of software commonly employed in the analysis and presentation of lab and field data. Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, PowerPoint), image analysis (ImageTool), and reference software (Zotero) are covered.

Credits: 3

Department: Environmental Studies

ENV 2040: Introduction to Renewable Energy

Renewable energy sources—including solar-thermal, photovoltaic, wind, wave, hydrogen, biomass, and geothermal energies—are discussed and compared with fossil fuels. The course outlines current practices as well as limitations—engineering, economic, social, and ecological—of extracting usable energy. Topics include practical solutions on both the large scale and the scale of the individual homeowner.

Credits: 4

Department: Environmental Studies

ENV 2050: Wildlife Toxicology

Students explore the source, fate and effect of contaminants on wildlife, along with what we can do to help through education, science and policy. Through the pairing of introductory ecotoxicological concepts with key case studies, this course spans political, scientific, and public relations realms and teaches the importance of being good global stewards of the environment.

Credits: 4

Department: Environmental Studies

ENV 2060: Climate Change: Science, Impacts, and Response

The scope and rate of climate change, and the current and predicted impacts make climate change a pressing societal issue. This course summarizes our current understanding of the phenomenon, describes the science underlying, and the social consequences deriving from climate change, and examines personal actions that can mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to our changing world.

Credits: 3

Department: Environmental Studies

ENV 2300: Physical Geography

Location and local landscape influence natural resource availability, biome type, and agricultural potential. This course explores the earth's physical processes to understand the important links between geography and ecosystems. Students examine relationships between landforms, climatic variations, erosion processes, vegetation patterns, and hydrology. While this course focuses on the United States, broader linkages are made to regions around the world.

Credits: 4

Department: Environmental Studies

ENV 2720: Geology

The lecture covers interactions among the lithosphere, atmosphere, biosphere, and hydrosphere. Topics include the formation and subsequent alteration of earth materials, geologic hazards, global change, glaciation, and plate tectonics. Lab work includes identification of rocks and minerals, interpretation of topographic and geologic maps, structural geology, and landform analysis.

Credits: 5

PREREQ: ENV1500

Department: Environmental Studies

ENV 3025: Biostatistics

An introduction to statistics with a focus on techniques for the biological sciences. The lecture covers probability, sampling, descriptive and inferential statistics, parametric and nonparametric tests, biodiversity statistics, ordination methods, and robust experimental design. In the lab, students apply concepts from the lecture and practice analyzing data, constructing graphs, and testing hypotheses using the R software.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: Math Fluency:20-28 Or MAT1150 Or MAT1100

Department: Environmental Studies

ENV 3030: Environmental Policy

The environment has become increasingly significant in national and international politics. This course examines the key concepts, players, and issues in environmental policy. Students evaluate the contributions by scientific, political, economic, and social systems to the generation of environmental policy. Environmental topics include population growth, natural resource use, global climate change and energy, endangered species protection, and pollution.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ENV1500 Or POL1570 Or POL2360

Department: Environmental Studies

ENV 3045: Environmental Impact Assessment

A practical guide to the quantitative assessment of potential impacts to the environment from a proposed development project. Topics include basic federal and New York State SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act) requirements; use and interpretation of maps; and assessments related to physical, biological, and socioeconomic components. Students work as teams (using the map room, library, and computer resources) to prepare a sample Environmental Impact Statement related to ongoing development near the campus.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ENV1500 Or BIO1560

Department: Environmental Studies

ENV 3080: Wildlife Ecology

A field-intensive lecture and lab investigating the flora and fauna of the Hudson Valley. Emphasis is placed on the ecology, identification, and taxonomy of local vertebrate groups. Multiple site visits on campus and at local parks provide opportunities for students to master best practices in the application of wildlife observation methods and equipment.

Credits: 5

PREREQ: ENV1500 Or (BIO1560 And BIO1561)

Department: Environmental Studies

ENV 3120: General Ecology

A rigorous examination of classical and emerging concepts of ecology. Topics include life histories, population growth, competition, sexual selection, symbiosis, predation, disturbance and succession, energy flow and material cycling, biogeography, and conservation ecology. Lab work includes field trips.

Credits: 5

PREREQ: ENV1500 Or BIO1560

Department: Environmental Studies

ENV 3150: Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

An introduction to one of the most widely used computer tools in environmental science. Used for storage, display, and analysis of spatially related data, this digitized mapping system is of primary importance in fields like land use planning, wildlife management, conservation biology, pollution monitoring, and geological resources. Students learn the ArcView system and become experienced in its use with a variety of data.

Credits: 4

Department: Environmental Studies

ENV 3153: GIS Advanced Analysis Lab

Provides reinforcement and additional development of key technical skills acquired during ENV 3150. Students engage in a series of self-paced, online, instructor-supported learning modules that assess their proficiency in applying Geographic Information System (GIS) technology. Upon completion, students receive third-party certification of their abilities from ESRI, the world's leading manufacturer of GIS software.

Credits: 1

PREREQ: ENV3150 Or ENV3163

Department: Environmental Studies

ENV 3163: Cloud-Based GIS and Remote Sensing Technologies

Satellites, aircraft, and drones provide safe access to remote, rugged, and otherwise restricted locations. Applications utilizing SONAR, LIDAR, hyperspectral scanning and photogrammetry are used with these craft to create long-term global datasets of natural and cultural features. Using online Geographic Information System

platforms students learn the skills to interpret these data, conduct their own analyses, and collaborate with other researchers.

Credits: 4

Department: Environmental Studies

ENV 3165: Ornithology

The study of birds, including topics on anatomy, physiology, evolution, ecology, avian form and function, behavior, migration, and conservation. Students will learn to identify birds of the northeast based on field markings and song. There is no lab, but students are expected to spend time observing birds in the wild (both independently and with the instructor).

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ENV1500 Or BIO1560

Department: Environmental Studies

ENV 3250: Ecology of Urban Environments

Traces the evolution of the modern city, emphasizing ecological issues including human population growth, urban wildlife ecology, energy, and material flows. These principles are used to consider the future of the city. The focal cities are New York and Phoenix.

Credits: 4

COREQ: ENV3251

PREREQ: ENV1500 Or BIO1560

Department: Environmental Studies

ENV 3251: Ecology of Urban Environments Lab

Examines in greater depth concepts discussed in ENV 3250. Field observation, data collection and analysis, and simple models of the urban environment and processes are employed.

Credits: 1

COREQ: ENV3250

PREREQ: ENV1500 Or BIO1560

Department: Environmental Studies

ENV 3300: Environmental Regulations

Acquaints students and environmental professionals with basic domestic and international environmental regulations and policies used by enforcement/regulatory agencies and donor/lender institutions. Specific federal acts include NEPA, Clean Air, Clean Water, RCRA, Superfund/CERCLA, TSCA, and FIFRA.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ENV1500 Or POL1570

Department: Environmental Studies

ENV 3700: Natural Resources

Principles associated with the development and management of natural resources, including forests, grasslands, streams, and fisheries. Topics include sustainability, environmental and social implications of exploiting the natural environment, and renewable resources.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ENV1500

Department: Environmental Studies

ENV 3720: Aquatic Pollution

Examines the sources and impacts of pollution in freshwater and marine environments, including eutrophication, pathogens, pesticides, heat, heavy metals, oil, acid rain, and plastics. The effects are examined through the lens of ecology.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ENV1500 Or BIO1560

Department: Environmental Studies

ENV 3800: Human Ecology

An interdisciplinary review of the reciprocal relationships between culture and environment in both traditional and complex societies. Past human-induced environmental degradation provides lessons applicable to current problems. Topics include the Green Revolution; cultural change and population trends; traditional vs. industrial food production; and the impact of global change, concepts of sustainability, and the commons.

Credits: 3

Department: Environmental Studies

ENV 3805: Conservation Biology

The decline in biodiversity is a serious (and perhaps irreversible) threat to the biosphere. This course covers concepts and questions in a new synthetic discipline, which focuses on biodiversity protection. Beginning with the origin, patterns, and maintenance of biodiversity, the class explores the values of biodiversity, the nature of the threats to biodiversity, the demography and genetics of small populations, strategies to protect biodiversity, and ethical and legal bases of conservation efforts.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ENV1500 Or (BIO1560 And BIO1561)

Department: Environmental Studies

ENV 3880: Environmental Studies Junior Seminar

Prepares students for conducting research in environmental studies. Presentation of faculty research, analysis of research papers and proposals, and guest lecturers

accompany student development of a senior project research proposal. Required for all environmental studies majors.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: ENV1500

Department: Environmental Studies

ENV 4460: Marine Ecology

This advanced course surveys the organizing ecological principles that structure all marine communities. The lecture and lab synthesize information from all levels of organization (organism, population, and community). Through texts and primary literature, students examine the biotic and abiotic factors controlling the abundance and distribution of marine organisms. Lab work is coupled with field experimentation and observation.

Credits: 5

PREREQ: ENV1500 And BIO1560

Department: Environmental Studies

Mathematics/Computer Science

Description:

The mathematics/computer science program offers a BA program that combines mathematics with computer science, as well as an undergraduate minor.

It is designed to introduce students to the principal areas of mathematics and computer science, with an emphasis on applications. Students can choose any 5 upper level elective courses based on their preferences. For example, students more interested in programming careers can take Data Structures and Scripting for the Web, while students more interested in mathematics can take courses in Number Theory and Numerical Analysis.

However, all students acquire a strong foundation in the traditional areas of both disciplines. This serves to distinguish Purchase graduates from others with narrower backgrounds. Classes typically are small, and computer classes include closed labs (scheduled time to work in a computer lab with faculty present to provide guidance).

The Senior Project

The capstone experience is the senior project, a yearlong required research project undertaken by each senior in conjunction with a faculty mentor. Many of these projects are prepared for formal presentation at the annual Natural and Social Sciences Student Symposium. Topics from recent years include:

- A Case Study in Developing a Responsive Social Media Network Website
- An Interesting Linear Recurrence Relationship
- Artificial Intelligence
- Challenges and Advantages of Distributed Systems in Modern Computing
- Fake News and Influential Figures, An American Love Story
- Game Programming in Phaser
- Liquid-Cooled PC
- Mathematics and Computer Science Phobias
- Modern Day Web Application: How to Build it From the Ground Up
- Origami Teaching to Improve Math Education
- Switching to Swift: An introduction to Apple's New Programming Language
- SUNY Purchase: A 3D Printing Endeavor

In addition, students can gain important experiences as learning assistants for courses, research assistants on projects, technical assistants in the campus technology services department, and by completing off-campus [internships](#). Student work has appeared in the *Annals of Discrete Math*, *Graph Theory Notes of NY*, and *Journal of Computing at Small Colleges*.

About Our Alumni

Our alumni are engaged in careers in a variety of fields, including software engineering, web development, finance, education, and marketing. They work at companies including the New York Life Insurance Company, Accenture, BentoBox, FanDuel, and Morgan Stanley. Several recent graduates have gone on to pursue graduate study at such institutions as Columbia University, Binghamton University, the City University of New York Graduate Center, New York University, Pace University, the University of Chicago, the University of New Hampshire, Stony Brook University, and the University of Pennsylvania.

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Requirements:

Students majoring in mathematics/computer science usually begin with a three-semester calculus sequence: Calculus I, II, and III.

Students seeking placement beyond Calculus I should consult with a member of the faculty.

Placement is determined by interviews and transcripts. Precalculus is offered for those lacking the necessary background for Calculus I.

In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, students majoring in mathematics/computer science must complete each of the following requirements. A grade of C- or higher* is required in these courses, excluding the senior project:

- MAT 1500, 1510, and 3150/Calculus I, II, and III
- MAT 1520 and 1540/Computer Science I and II
- MAT 3170/Linear Algebra
- Five upper-level electives (20 credits) in mathematics/computer science. One of the five electives may be fulfilled by a tutorial, independent study, learning assistantship, or internship with the approval of the faculty advisor.
- Two science courses (minimum 6–8 credits)
- MAT 3880/Junior Seminar in Mathematics/Computer Science
- MAT 4880/Mathematics Senior Seminar I
- MAT 4890/Mathematics Senior Seminar II
- SPJ 4990/Senior Project I
- SPJ 4991/Senior Project II

***Note:** In some MAT courses, a minimum grade of C is required in the prerequisite course(s). For example, the prerequisite for MAT 1510 is a minimum grade of C in MAT 1500. This grade minimum is stated in the prerequisite when applicable.

Minor requirements:

This minor is designed to introduce students to the methods, content, and applications of modern mathematics and computer science.

Students interested in the minor should submit a completed **Application for a Program of Minor Study** to the Department Chair of Mathematics/Computer Science.

Academic Requirements for the Minor in Mathematics/Computer Science

Five courses, as follows:

- MAT 1500/Calculus I
- MAT 1520/Computer Science I
- MAT 1510/Calculus II or MAT 1540/Computer Science II
- Two mathematics/computer science courses (3000-level or above)

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Courses

MAT 1015: The Art and Math of Origami

An introduction to origami, a centuries-old art, practiced all over the world, that is constantly being expanded and is the focus of attention by mathematicians, computer scientists, and engineers. Students learn and examine traditional and modern models. Students practice preparing diagrams and teaching models, with opportunity for invention.

Credits: 4

Department: Mathematics

MAT 1020: Communicating Quantitative Information

Students learn basic concepts in quantitative reasoning (numbers, probabilities, basic statistics) and the creation, use, and evaluation of quantitative information (databases, searches, spreadsheets, interactive graphics). This course prepares students for civic engagement by using current events (past and current news stories) as the focal point of study. Students are required to post to online discussion forums, complete short writing assignments, and make presentations on topics involving quantitative reasoning.

Credits: 4

Department: Mathematics

MAT 1025: Personal Finance

Students explore personal finance concepts. Core focus is to prepare students for civic engagement and to develop problem-solving skills, using personal finance topics. Learning outcomes are designed to develop an appreciation of personal finance and quantitative reasoning skills, including: employing quantitative methods to solve finance problems; interpreting and drawing inferences from data; representing and discussing financial information (visually, numerically, & verbally).

Credits: 4

Department: Mathematics

MAT 1060: Mathematics for Contemporary Life

Students learn basic concepts in quantitative reasoning (number systems, data manipulation, basic statistics), with emphasis on problem solving using computational methods. This course uses a textbook and focuses on applications related to consumer issues to develop computational and problem-solving skills. Students learn to transform data into information and apply quantitative methods to evaluate information and solve real-world problems.

Credits: 4

Department: Mathematics

MAT 1150: Precalculus

Prepares students with limited backgrounds in high school mathematics for calculus. Topics include absolute values and inequalities, the properties of functions, graphs, logarithms, fractional exponents, and trigonometry.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: Math Fluency:20-28 Or MAT1150 Or MAT1100

Department: Mathematics

MAT 1205: Chronicles of Mathematics

Using selected points along the timeline of Mathematics students learn basic concepts in quantitative reasoning while seeing them in the time when they were developed. Topics include ancient and modern counting systems, elements of algebra and geometry, logic, and probability. Students learn to provide reasonable estimates, apply math concepts to real life problems, and discuss the validity of the results.

Credits: 4

Department: Mathematics

MAT 1500: Calculus I

The basic concepts of the differential and integral calculus. Focus is on the applicability of these topics to an array of problems. The first course in a three-semester series.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: MAT1150

Department: Mathematics

MAT 1510: Calculus II

A continuation of MAT 1500. Topics include differentiation and integration of logarithmic, exponential, and inverse trigonometric functions; techniques of integration; arc length; infinite series; and improper integrals. Applications include work, growth, and decay problems and volumes of solids of revolution.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: MAT1500

Department: Mathematics

MAT 1520: Computer Science I

An introduction to problem solving, using computers. Emphasis is on programming, including the study of syntax, semantics, logical structures, graphics, and object-

oriented programming. General topics of algorithm development, formulating problems, finding methods for computer solutions, differences among computer languages, and trends in the industry are also discussed. Experience is acquired through hands-on labs and several programming assignments.

Credits: 4

Department: Mathematics

MAT 1540: Computer Science II

A continuation of MAT 1520. Emphasizes programming as a basis for the study of computers. While programming is the main focus, the course will afford us the opportunity to introduce other concepts central to the field including data representation, object-oriented design, algorithms, recursion, Boolean logic and some data structures. We will be studying the Java programming language.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: MAT1520 Or NME1520

Department: Mathematics

MAT 1600: Introductory Statistics

Statistics are used everywhere in the modern world. This course covers descriptive statistics, including measures of central tendency, methods of dispersion, and graphs; and inferential statistics, including normal distributions and hypothesis testing, Pearson correlation, and linear regression.

Credits: 4

Department: Mathematics

MAT 3120: Discrete Mathematics

Covers a variety of topics that provide a foundation for both higher mathematics and computer science. These topics may include logic and formal proofs, set theory, number theory, probability, mathematical induction, algorithms, recurrence

relations, equivalence relations and partial orderings, and topics in graph theory (including isomorphism, traversability, planarity, and colorings).

Credits: 4

PREREQ: MAT1500 Or MAT1510 Or MAT3150

Department: Mathematics

MAT 3146: Scripting for the Web

Building on the programming introduction in the prerequisite course, students learn about scripting for websites, including HTML, JavaScript, CSS, and php. Topics include the use of cookies, localStorage, video/audio, geolocation, an application program interface such as the Google Maps API, responsive design, and accessibility. Comparisons are made between scripting and compiled languages and client versus server computing.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: MAT1520 Or NME1450 Or MAT1540

Department: Mathematics

MAT 3150: Calculus III

A continuation of MAT 1500 and 1510. Topics include polar coordinates, vectors in two and three dimensions, parametric equations, quadric surfaces, partial derivatives, multiple integrals, directional derivatives, gradients and their applications, and line integrals.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: MAT1510

Department: Mathematics

MAT 3170: Linear Algebra

Topics include linear equations, row reduction, matrix algebra, determinants, vectors in three dimensions, abstract vector spaces, dimension, linear

transformations, eigenvalues, diagonalization, and applications to other sciences.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: MAT1510 Or MAT3150

Department: Mathematics

MAT 3205: Origins of Mathematics

Using selected points along the timeline of Mathematics students learn to appreciate the beauty and cleverness of mathematical topics seeing them in the time when they were developed. The topics include, but are not limited to, the features of geometry, number theory, algebra, calculus, and combinatorics. The understanding and appreciation of the topics is enhanced through research projects/presentations.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: MAT1500 Or MAT1510 Or MAT3150

Department: Mathematics

MAT 3430: Number Theory

Topics in elementary number theory, including primes and other special categories of numbers, Fibonacci sequence, Pascal's Triangle, prime decomposition, Pell equation, Phi function, modulus equations and cryptography. Programming is included to enhance understanding of the topics and to strengthen skills.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: (MAT1500 Or MAT1510 Or MAT3150) And (MAT1420 Or NME1420 Or MAT1520 Or NME1520 Or NME1450 Or VIS1450 Or MAT1540)

Department: Mathematics

MAT 3440: Creating User Interfaces

Introduces concepts and skills used in analyzing and designing interfaces for computer applications. As students study techniques and "rules of thumb," they

discover that the design and implementation of each interface is a unique challenge, which requires creativity and consideration of technical, aesthetic, and psychological factors. Includes the use of XML, XSL, XHTML-MP, VoiceXML, and usability studies.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: MAT1520 Or NME1520

Department: Mathematics

MAT 3540: Social Software

Social software is explored both from technical and critical perspectives. Hands-on work in conceptualizing, designing, and developing social software projects is informed by examining the evolution of social software and its impact on society. Includes modules on version control, collaborative open source software projects and application programming interfaces. Projects may range in complexity from simple websites to data-driven web applications to real-time applications.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: MAT1420 Or NME1420 Or NME1450 Or MAT1520 Or NME1520

Department: Mathematics

MAT 3550: Numerical Analysis

The theory and implementation of numerical algorithms. Topics include interpolation, approximation, numerical solution of nonlinear equations, numerical integration, numerical linear algebra, and error analysis.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: MAT1510 And MAT1520

Department: Mathematics

MAT 3650: Networking and Security

Covers the key conceptual and practical aspects of networking and security, which are increasingly important in the era of the Internet, the connected enterprise and our ever expanding socially networked world. TCP/IP communications protocols are explored at multiple levels of the protocol stack. Performance and reliability issues are also studied, using campus intranet and internet connections. Security topics include encryption, authentication, denial of service attacks, and case studies.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: MAT1520 Or NME1520

Department: Mathematics

MAT 3710: Data Structures

Covers standard data structures (e.g., lists, stacks, heaps) and object-oriented algorithms important to software development. Tradeoffs between time and space are examined. Includes programming as well as theoretical assignments. Examples are often taken from technical interview-style questions.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: MAT1540

Department: Mathematics

MAT 3880: Junior Seminar in Mathematics/Computer Science

Designed to increase students' knowledge of research methods, understanding of research articles, and ability to write research papers. These skills prepare students to conduct senior project research and write their senior thesis.

Credits: 1

Department: Mathematics

MAT 4225: Topics in Advanced Mathematics

Topics covered in previous math courses are elaborated on and new topics in advanced mathematics are introduced. Theoretical, numerical, and applied aspects

may be covered. Depending on faculty and student interests, material may include mathematical modeling, abstract algebra, complex analysis, numerical analysis, linear programming, graph theory, topology as well as topics in theoretical computer science.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: MAT1510 And MAT3170

Department: Mathematics

MAT 4230: Topics in Advanced Computing

Topics are selected from computability, complexity, artificial intelligence, machine learning, programming languages, data mining, informatics in biology and medicine, cryptography, and other application areas. This course does include topics in theoretical computer science, which has a strong mathematical component, as well as attention to current practical problems. Includes oral presentations by students on approved topics of their choosing.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: MAT1540

Department: Mathematics

MAT 4520: Computability

An introduction to concepts and methods of theoretical computer science: what it means for something to be computable (finite state automata, formal languages, Turing machines) and how to measure resources used to solve problems (Big Oh notation and complexity classes like P and NP). Some attention is paid to the relationship between computability, logic, and philosophy, as well as "impossibility" results in these disciplines. This course brings together the two parts of the major in mathematics/computer science and provides historical background as well as insight into current issues.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: MAT1540

Department: Mathematics

MAT 4880: Mathematics Senior Seminar I

Explores advanced topics in selected areas of mathematics. Includes required oral presentation by students. *Required for seniors majoring in mathematics/computer science.*

Credits: 1

PREREQ: MAT3880

Department: Mathematics

MAT 4890: Mathematics Senior Seminar II

Explores advanced topics in selected areas of mathematics. Oral presentation by students required. *Required for seniors majoring in mathematics/computer science.*

Credits: 1

PREREQ: MAT4880 Or MAT3880

Department: Mathematics

Political Science

Description:

Political science is known as the study of laws and governments, yet it includes much more.

Why did the U.S. invade Iraq and allow Russia to influence events in the Syrian civil war? Why do many U.S. citizens feel animosity toward immigrants? What is the relationship among race, gender, and politics? What are the advantages and disadvantages of globalization for developing countries? In what manner are human rights abused around the globe, and what can be done about it? What are the causes and consequences of political violence and state terrorism? What are the political aspirations of citizens in Muslim-populated countries?

These are a few of the many interesting questions that a political science student explores at Purchase College.

The political science program offers students the opportunity to engage in a variety of courses in

American, comparative, and international politics. Students also study age-old political questions concerning equality, rights, and justice and learn how to conduct political science research.

The political science program closely collaborates with other interdisciplinary programs at Purchase College, including Latin American, Caribbean, and LatinX studies, Global Black Studies, Environmental Studies, and Gender Studies. Because politics are intertwined with economic and social issues, many students choose to double-major in Sociology, History, or Journalism. Members of the political science faculty have broad and diverse backgrounds, have won numerous awards, and have published more than 50 books and articles.

The major in political science is particularly designed for students who:

- are interested in exploring different social and political issues by taking a range of American and internationally-based courses, or
- want to have a focused study of human rights or Islam and the Middle East.

Senior Thesis

The program culminates in a two-semester senior thesis in which each student develops an original in-depth perspective on a topic of their choice, which is supervised by a faculty sponsor.

About Our Graduates

Students graduating with a degree in political science often enter public service, working for government agencies, nonprofit or nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), or elected officials. Many political science alumni enroll in law school or graduate programs that focus on international affairs, while others may enter the fields of teaching or journalism.

Requirements:

In addition to meeting general degree requirements, all political science majors must complete a minimum of nine courses with a grade of C or higher, plus a two-semester senior seminar and an 8-credit senior project (40–45 credits total) as follows:

1. POL 1570/Introduction to U.S. Politics (3 credits; freshman or sophomore year)

2. POL2110/Introduction to Political Theory (4 credits)

3. An economics course (4 credits)*

**One of the following is strongly recommended:*

- ECO 1500/Macroeconomic Theory I
- ECO 2280/Environmental Economics
- ECO 3080/Game Theory

4. Two courses in U.S. politics and law, 2000-level or above (6–8 credits)

5. Three courses in comparative politics and international relations, 2000-level or above (9–12 credits)

6. POL 3880/Junior Seminar in Political Science (4 credits)

7. POL 4885/Political Science Senior Seminar I (1 credit)
8. POL 4890/Political Science Senior Seminar II (1 credit)
9. SPJ 4990/Senior Project I (4 credits)
10. SPJ 4991/Senior Project II (4 credits)

Refer to [**The Senior Project**](#) for additional information.

Note: In addition, students are expected to take courses appropriate to their specific interests in political science in order to fulfill degree requirements for upper-level coursework.

Optional Concentrations

New and reinstated courses may be added to the lists in the following concentrations. Students should consult their advisor to determine whether a new or reinstated course counts toward a specific concentration.

Concentration 1: Islam and the Middle East (42–47 credits)

Political science majors who declare a concentration in Islam and the Middle East must fulfill requirements 1 through 10 listed above. In meeting requirement 5, students in this concentration select **four** courses from the following list:

- POL 2105/Citizens Living Under Islamic Laws
- POL 2115/Islam: Culture and Politics
- POL 2350/Free Speech, Heresy, and Gender in Islamic Societies
- POL 3255/Islamic State, Gender, and Sexuality
- POL 3430/Politics of South Asia
- POL 3740/The Middle East

Concentration 2: Human Rights (42–47 credits)

Political science majors who declare a concentration in human rights must fulfill requirements 1 through 10 listed above. In meeting requirements 4 and 5, students in this concentration select **four** courses from the following list:

- POL 2080/Environmental Justice
- POL 3075/Women and Politics in Global Perspective
- POL 3235/Globalization, Development, and Poverty
- POL 3245/Gender and Health: International Issues
- POL 3307/Politics and Memoir
- POL 3315/Constitutions and Rights: U.S. and China
- POL 3361/Cuba, Latin America, and the U.S.
- POL 3570/Human Rights
- POL 3573/Human Rights and Literature

Minor requirements:

The minor in political science is designed to provide a broad knowledge of institutions, processes, and theories of politics in the U.S. and international context.

Students interested in this minor should arrange a conference with the coordinator of the political science program, then submit a completed [Application for a Program of Minor Study](#).

Prerequisite: A minimum 2.0 (C) GPA

Academic Requirements for the Minor in Political Science

Five courses, to include:

- a. POL 1570/Introduction to U.S. Politics
- b. Plus four political science electives in the following two areas (two courses in each area):
 1. United States politics and law
 2. Comparative politics and international relations

Related Minors:

[Environmental Studies](#)

[Gender Studies](#)

[Global Black Studies](#)

[Latin American, Caribbean, and LatinX Studies](#)

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Courses

POL 1020: Capitalism Socialism Democracy

In modern times, ideological debates have revolved around capitalism, socialism, and democracy and were intensified during the Cold War by the U.S.-U.S.S.R. rivalry. Focusing on the development of capitalism and socialism in the West and their relationship to democracy, students examine different conceptualizations of democracy, the global impact of Western developments, and arguments on the compatibility of capitalism with authoritarianism.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 1120: West Meets the Non-West

An examination of historical events, social movements, and intellectual ideas that have shaped modernity from 1500 to the present. The focus is on the evolution of ideas that have influenced both Western and non-Western civilizations.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 1570: Introduction to U.S. Politics

An introduction to the institutional and ideological components of the American political system, with an emphasis on the broad spectrum of values and sources of power that, when taken together, support and challenge the foundations of American pluralism. Films, field trips, and guest lectures complement the standard classwork.

Credits: 3

Department: Political Science

POL 2005: Introduction to Comparative Politics

Develops a basic understanding of concepts used in comparative political analysis. Compares political structures, electoral and party systems, the role of elites and interest groups in public policy decision-making. Examination across diverse international settings provides a deeper perception of political structures.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 2010: Governments and Politics Worldwide

An introduction to current political systems. The course examines political structures and processes (e.g., parliaments, political parties, elections, legislation, and formation of governments in different political systems) and analyzes the ideological foundations of these systems (e.g., liberalism, socialism). Discussions include social, economic, and political priorities set in each system; their strengths and weaknesses; and the impact of structural constraints.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 2020: Introduction to International Relations

Examines contemporary international relations from both theoretical and empirical perspectives. Topics include East-West conflicts and the Cold War; the balance of power; colonialism, the Vietnam War, and the North-South issues; and the emerging new world order.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 2040: Women and Politics

Theoretical, historical, and empirical analyses of the relationship between women's private roles and socialization, and their integration into politics. Topics include changes in the laws affecting women, the impact of feminism on the quality of political discourse and political action, and the vexing problem of the "gender gap."

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 2070: West African Politics and Literature

Using African novels and social science literature, both the insights of the artist and the analytic models of the social scientist are employed in the discussion of African politics and political systems. Topics include the impact of Western colonialism and imperialism on traditional African societies, the evolution of new African cultures, the widening gulf between elites and masses, and the role of the African storyteller in articulating African issues.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 2080: Environmental Justice

An introduction to the impact of environmental laws and policies on the fair treatment of people of different races and incomes in the U.S. Global climate change, nuclear energy, and public responsibility for the environment constitute the center of a political and legal analysis of the relationship of citizens and government to the environment.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 2105: Citizens Living Under Islamic Laws

Focusing on South Asia and the Middle East, this course examines how postcolonial Islamic states currently use “Islamic laws” to negotiate power and control with their citizens. Examples include Hudood, Zina, and blasphemy laws, which result in fatwas (religious decrees) that sometimes lead to extrajudicial killings.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 2110: Intro to Political Theory

When a politician invokes the concept of freedom, what do they mean? Or, when an activist lodges claims in the name of justice, to which standard do they appeal? How have “essentially contested concepts” of liberty, equality, justice, right, security shaped our politics, both historically and in the present moment? This course will offer a survey of canonical political theory, from the ancient polis to today’s digitally networked world, in an effort to interrogate the meaning and influence of political concepts, ideas, and values across time in ways that continue to impact how we see, speak of, and engage with our current world.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 2130: Race and Politics

Decades after the civil rights movement of the 1960s, the United States remains a nation beset by racial inequalities, divisions, and tensions. This course examines some of the major issues in U.S. race relations today and their political expression.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 2210: Politics and the Media

An examination of the media’s impact on political life in the U.S. and its role in shaping public opinion. Both electronic and print media are surveyed and analyzed in terms of their impact on power, legal rights, and ethical obligations. Attention is also

given to the media's influence on political parties and how it shapes political attitudes and influences elections.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 2350: Free Speech, Heresy, and Gender in Islamic Societies

In Islamic societies, heresy charges against women and men are leveled for different reasons, including Islamists' opposition to democracy, modernity, and women's education and their employment. Instances of heresy leveled by Muslims against Muslims are studied.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 2600: Courts, Judges, and Politics

The judicial process and the function of the courts in a modern democratic system. Using Supreme Court cases, documents, and readings from academic journals, the course examines how judges, lawyers, and litigants act and react to create both law and public policy.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 2610: America on Film

Examines American social and political history during the last half of the 20th century and the early 21st century as represented in films. Such topics as dissent, censorship, war and peace, and the role of government as creator and arbiter of culture serve as the conceptual center of the discussion.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 2630: The Muslim World on Film

The Muslim world examined via films on race, gender and politics with the focus on the polarization of secular and theocratic spaces. Global and historical Muslim communities, leaders, governance, security, immigration, colonization and post-colonial society are studied, while art and culture are also considered.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 3045: Sex, Politics, and Health

Although health is typically treated as a biological issue, health, illness, and wellness are social and political conditions. The politics of health policy as it is experienced, administered, and made accessible to men, women, and gender non-conforming healthcare seekers, and the activism that leads to more equitable treatment from medical professionals, insurance providers, and government service providers, regulators, and legislators is examined. Access to the health care system, poverty, Medicaid/Medicare, managed care, breast cancer, reproductive justice, sexual assault, HIV/AIDS, transgender care, disability, and medical research are investigated from an intersectional feminist perspective that foregrounds issues of race, class, gender, and sexuality.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 3050: American Constitutional Law

Introduces the historical and political debates that resulted in the adoption of the U.S. Constitution. Case law and collateral readings relevant to the construction of the U.S. constitutional government are used to explore theories of jurisprudence, structures of courts, aspects of litigation, the nature and scope of judicial review and constitutional adjudication, and the role of the judiciary in the maintenance of national power.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: POL1570 Or POL2360

Department: Political Science

POL 3070: U.S. Foreign Policy Since 1945

A study of American foreign policy since the end of World War II. U.S. involvement in Vietnam serves as a case study for studying the Cold War, the war in Iraq, and the issue of terrorism, and analyzing how foreign policy has been formulated. Topics include the powers of the president vis-à-vis Congress in the formulation of foreign policy and the role of public opinion.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 3075: Women and Politics in Global Perspective

Women make up roughly one half of the world's population, yet globally despite the quest for equality; women's experiences are fraught with the realities of patriarchy, domination, marginalization, and exclusion. This course will examine the complexity of forces that shape, maintain and challenge the role and place of women in societies around the world. It is designed to give students an understanding of the intricate interplay between the politics and culture that undergird Women's experiences across borders. It introduces students to issues and research about women in different cultural and political context.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 3090: Race, Gender, and the Law

The legal and political dimensions of race and sex discrimination are examined beginning with the 14th (1868) and 19th (1920) amendments to the US Constitution, the 1964 Civil Rights Act, as well as landmark Supreme Court decisions such as Plessey v. Ferguson (1896), Brown v. the BOE (1954), Roe v. Wade (1973), and Rajender v. University of Minnesota (1982). The way law is shaped by the politics of race and gender is considered. Topics discussed include the intersection of white supremacy, misogyny, capitalism, and the law from perspectives offered by legal studies, critical race theory, and feminism.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 3095: Queer Politics in the U.S.

Students explore lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) social and political movements and how they have fought for and achieved certain social, political, and legal rights in the U.S.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 3130: Immigration Policy & Political Incorporation

Examine the evolution of American immigration and the related policies that governed, shaped, and restricted immigrant flows, and immigrants' interactions with key institutions of American life, e.g., labor, education, and politics, along with the impact for the United States. We will discuss the impact of immigration policies on the lives of immigrants and their children on American institutions, e.g., education, labor, social services, and nonprofits and will explore the multiple levels at which immigration and immigrant policies operate. To provide a foundation for the hands-on research project, the theoretical and empirical literatures on immigrant political incorporation broadly speaking, probing the experience of the myriad immigrant and native-born minority groups in New York, will be explored in-depth.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 3160: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights

An introduction to the constitutional doctrines of rights and liberties as they have been articulated through First Amendment decisions of the Supreme Court. Relevant political analyses of the impact of court decisions and federal legislation on individual rights are included.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: POL1570 Or POL3050 Or POL2360

Department: Political Science

POL 3230: Presidential Politics

An examination of the institution of the American presidency, its relationship to the other branches of government, and the significance of particular presidents' "stamp" on the office and U.S. policy. Topics include the impact of the media on the presidency, executive privilege, psychological explanations of presidential character, and the changing role of the president's spouse.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 3235: Globalization, Development, and Poverty

People produce enough food to feed the world's population, yet thousands of children die every day due to malnutrition and other poverty-related factors. This course studies the scope and distribution of global poverty. Topics include political and cultural factors that cause or aggravate the problem in developing countries; economic and political aspects of globalization; and the impact of international organizations, development strategies, and relief efforts.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 3255: Islamic State, Gender, and Sexuality

An examination of how notions of gender and sexuality are defined in the postcolonial Islamic state. Laws, customs, and cultural practices that enforce control are investigated in South Asian and Middle Eastern contexts.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 3280: The Globalization of International Security

Provides an understanding of international politics and security questions. Globalization and new forms of international relationships may be changing the way states and non-state actors think and respond to problems of security. Examines changes in the balance of international power, weapons of mass destruction, migration, ethnic conflict and environmental change.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 3290: Political Protest and Ideologies

A survey of major political upheavals and belief systems that have shaped and shaken the modern world. In addition to the origins, social foundations, and variants of liberalism, socialism, communism, anarchism, fascism, and feminism, discussions include examples of anti-imperialist, antiracist, and nationalist movements and ideologies from Third World countries and ethnic minorities in the West.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 3307: Politics and Memoir

A study of memoirs by male and female authors, politicians, activists, and ordinary citizens describing childhood, communities, social changes, and revolutions. Works are drawn from South Africa, South America, Asia, Cuba, and the U.S. The rubric is the non-West's interaction with the West, a north-south divide.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 3330: Radical Organizing and Embodied Politics in the U.S.: Promises of the Political

An exploration of the extent to which linkage can be made between self-development and a radical concept of democracy. Relationships among personal identity, social location—race, gender, and class—and locality of political action in the U.S. are analyzed so as to develop a definition of an embodied politics that renews the promise of political action.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 3361: Cuba, Latin America, and the U.S.

The course revolves around the international political and economic dynamics that have existed historically between the U.S. and Cuba. Although the course emphasizes the post-1959 era (the Castro years), readings introduce students to the imperial relationship that evolved in the early 20th century. Topics include foreign policy, war, human rights, the U.S. embargo, and the politics of Fidel Castro.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 3400: Health Care Crisis

Why does health care cost so much? Why are so many people without health insurance? Why do so many racial/ethnic disparities in health exist in the U.S.? These and other questions are examined as the current crisis in the U.S. health care system is investigated and proposals for reform are evaluated.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 3430: Politics of South Asia

Examines the politics of Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Kashmir, and Afghanistan. The British occupation from 1857 to 1947 is studied, together with the partition of Pakistan and India. Issues of religion, caste, gender, and militarization are an

additional focus. Nuclear states, Pakistan, and India are also part of class discussions.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 3465: Polarized Politics: Congress

While providing a comprehensive understanding of Congress, this course specifically examines the oversight and investigative role of Congress, the influence of political parties, and how elections and partisanship influence decision-making. The following five themes will be explored to analytically probe into congressional activity: internal structure; member incentives; supermajorities/filibustering; divided government/gridlock/productivity; partisan polarization. Instances of extreme conflict that have erupted in the separation-of-powers system over the last century will also be addressed.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 3530: The Art of (Culture) War in American Politics

Whether banning LGBTQ+ books, taking a knee during the National Anthem, panic over the gender identity of an M & M candy, or the exhortation for young voters to “Pokemon Go... to the polls,” popular culture is a perennial source of political appropriation and contestation. Comprising a guide on the model of an “art of war,” students examine specific episodes in the Culture Wars, from the late 20th century to the present, to investigate how culture informs political identities and party affiliations, mobilizes electoral politics and social movements, contours the socialization of the electorate, and affects shifts in public opinion and policy preference.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 3540: The Politics of Public Policy

Students explore decision-making procedures and apply the public policy process model to at least two contemporary issues. Students will identify the key stakeholder(s) on policy issues of their choosing, critically analyze theories of policy making, and assess their relevance to American politics.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 3570: Human Rights

Although human rights have become a significant theme in international relations, ethnic slaughter and political repression continue to afflict the world. This course examines relevant theoretical issues and practical problems, including: How are human rights viewed from different cultural, political, and religious perspectives? In a multicultural world, can common ground be found to address human rights? What is the relationship between sovereignty and the pursuit of human rights?

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 3573: Human Rights and Literature

An exploration of various perspectives on human rights. Students examine some modern nation states in relation to geographies of identity and human rights. Global literature is read in colonial and postcolonial contexts that describe state control through the infringement of citizenship and rights of speech, thus violating basic human rights.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 3580: The Literature of Political Violence

Ever since Homer sang the rage of Achilles, storytelling has helped mediate the tension between politics and violence. To better understand this relationship in contemporary life, modern theories of political violence from thinkers such as

Hannah Arendt, Franz Fanon, Walter Benjamin, Georges Sorel, and Judith Butler are paired with the literature of modern authors such as Reinaldo Arenas, Herman Melville, Langa Mandla, Toni Morrison, and Arundati Roy. Topics discussed include ideological violence and state power, armed and non-violent resistance, and the possibilities for and limitations of literary narrative to remediate the relationship between politics and violence.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 3670: Politics and Religion in America

Religion in America has been at the heart of politics from the Puritans to the Christian Coalition. This course addresses the historic role of religious thinking as a significant part of American political traditions (e.g., natural rights, civil liberties, liberal individualism). Students also investigate the contemporary emergence of religion-based political interests as formidable players in the construction of the nation's political agenda.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 3740: The Middle East

An analysis of the politics of Israel and Palestine. The struggle between Israel and Palestine and the involvement of Jordan, Syria, Egypt, Lebanon, and Saudi Arabia are covered, as well as the role of the U.S. Issues and potential solutions are discussed.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 3780: Money, Power, and Democracy

The meaning of democracy is examined in European and other democratic states. The course investigates who controls the sources and instruments of power and how public policies are made. The limits and problems of contemporary liberal

democracies are studied, as is the problem of democratization in developing countries.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

POL 3880: Junior Seminar in Political Science

A springboard to preparation for the senior project that integrates (a) critical thinking in research—developing appropriate topics, grappling with supporting evidence, and working on hypothesis testing and probabilities; (b) writing—understanding what a research paper is, how it is developed and organized coherently, with emphasis on developing an outline, introduction, and literature review; and (c) conducting research—learning data-gathering techniques and analytic skills with emphasis on conducting interviews, qualitative and quantitative data analysis, and using primary data. The use of surveys, participant observation, and multiple research practices is also discussed.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: (POL1570 Or POL2360) And (POL2170 Or POL2180)

Department: Political Science

POL 4885: Political Science Senior Seminar I

In this scholarly community of political science majors in their senior year, ideas and methodologies relevant to specific senior-project topics are probed. Two semesters are required (POL 4885 and 4890). *Limited to political science majors.*

Credits: 1

COREQ: SPJ4990

Department: Political Science

POL 4890: Political Science Senior Seminar II

In this scholarly community of political science majors in their senior year, ideas and methodologies relevant to specific senior-project topics are probed. Two semesters are required (POL 4885 and 4890). *Limited to political science majors.*

Credits: 1

COREQ: SPJ4991

PREREQ: POL4885

Department: Political Science

SOC 4030: Seminar in Sociological Issues

Offers an in-depth focus on a specific sociological issue, which varies each semester. Includes research, readings, and writings on a topic related to the particular expertise of the faculty member.

Credits: 4

Department: Political Science

Psychology

Description:

Psychology is the study of behavior and experience. As such, it includes topics as diverse as emotion, cognition, personality, social processes, psychobiology, psychopathology, and psychological development in children and across the lifespan.

The psychology program at Purchase College offers basic and advanced courses, as well as research opportunities, in all of these areas. Regardless of the subject matter, there is a strong emphasis on the use of scientific methodology to pursue knowledge.

The psychology major is designed to provide and then build on the basic skills students need for critical analysis of empirical and theoretical material in the field and to provide a sophisticated understanding of the subject matter in a broad range of topic areas. This basic study is enriched by the perspectives drawn from courses in the related disciplines of biology, philosophy, and anthropology or sociology. The learning process culminates in the senior project, a yearlong independent research project conducted under the supervision of a faculty member.

In addition to the senior project, opportunities for hands-on experiences are available through supervised internships, learning assistantships, and a practicum in child development, where students serve as assistants to teachers at the Children's Center on campus.

About Our Alumni

The psychology program provides a strong foundation for students who plan to continue their studies at graduate and professional schools. Our alumni are equipped to enter advanced degree programs in all areas of psychology as well as programs in education, medicine, social work, and law. Some students move directly into careers in mental health services, research, teaching, and early childhood education.

Requirements:

In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, all psychology majors must meet the following requirements:

1. PSY 1530/Introduction to Psychology
2. PSY 3560/Research Methods I: Statistics and Design*
3. PSY 3561/Research Methods II: Application and Integration

4. One of the following courses:

- PSY 3660/Physiological Psychology
- PSY 3705/Special Topics in Neuropsychology
- PSY 3715/Human Neuropsychology
- PSY 4180/Seminar on Neurocognitive Aging

5. Five electives in psychology (at least three upper-level)

The following do not fulfill the electives requirement: independent studies, tutorials, internships, learning assistantships, and PSY 3850/Practicum in Child Development. Students may petition their academic advisor to have one upper-level psychology elective replaced by an upper-level elective in the liberal arts and sciences that is programmatically relevant.

6. One of the following biology courses:

- BIO 1510/Human Anatomy and Physiology I
- BIO 1520/Human Anatomy and Physiology II
- BIO 1550/General Biology I
- BIO 1560/General Biology II

7. One course in **philosophy**

8. One course in **anthropology** or **sociology**
9. PSY 4880 and 4890/Psychology Senior Seminar I and II
10. SPJ 4990/Senior Project I
11. SPJ 4991/Senior Project II

***Prerequisite:** 40 credits, including PSY 1530 with a grade of C or higher

Minimum Grade Requirements

1. a grade of C or higher in all other required psychology courses, excluding the senior project, and in electives that are used to fulfill requirements for the major
2. a grade of C- or higher in the biology course(s)

Students who do not meet these standards are required to retake or substitute courses as needed. Students who earn a grade lower than C in PSY 3560 or 3561 must petition the Psychology Department faculty for permission to retake the course.

Transfer Students

The psychology program is carefully structured to prepare students to carry out their senior projects, and all students must complete a four-semester sequence of required courses. Students who plan to transfer to Purchase College from another college should familiarize themselves with the degree requirements.

Minor requirements:

The purpose of the minor in psychology is to provide students in other disciplines with the opportunity to broaden their understanding of psychology through a selection of introductory and advanced courses covering a wide range of topics within the field.

Students interested in pursuing the minor in psychology must choose a **faculty member** in the Psychology Department to assist in designing an appropriate program and have that advisor sign the **Application for a Program of Minor Study**.

Academic Requirements for the Minor in Psychology

Five courses in psychology, as follows:

1. PSY 1530/Introduction to Psychology
2. Four psychology electives*

**The following do not fulfill the electives requirement: independent studies, tutorials, internships, learning assistantships, and PSY 3850/Practicum in Child Development.*

Students must earn grades of C- or higher in each course used to satisfy the minor requirements. Because PSY 1530 is a prerequisite for all upper-level courses offered by the Psychology Department, it should be taken early in the student's program of study.

Faculty

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Lecturer in Psychology

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Courses

ANT 3540: Sensing and Knowing in Anthropology, Psychology, and the Arts

What theories of embodiment, mind, and matter must be adopted to adequately grasp experiences of time, space, color, emotion, and attention? How can people conceptualize forms of experience without purging them of poetic resonance? Students explore this interdisciplinary field in connection with the arts. Includes readings in cognitive science, anthropology, and poetry, plus collaborative art projects, sensory experiments, and excursions.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ANT1500 Or PSY1530 Or MSA1050

Department: Psychology

PSY 1530: Introduction to Psychology

Empirical and theoretical approaches to the basic physiological, cognitive, and social mechanisms underlying behavior. Topics include learning and conditioning; sensation and perception; memory, thinking, and language; psychological development; social processes; and personality and psychopathology.

Credits: 4

Department: Psychology

PSY 1700: Introduction to the Brain and Behavior

An overview of the exciting field of behavioral neuroscience. The four content areas are basic neural processing and neuroanatomy; imaging the brain; the thinking, feeling, remembering, and learning brain; and the ethical brain. In addition, the ways in which brain-behavior relationships are portrayed in the popular media are discussed.

Credits: 4

Department: Psychology

PSY 2140: Social Issues

This course takes an interdisciplinary approach to a topic of broad interest or concern; examples include violence and terror, the global AIDS crisis, poverty, and racism. It is team taught by faculty members in at least two distinct disciplines. Lectures are supplemented by visual presentations and guest lectures.

Credits: 4

Department: Psychology

PSY 2170: Social Psychology

Students study classic experiments and contemporary research in the areas of conformity, obedience, helping behavior, attributions, aggression, persuasion, close relationships and attraction, attitudes and social influence, ethics, and prejudice. This material is applied to both current and historical examples in social research.

Credits: 4

Department: Psychology

PSY 2210: Health Disparities in America: Poverty, Race, and Medical Care

Students explore racial biases, including historical mistrust of medicine by underrepresented (UR) groups, health threats to UR groups in the U.S., health policy, language barriers, and representation of UR groups in the science. Students have the opportunity to conduct research by examining health disparities.

Credits: 4

Department: Psychology

PSY 2250: Sensation and Perception

An examination of the biological processes by which the sensory systems pick up information from the environment and the psychological processes by which that information is coded, transformed, and integrated to form perceptions. Emphasis is on the visual systems and visual perception. Aspects of perception in the visual arts and music are also discussed.

Credits: 4

Department: Psychology

PSY 2320: Behavioral Statistics

An introduction to data analysis, with coverage of both descriptive and inferential statistics, and an introduction to probability. Class discussions focus on the use of sample, sampling, and population distributions as they are employed in hypothesis

testing. Inferential tests include t-tests, ANOVAs, chi square, regression, and nonparametric tests. Note: This course may be used to satisfy the statistics requirement for economics and environmental studies majors, and it counts as a basic science support course for biology majors.

Credits: 4

Department: Psychology

PSY 2350: Drugs and Behavior

Examines the effects of a wide range of psychotropic drugs on behavior, including drugs used clinically to treat mental disorders and drugs of abuse (including alcohol). The biological basis of tolerance and withdrawal symptoms, and other issues related to drug addiction, are also covered. Knowledge of basic biology or psychology is helpful, but not required.

Credits: 4

Department: Psychology

PSY 2450: Learning and Memory

Behavioral and cognitive approaches to the study of human and animal learning are discussed. Topics include classical conditioning, motivation, cognitive models of memory, and applications outside the laboratory.

Credits: 4

Department: Psychology

PSY 2455: Foundations of Cyberpsychology

The interplay of cyberpsychology, gender, age, culture, and subculture are examined. Theoretical, empirical, and practical research issues are considered. Emphasis is placed on the impact of social media on mental health and psychological well-being. Individual, social, and community-level factors are discussed.

Credits: 3

Department: Psychology

PSY 2500: Adolescent Psychology

A broad survey of human development from late childhood through early adulthood. Topics include physiological, social, and cognitive development; peers, the family, and the school; issues of autonomy, identity, and sexual relations; depression; substance abuse; and suicide.

Credits: 3

Department: Psychology

PSY 2520: Personal/Social Relationships

An examination of both interpersonal relationships and the relationship between the individual and society. Topics include social development, situational and cultural influences on individual functioning, social support networks, interpersonal attraction, and intergroup relations.

Credits: 3

Department: Psychology

PSY 2650: Child Development

A broad survey of human development from conception through childhood. Topics include prenatal development and birth, cognition, language, parent-child interaction, peer relations, moral development, and sex role development.

Credits: 4

Department: Psychology

PSY 2745: Psychology of Stereotypes, Prejudice, and Discrimination

Students examine the psychological research and theory relevant to the understanding of stereotypes, prejudice, and discrimination. Topics include the cognitive bases of stereotypes and prejudice, the role of socialization and the media,

the nature of in-group-out-group biases, the changing face of prejudice and discrimination, ways to reduce prejudice, and the consequences of prejudice for members of stigmatized groups.

Credits: 3

Department: Psychology

PSY 2755: Stress and Coping

In this course, the intra- and extra-personal causes of stress are identified, and a variety of assessment instruments are demonstrated and used. The consequences of stress are examined from several physiological and cognitive perspectives. A catalog of effective, direct, and palliative coping strategies is offered so that students can develop personalized stress-management programs.

Credits: 3

Department: Psychology

PSY 2860: Psychology of Women

A critical examination of social, psychological, and biological factors governing female behavior and experience. Within the context of a life-span model (infancy to old age), topics include gender development, puberty, school performance, sexuality, the body, depression, relationships, and communication styles.

Credits: 3

Department: Psychology

PSY 2870: Psychopathology

Explores the diagnosis, phenomenology, and scientific and clinical understandings of a wide range of mental disorders. Current research is reviewed to explore the underlying mechanisms of the disorders under discussion. Diagnosis is approached from the perspective of the most recent DSM. At various points, psychodynamic, cognitive-behavioral, and neuroscientific viewpoints of psychopathology are represented.

Credits: 4

Department: Psychology

PSY 3010: Origins of Prejudice

Before children are old enough to tie their shoes, they already hold rich prejudices based on race, gender, weight, disability, and more. How do these prejudices first form? Students learn how “nature” (cognitive faculties) and “nurture” (inputs from media and caregivers) jointly drive prejudice development in early childhood, and discuss how psychological science can help disrupt prejudice at its origins.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3055: Fundamentals of Scientific Inquiry: Psychology

This is a fully on-line research/project-based course. This hands-on experiential lecture/lab course provides students with an opportunity to experience how professional scientists do research from conception of a research project to publication. Student work closely with a faculty mentor to develop a research project, collect and analyze data, and present results at a symposium. Students also engage in interactive professional development and skills-building webinars focused on developing their quantitative, analytic, and science communication skills. At the end of the course, student present their work at a final summer research symposium.

Credits: 5

Department: Psychology

PSY 3090: The Psychology of Stigma

Students explore classic and contemporary theory and research on the social psychology of stigma, primarily from the perspective of the stigmatized. Topics include functions and nature of stigma, stigma and the self-concept, stereotype threat, attributional ambiguity, stigma and social interaction, and implications of stigma concealability and controllability.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3110: Forensic Psychology

Students hone critical thinking and evaluative skills in examining data, evidence, and assumptions underlying the judicial process and the application of psychological principles. The research and clinical practice of forensic psychology in both civil and criminal law-enforcement settings are studied. The training, roles, and responsibilities of forensic psychologists along with methods of interrogation, criminal profiling, and investigation are also examined.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3120: Psychological Perspectives on the Self

An examination of the processes by which people develop and maintain a self-concept; how the self-concept influences emotion, motivation, and behavior; and whether or not the beliefs people hold about themselves are accurate or useful. Readings include recent theoretical and empirical writings from psychology journals and edited texts.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3125: Adult Development

Focusing on the longest phase of the life cycle, adulthood, this course examines the developmental processes from the transition to adulthood through old age. Students explore current theories regarding development and examine current

research on adults' capabilities and changes over time, adaptive responses to continuous changes in life, and reciprocal influences of the environment and development.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3140: Religion and Psychology

In this study of psychology in relation to religion, students explore the definition of religion, its personal meaning to people, and its social and political meaning in the community. The importance of ritual is discussed, and conversion is examined to understand its meaning. The middle of the course focuses on such theorists as Freud, Jung, and Maslow and the role religion played in their theories. Finally, the role religion and culture play in psychotherapy and the difference between religions and cults are examined.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3185: History of Psychology

Students study the historical roots of developmental, cognitive, and social psychology through the writings of major European and American psychologists, primarily from the 19th and early 20th centuries. The aim of the course is to expose students to the history of major ideas in psychology through an examination of primary sources.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3300: Cultural Psychology

A consideration of human behavior within an ecocultural perspective, beginning with historical and methodological issues. Perceptual, cognitive, and developmental processes, personality, and psychopathology are also studied. Distinct cultures serve as case studies.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3301: Health Psychology

The interventions suggested by the biopsychosocial model and mind-body paradigm are examined. Topics include health behavior, social learning theory, attribution theory, and attitude formation as they apply to problems like health promotion, disease prevention, reactions to illness, management of chronic and terminal illnesses, and adherence to treatment regimens. Methods of evaluation of clinical services are addressed.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3315: The Psychology of Aging

Based on changes occurring throughout life-span developmental psychology, this course evaluates what is myth, stereotype, potential, and reality about old age. Students examine the theoretical and empirical developments in such areas as psychosocial functioning, including identity and personality development; cultural norms and expectations, including role and status changes; physical and intellectual change; death and dying; and health nutrition.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3320: Language and Thought

Do people who speak different languages think about and perceive the world differently? Are some thoughts unthinkable without language? How does language affect decision-making or memory? This course examines the interrelationships between language and other cognitive processes. It brings together theories and empirical findings from cognitive, developmental, and cultural psychology, as well as linguistics, anthropology, ethology, and neuroscience.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3330: Social Development

An in-depth exploration of social and personality development from infancy through adolescence. Topics include predispositions for sociability, formation of affectional ties with family members and peers, the development of knowledge of self and others, and the acquisition of interactional knowledge and skills.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3345: Cognitive Development

An in-depth exploration of cognitive development from infancy through adolescence. Students study major theories and research findings on the development of problem solving, reasoning, memory, perception, and academic skills.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3350: Developmental Psychology

A study of human development from infancy through childhood, with particular emphasis on social interaction, cognition, language, play, and representational activity.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3405: Psychology of Music

Explores the cognitive processes that underlie musical behaviors. Topics include auditory parsing, pitch perception, acculturation, memory, absolute pitch, amusia (tone deafness), music as a communicative device, emotional responses and mood regulation, cognitive similarities with language, music therapy, the relationship between musical training and intelligence, and evolutionary theories.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3410: Program Evaluation

Covers theoretical and practical aspects of program evaluation and its role in informing policymakers. The readings, which include a textbook and journal articles, cover theory and basic methodology. In addition, students collect, organize, and write about the evaluations they conduct. The applications component focuses on programs in education, childcare, and criminal justice.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530 Or SOC1500

Department: Psychology

PSY 3420: Programming for the Behavioral Sciences with lab

Provides a foundation in programming, with emphasis on developing software for psychological experiments. Students gain hands-on experience through weekly coding assignments. Topics include creating, counterbalancing, and presenting stimuli; collecting real-time responses; and visualizing and processing data. For the final project, students code a complete experiment related to their own research.

Credits: 5.5

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3440: Social Issues in Developmental Psychology

Controversial social issues and policies are examined and discussed within a context of theory and research in developmental psychology. The goal is to examine how current developmental research has, and has not, been successfully applied to practical social issues regarding children and adolescents. Topics include day care, sex education, adolescent pregnancy and parenting, changing family structure, infants and children with AIDS, television viewing, and child abuse and neglect.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3445: Topics in Social Psychology

An examination of theoretically driven research with a focus on empirical findings and the research methods used to obtain them. Students explore social psychological theories, such as attachment theory, attribution theory, the belongingness hypothesis, cognitive dissonance, construal level theory, dual-process attitude theories, self-perception and social comparison theories, self-verification theory, social exchange theory, social identity theory, and social penetration theory.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3460: Clinical Psychology

The course emphasizes both the practice and science of clinical psychology. Topics include the theoretical foundations of clinical practice and research, clinical assessment (mental status, clinical interviewing, psychological testing), psychotherapy modalities (cognitive-behavioral, psychodynamic) and techniques, and clinical research methods. A series of in-depth case studies are used to illustrate clinical theory, assessment, and treatment.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY2870 Or PSY3725

Department: Psychology

PSY 3490: Development of Language

Starts with an examination of various criteria for and precursors of language. Students read and analyze studies of children's first words, early syntactical development, speech play, metaphor, storytelling, and bilingualism.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3510: Social Cognition

An increasingly important focus in social psychology, social cognition is the study of how people think in social situations. Topics include social categories, scripts and schemas, attribution, inference, memory, and attitudes. Important applications are also considered, including stereotyping and prejudice.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3560: Research Methods I: Statistics and Design

Students receive intensive hands-on experience in the research process, developing the following skills: generating testable hypotheses; designing research studies; understanding large data sets; formatting and managing data; conducting descriptive and inferential statistical tests; and interpreting and reporting results.

Credits: 5

PREREQ: PSY1530 And (PSY2170 Or PSY2210 Or PSY2250 Or PSY2320 Or PSY2455 Or PSY2520 Or PSY2650 Or PSY2745 Or PSY2755 Or PSY2860 Or PSY2870)

Department: Psychology

PSY 3561: Research Methods II: Application and Integration

Students develop an untested hypothesis, design and conduct a study to test the hypothesis, and write an empirical paper following American Psychological Association guidelines. Students then conduct a critical review of existing theory and research in a different area of psychology.

Credits: 5

PREREQ: PSY3560 Or PSY3550

Department: Psychology

PSY 3580: Evolutionary Psychology

Examines the foundations of evolutionary psychology, the study of the mind as a collection of cognitive adaptations for the problems faced by our ancestors. Explores the field's classic and contemporary studies, spanning traditional subject areas including social psychology, perception, memory, developmental psychology, and morality. Emphasis on integrating proximate and ultimate explanations for human behavior.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3610: Psychological Testing and Measurement

This course covers the basic principles, research, and theories on the testing and measurement of psychological constructs. Topics include test reliability and validity, test development, intelligence and its measurement, personality assessment, and clinical assessment.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3660: Physiological Psychology

An examination of the biological basis of behavior. Topics include neuronal transmission, the coding and higher-order processing of sensory stimuli, movement, regulatory processes in feeding and drinking, sexual and emotional behavior, learning and memory, and psychopharmacology. The biological bases of various psychological disorders are also covered.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3690: Personality Assessment

Focuses on how personality measures are constructed and how scores on these measures are interpreted and used. The strengths and weaknesses of various projective tests, personality inventories, single-trait measures, IQ tests, behavioral indicators, and physiological measures are reviewed. Topics include the stability of personality, whether or not IQ tests actually measure intelligence, and the accuracy of people's self-descriptions of their personalities.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3705: Special Topics in Neuropsychology

One or two topics in neuropsychology are examined in depth. Topics may include memory across the life span, degenerative disorders, neuropsychiatric disorders (e.g., schizophrenia and depression), and communication disorders.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3715: Human Neuropsychology

This course reviews brain-behavior interactions obtained from studies of human brain damage and from investigations of the normal brain. Topics include hemispheric specialization, the representation of language, memory, spatial ability, attention, movement disorders, developmental disorders, and generalized cognitive disorders.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3720: Child Psychopathology

Addresses early and profound deviations in infancy, childhood schizophrenia, and organic disturbances, as well as the theoretical work of Stern and Mahler on the concept of self. Other topics include depression and the consequences of loss, pathologies of initiative and early socialization, neurotic process and issues of excessive/inadequate control, mental retardation, neglect and abuse, and developmental issues around cultural/ethnic differences.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3725: Developmental Psychopathology

Focuses on the development of the major emotional and behavioral problems of childhood and adolescence, including autism and Asperger's disorder, AD/HD, depression, trauma-related problems, eating disorders, and personality problems. Empirical research and clinical material are both integral elements of the course, including in-class presentations of clinical research and case studies, as well as videos on psychopathology.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3730: Counseling and Psychotherapy

A study of the basic theories and their applications in counseling and psychotherapy. Theories studied include behavior therapy; drug therapy; interpersonal psychotherapy; psychoanalysis; and group, art, movement, and the "newer" therapies. Variations on the above as applied to different clinical populations are emphasized, as are issues of research and ethics in counseling and psychotherapeutic practice.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3745: Human Memory

Examines the cognitive representations and processes involved in human memory. Topics include short-term and working memory; encoding and forgetting processes;

implicit, semantic, and eyewitness memory; reconstructive processes and alterability of memory; and memory for text.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3760: Psychology of Personality

Personality psychologists study consistent ways people think, feel, and behave. This course focuses on classic and contemporary theoretical approaches to personality and how theory influences the research questions psychologists ask, the methods they employ, and their interpretation of results. An examination of research findings furthers understanding of commonalities as well as individual differences in people's thoughts, feelings, and behaviors.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3770: Cognitive Psychology

The study of human cognition from the perspective of the mind as a processor of information. Topics include attention, memory, conceptual structure, imagery, reasoning, problem solving, and language use.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3845: Gender Development

Examines the processes involved in the development of gender during childhood, emphasizing the interaction between biology, socialization, and cognition. Students read primary source articles that examine the influence of hormones, parenting,

knowledge, friendships, and media on children's beliefs about their gender and on sex differences.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 3850: Practicum in Child Development

Students work with preschool children for eight hours per week at the Purchase College Children's Center, located on campus. The academic component of the practicum is coordinated through weekly class meetings that relate the students' experience with children at the Center to issues in child development.

Note: This course (a) fulfills a requirement for the certificate program in early childhood development, and (b) does not count as one of the psychology electives for psychology majors.

Credits: 4

Department: Psychology

PSY 4180: Seminar on Neurocognitive Aging

The topic of aging and cognition is explored by examining work in cognitive psychology and cognitive neuroscience. Major theories of cognitive aging are reviewed, age-related decline in specific areas of cognition is discussed, and students are familiarized with multiple methodological approaches to understanding both healthy and pathological aging.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSY1530

Department: Psychology

PSY 4880: Psychology Senior Seminar I

In the first semester, students meet weekly to present and discuss their senior project proposals. In the second semester, students present the findings of their senior project research. Grading is on a pass/no credit basis.

Credits: 1

PREREQ: PSY3561

Department: Psychology

PSY 4890: Psychology Senior Seminar II

In the first semester, students meet weekly to present and discuss their senior project proposals. In the second semester, students present the findings of their senior project research. Grading is on a pass/no credit basis.

Credits: 1

PREREQ: PSY3561

Department: Psychology

Sociology

Description:

Do you want to create a better world? Are you fascinated by such topics as race, social class, gender, globalization, the environment, education, social work, or social change?

These subjects and others that deal with social relationships, culture, and the nature of society comprise the discipline of sociology. As a broad and eclectic field of inquiry, sociology uses many different approaches, ranging from cultural and historical studies to survey research.

The sociology major at Purchase College is designed to give students maximum exposure to the breadth of the field. A choice of four concentrations—Sociology (self-design); Local and Global Communities and Social Change; Social and Health Advocacy; and Education and Society—allows students to focus on a particular area of interest. The program also offers a minor in sociology.

The sociology program is based on social action. It offers opportunities for a broad general education in the liberal arts as well as preparation for work in a range of fields and for further professional training in the discipline or in a variety of other areas. Graduates have earned advanced degrees in sociology, education, law, journalism, public administration, social work, hospital administration, and other disciplines.

What can you do with a degree in sociology? Opportunities exist in both the private and public sectors in the fields of social advocacy, social work, human service, education, business, law, criminal justice, social science research, and community relations. For more detailed information about career opportunities, visit the [American Sociological Association](#).

Requirements:

In addition to meeting [general degree requirements](#), all sociology majors must complete one of the following concentrations (41–46 credits):

1. [Sociology](#) (self-design)
2. [Health Advocacy and Social Work](#)
3. [Local and Global Communities and Social Change](#)
4. [Education and Society](#)

Concentration 1: Sociology (41–44 credits; self-design)

1. SOC 1500/Introduction to Sociology: 3 credits
2. SOC 3015/ProSeminar in Sociology: 1 credit [FALL only]
3. SOC 3405/Research Methods: 4 credits [FALL JR only]
4. SOC 3850/Sociological Theory: 4 credits [FALL JR only]
5. At least four sociology electives, chosen from Group A, B, and C (at least one in each group):
13–16 credits
6. One internship, study-abroad opportunity, or community-action independent study, chosen in consultation with the faculty advisor: 4 credits
7. SOC 3885/Sociology Junior Seminar: 4 credits [SPR JR only]
8. SPJ 4990/Senior Project I: 4 credits
9. SPJ 4991/Senior Project II: 4 credits

Group A: Sociological Perspectives on Individual Behavior

- SOC 2365/Self and Society
- SOC 3035/Birth and Death
- SOC 3095/Introduction to Counseling Theory and Professions
- SOC 3155/Sociology of the Body and Embodiment
- SOC 3265/Critical Animal Studies
- SOC 3385/Culture and Collective Memory: Latin America
- SOC 3455/Conflict Management and Mediation
- SOC 3625/Sex, Drugs, and Gray Hair
- SOC 3655/Sociology of Childhood
- SOC 3670/Contemporary Sociological Theory

Group B: Social Institutions

SOC 3135/Politics, Policy, and Society
SOC 3136/Social Policy, Justice, Advocacy
SOC 3137/Contemporary Issues in Bioethics
SOC 3175/Sociology of Health and Illness
SOC 3203/Introduction to Teaching
SOC 3235/Social Organizations
SOC 3287/Science and Technology Studies
SOC 3435/Cults, Sects, and New Religious Movements
SOC 3475/Surveillance, Technology, Society
SOC 3500/Sociology of Education
SOC 3595/Public Health: Selected Topics
SOC 3615/Families, Communities, Cultures
SOC 3670/Contemporary Sociological Theory
SOC 4030/Seminar in Sociological Issues
SOC 4053/Astrosociology & Consciousness Communities

Group C: Inequality and Change

HIS 3115/Sex Radicals in the 19th-Century U.S.
SOC 1030/Cultural Activism in the Americas
SOC 2020/Human Sexuality
SOC 2105/Art and Outsiderness
SOC 2140/Race and Ethnicity
SOC 2165/Culture, Consumption, and the City
SOC 2210/Sociology of Gender
SOC 3056/Global Social Movements
SOC 3125/Social and Cultural Studies of Food
SOC 3255/Environmental Sociology
SOC 3266/Urban Sociology
SOC 3275/Critical Disability Studies
SOC 3365/Social Movements, Action, Advocacy
SOC 3375/Global Inequalities
SOC 3005/Feminism. Art and Reform

SOC 3495/Art Worlds and Their Discontents
SOC 3515/Education Across Cultures
SOC 3565/Society and Public Policy
SOC 3585/Communities, Ethnicities, and Exclusion
SOC 3625/Sex, Drugs, and Gray Hair
SOC 3627/The Ageless Self: Technological Gerontology
SOC 3635/I Forgot: Aging, Alzheimer's Disease, and Anxiety
SOC 3661/Border Wars and Transnational Human Rights
SOC 3670/Contemporary Sociological Theory
SOC 3705/Masculinities: Feminist Perspectives
SOC 3725/Globalization, Culture, Social Change: Latin America
SOC 3755/Sexualities and Society
SOC 4025/Critical Race Theory
SOC 4030/Seminar in Sociological Issues
SOC 4035/Theories of Justice
SOC 4040/Generation XYZ
SOC 4050/Bioethics: Contemporary Issues
SOC 4053/Astrosociology & Consciousness Communities
SOC 4060/Cross Cultural Solutions to Climate Change
VIS 3500/The Arts for Social Change

Concentration 2: Health Advocacy and Social Work (46–47 credits)

1. SOC 1500/Introduction to Sociology: 3 credits
2. SOC 3015/ProSeminar in Sociology: 1 credit [FALL only]
3. SOC 3405/Research Methods: 4 credits [FALL JR only]
4. SOC 3850/Sociological Theory: 4 credits [FALL JR only]
5. One internship*, study-abroad opportunity, or community-action independent study, chosen in consultation with the faculty advisor: 4 credits
6. SOC 3885/Sociology Junior Seminar: 4 credits [SPR JR only]
7. SPJ 4990/Senior Project I: 4 credits
8. SPJ 4991/Senior Project II: 4 credits
9. Three courses from the following list (12 credits):

Concentration 2 Electives

SOC 3035/Birth and Death
SOC 3125/Social and Cultural Studies of Food
SOC 3155/Sociology of the Body and Embodiment

SOC 3175/Science, Medicine, Culture
SOC 3255/Global Populations, Local Problems
SOC 3275/Critical Disability Studies
SOC 3287/Science and Technology Studies
SOC 3435/Cults, Sects, and New Religious Movements
SOC 3475/Surveillance, Technology, Society
SOC 3585/Communities, Ethnicities, and Exclusion
SOC 3615/Families, Communities, Cultures
SOC 3670/Contemporary Sociological Theory
SOC 4030/Seminar in Sociological Issues
SOC 4060/Cross Cultural Solutions to Climate Change
Any relevant policy-based **political science** course

10. Two of the following courses (6–7 credits):

SOC 2020/Human Sexuality
SOC 2140/Race and Ethnicity
SOC 2210/Sociology of Gender
SOC 3441/Class, Power, Privilege
SOC 3455/Conflict Management and Mediation
SOC 3585/Communities, Ethnicities, and Exclusion

*For students considering graduate school in social work, two internships in human services locations are recommended. Advisors can assist with course planning for a career in social work.

Concentration 3: Local and Global Communities & Social Change (41–43 credits)

1. SOC 1500/Introduction to Sociology: 3 credits
2. SOC 3015/ProSeminar in Sociology: 1 credit [FALL only]
3. SOC 3405/Research Methods: 4 credits [FALL JR only]
4. SOC 3850/Sociological Theory: 4 credits [FALL JR only]
5. One internship, study-abroad opportunity, or community-action independent study, chosen in consultation with the faculty advisor: 4 credits
6. SOC 3885/Sociology Junior Seminar: 4 credits [SPR JR only]
7. SPJ 4990/Senior Project I: 4 credits
8. SPJ 4991/Senior Project II: 4 credits
9. Three of the following courses (10-12 credits):

Concentration 3 Electives

SOC 2255/Environmental Sociology
SOC 3056/Global Social Movements
SOC 3095/Introduction to Counseling Theory and Professions
SOC 3135/Politics, Policy, and Society
SOC 3136/Social Policy, Justice, Advocacy
SOC 3137/Contemporary Issues in Bioethics
SOC 3255/Global Populations, Local Problems
SOC 3266/Urban Sociology
SOC 3385/Culture and Collective Memory: Latin America
SOC 3435/Cults, Sects, and New Religious Movements
SOC 3455/Conflict Management and Mediation
SOC 3585/Communities, Ethnicities, and Mediation
SOC 3515/Education Across Cultures
SOC 3585/Communities, Ethnicities, and Exclusion
SOC 3627/The Ageless Self: Technological Gerontology
SOC 3635/I Forgot: Aging, Alzheimer's Disease, and Anxiety
SOC 3661/Border Wars and Transnational Human Rights
SOC 3725/Globalization, Culture, Social Change
SOC 4030/Seminar in Sociological Issues
SOC 4040/Generation XYZ
SOC 4050/Bioethics: Contemporary Issues
SOC 4060/Cross Cultural Solutions to Climate Change
Any relevant **anthropology** course
Any relevant **environmental studies** course

10. One of the following courses (3 credits):

SOC 2140/Race and Ethnicity
SOC 2210/Sociology of Gender
SOC 3441/Class, Power, Privilege
SOC 4025/Critical Race Theory

Concentration 4: Education and Society (45–47 credits)

1. SOC 1500/Introduction to Sociology: 3 credits
2. SOC 3015/ProSeminar in Sociology: 1 credit [FALL only]
3. SOC 3405/Research Methods: 4 credits [FALL JR only]
4. SOC 3850/Sociological Theory: 4 credits [FALL JR only]
5. One internship, study-abroad opportunity, or community-action independent study, chosen in consultation with the faculty advisor: 4 credits
6. SOC 3885/Sociology Junior Seminar: 4 credits [SPR JR only]

7. SPJ 4990/Senior Project I: 4 credits
8. SPJ 4991/Senior Project II: 4 credits
9. Three courses from the following list (11–12 credits):

Concentration 4 Electives

PSY 2500/Adolescent Psychology
PSY 2650/Child Development
SOC 3095/Introduction to Counseling Theory and Professions
SOC 3135/Politics, Policy, and Society
SOC 3203/Introduction to Teaching
SOC 3255/Global Populations, Local Problems
SOC 3275/Critical Disability Studies
SOC 3455/Conflict Management and Mediation
SOC 3500/Sociology of Education
SOC 3515/Education Across Cultures
SOC 3585/Communities, Ethnicities, and Exclusion
SOC 3615/Families, Communities, Cultures
SOC 3661/Border Wars and Transnational Human Rights
SOC 3670/Contemporary Sociological Theory
SOC 4030/Seminar in Sociological Issues

10. Two of the following courses (6–7 credits):

HIS 3466/To Enjoy Our Freedom: African American History Since 1865
HIS 3635/Race, Ethnicity, and Identity in the U.S.
SOC 2140/Race and Ethnicity
SOC 2210/Sociology of Gender
SOC 3441/Class, Power, Privilege
SOC 4025/Critical Race Theory

Note: An additional writing course is recommended for students in Concentration 4. Refer to [The Senior Project](#) for additional information.

Minor requirements:

The minor in sociology is designed to provide students with a basic understanding of the discipline and to introduce them to some of the major subfields.

Students interested in the minor in sociology should consult with a member of the [sociology faculty](#), then submit a completed [Application for a Program of Minor Study](#).

Academic Requirements for the Minor in Sociology

Five courses, as follows:

- SOC 1500/Introduction to Sociology
- Plus four elective courses in sociology, chosen in consultation with the sociology faculty. PSY 2170/Social Psychology can count as one of the electives.

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Courses

HIS 3466: To Enjoy Our Freedom: African American History Since 1865

The meaning of freedom and citizenship is a central theme in this examination of the social, political, economic, and cultural forces that have shaped the lives of African Americans since the end of the Civil War. Topics include Reconstruction, the Harlem Renaissance, and the civil rights and black power movements.

Credits: 4

Department: Sociology

LBS 3029: Collaboration, Negotiation and Inclusive Leadership

Now more than ever, the world and workplace depends on our collective ability to collaborate across differences. What does collaboration mean and look like as the 21st century advances? Students learn about the benefits and challenges of democratic engagement across fields of study, including organizational leadership, theory of change, civic engagement, community organizing, conflict mediation, and cultural and emotional intelligence.

Credits: 4

Department: Sociology

PHI 3150: Tibetan Buddhist Philosophy

An examination of the rich philosophies of Tibetan Buddhism, drawing on Nagarjuna and the Indian background, developing the tantric tradition through its philosophic assumptions and arguments. (offered Summer, in India)

Credits: 4

Department: Sociology

SOC 1030: Cultural Activism in Latin America

What does Latin American hip-hop have to do with social change? How do *murga* dances in Argentina and Uruguay or “theatre of the oppressed” performances in Brazil challenge “social authoritarianism”? Why are Greenpeace campaigns so successful in raising awareness about the Amazon? Why are carnivals in Oruro, Bolivia, or in Santiago del Estero, Argentina, still so lively and engaging? This course explores the relationship between activism and “culture” in different Latin American countries.

Credits: 3

Department: Sociology

SOC 1035: Contemplation, Meditation, and Mind

Examines the art and science of contemplative practices in order to cultivate self-knowledge, critical awareness, emotional resilience, and social engagement. Students must be willing to personally explore such practices as meditation and incorporate them into their lives throughout the semester. This experiential approach complements an academic investigation and discussion of contemplative practices in the sciences and humanities.

Credits: 3

Department: Sociology

SOC 1500: Introduction to Sociology

An introduction to sociological thinking and to key concepts in sociology. Attention is given to social life, inequality, movements, action, change, institutions, and contemporary social issues.

Credits: 3

Department: Sociology

SOC 2020: Human Sexuality

An overview of biological, psychological, and sociological approaches to understanding human sexual behavior. Topics include values in sexuality, sexuality

through the life span, sexual dysfunction and therapy, sex and disability, sexual preferences, atypical sexualities, and sex and the law.

Credits: 3

Department: Sociology

SOC 2105: Art and Outsiderness

Students explore the social construction of the genre of outsider art through an examination of institutional discourses and practices. Emphasis is placed on how the work of marginalized people comes to be viewed as artistically legitimate. Works of asylum art, folk art, prison art, and other genres are analyzed in relationship to creativity, local cultural tradition, and mental illness.

Credits: 3

Department: Sociology

SOC 2140: Race and Ethnicity

An examination of the state of race relations in the United States and other industrialized nations. Topics include racial and ethnic stratification, systems of oppression, mechanisms for integration, pluralism, assimilation, and racial politics.

Credits: 3

Department: Sociology

SOC 2165: Culture, Consumption, and the City

An introduction to the development of consumer society and consumer culture, with emphasis on the city as a landscape of consumption. Topics include commodification, materialism, large-scale changes in cities and industries, the street as a site for identity, neighborhoods as contest spaces, and the environmental and social consequences of consumerism.

Credits: 3

Department: Sociology

SOC 2365: Self and Society

Introduces microsociology from a social-interactionist perspective. Concepts covered include self; social construction of reality and the symbolic environments; culture and subculture; and identity, social location, and socialization. The interconnectedness of selves and societies is explored by examining the ways in which (a) social arrangements shape individuals and (b) individuals shape the social order of which they are a part.

Credits: 3

Department: Sociology

SOC 3002: Introduction to Social Work

After examining the historical development of the profession of social work, this course introduces the profession's values, ethics, and practice principles. Students examine major intervention methods of practice and explore the social service delivery networks comprising the social welfare system in professional settings. The course format includes volunteer service and visits to social service sites.

Credits: 4

Department: Sociology

SOC 3005: Feminism, Art, and Performance

An examination of the impact of feminist thinking on the visual and performing arts. Emphasis is placed on the historical absence of women in art worlds and the creation of work that critiques dominant modes of cultural production. A plurality of feminisms and attention to the intersections of race, class, gender, and sexuality inform investigations of craft, performance, and collaboration.

Credits: 4

Department: Sociology

SOC 3015: Proseminar in Sociology I

This professional orientation for sociology majors includes sessions with each member of the sociology faculty on such topics as professional presentation and communication skills, preparation for graduate school, and faculty research.

Credits: 1

Department: Sociology

SOC 3035: Birth and Death

An exploration of different sociological renderings of birth and death in contemporary societies. Understanding the concepts from a sociological perspective offers an opportunity to explore the intersections of race, class, gender, spirituality, and age. This course also focuses on recent biomedical technological innovations and their implications for birth and death representations. Students conduct an independent field trip and do extensive reading and writing.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500 Or ANT1500 Or GND1200

Department: Sociology

SOC 3056: Global Social Movements

How do groups mobilize to act for social change and against injustice? This course focuses on contemporary movements that emerge within and outside the United States, e.g., in Latin America. Case studies focus on human rights, feminism, environmentalism, landless rural workers, indigenous peoples, and global justice movements, with a particular focus on how these movements emerge, (re)create their identities, and frame injustice. The class analyzes how 21st-century movements are both global and local.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500

Department: Sociology

SOC 3095: Introduction to Counseling Theory and Professions

Provides an overview of the counseling professions. Covers history, theories, methodologies, origins, and ethics within a variety of counseling professions including guidance and vocational, human services, grief, marriage and family, and social work. Skill building will include autoethnography, listening practices, meditation, empathy, and observation. Guest lectures by practitioners from a variety of professions.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500 Or ANT1500 Or SOC3002

Department: Sociology

SOC 3125: Social and Cultural Studies of Food

Investigates the meanings, production, distribution, and consumption of food by human beings. Special attention is paid to social solidarity—the racial, ethnic, and gender relations of food preparation and celebration. Social stratification is examined to understand social inequality in relation to food, particularly in terms of labor and hunger.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500 Or ANT1500 Or GND1200

Department: Sociology

SOC 3126: Social and Cultural Studies of Food: Italian Gastronomy

Food—its production, consumption, and representation—is used as a lens to understand politics, culture, sociality, identities, geographies, and economies. Taking the geographical area of Pisciotta, Italy, as a starting point and ultimately as an ethnographic case study, this course engages students in the local and regional landscape. From visits to the local weekly market to field trips to the local mozzarella or olive oil producers, students interpret how food, as a way of life, has shaped the village.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500

Department: Sociology

SOC 3127: Social and Cultural Studies of Food: India

Food, its production, consumption, and representation are used as a lens to understand politics, culture, sociality, identities, geographies, and economies. Some of the themes examined are salient in contemporary debates within social and cultural studies.

Credits: 4

Department: Sociology

SOC 3136: Social Policy, Justice, Advocacy

History of social welfare policy, justice, and social work advocacy. Focus on the elderly, health care, mental health, and child welfare. Application of policy and cost benefit analysis, and systems thinking. Specialized areas include issues related to ability, age, class, ethnicity, gender identity and gender expression, marital status, national origin, race, religion or spirituality, sex, and sexual orientation.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500 Or ANT1500 Or SOC3002

Department: Sociology

SOC 3155: Sociology of the Body and Embodiment

Contemporary sociological studies of the body consider how bodies become social entities through membership in communities and how these bodies are valued according to their gender, social class, religion, and racial, ethnic, and national status. This course attends to bodies, engaging with a growing corpus of material on embodiment, embodied experiences, body regulation, bodywork, representations of bodies, and cultural exposures of the body.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500 Or ANT1500

Department: Sociology

SOC 3175: Sociology of Health and Illness

How is scientific and medical knowledge researched and developed? What is the relationship between science and medicine? What are the hidden premises or values that lie within different scientific and medical approaches? How is scientific and medical knowledge culturally represented? Additional topics include alternative medicine, epidemiology, and everyday lived experience of medicine and the relation to social inequality.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500

Department: Sociology

SOC 3203: Introduction to Teaching

What is teaching like? Would you make a good teacher? Designed to familiarize students with the profession of teaching, this course helps students consider whether they want to pursue a teaching career. In addition to addressing the motivation, training, and status of teachers, the course also provides an overview of educational policies and professional organizations. A child-observation component is included.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500

Department: Sociology

SOC 3235: Social Organizations

Focuses on what is meant by organizations, how organizations are shaped by their environment, and how organizations affect societies and individual lives. The World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF), and schools are among the organizations covered.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500

Department: Sociology

SOC 3255: Environmental Sociology

Brings a sociological perspective to environmental issues, both past and present, by asking: Who is civilized? Who is savage? What is nature? By addressing questions of how human societies, animals, and land have shaped each other, students better understand the root causes and consequences of today's environmental crisis. Topics include world hunger, water, and environmental equity for all.

Credits: 4

Department: Sociology

SOC 3265: Urban Ecology and Animal Studies

Students and faculty, humans and animals, subjects and objects collaborate in this rigorous seminar on the "animal problem," as it is particularly important to urban environments and urban dwellers (human and nonhuman animals). What are nonhuman animals? How do people account for their animal nature while reconciling their cultural aspirations? What are human primary desires with respect to nonhuman animals?

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500

Department: Sociology

SOC 3266: Urban Sociology

An introduction to the study of cities in the U.S. and other countries. Using a "social problems" approach, the development of urban communities and the associated issues are explored. Topics include gentrification, poverty, housing, and public transportation. This course is designed to further develop students' writing ability and capacity for critical thinking, research, and analysis.

Credits: 4

Department: Sociology

SOC 3335: Politics, Policy, and Society

Introduction to the main ideas in the field of political sociology. Primary focus includes the study of power and its social implications. Key topics include the use and legitimization of violence, democracy from above and below, policy development processes and outcomes, corruption, citizenship, and revolutions. Historical and contemporary cases locally and globally will be covered.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500 Or POL1570

Department: Sociology

SOC 3365: Social Movements, Action, Advocacy

Forms of social movement, action, and advocacy, which are critical to social transformation and social justice, are examined. Essential components, such as fundraising, training, publicity, and movement building, are included, along with coverage of effective forms of social activism and advocacy. The course integrates theory and research with practical applications.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500

Department: Sociology

SOC 3385: Culture and Collective Memory: Latin America

Introduction to the sociology of memory, focusing on the United States and Latin America. Topics include memory and the nation, memory and race, memory, gender, and sexuality, the politics of memory, memory tourism, memorials, museums, and memory in art and popular culture.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500 Or PSY1530 Or ANT1500 Or HIS1200 Or HIS1600

Department: Sociology

SOC 3405: Research Methods

Students become acquainted with methods that social scientists in general and sociologists in particular use for different types of research. Goals include learning to identify, understand, and evaluate diverse research strategies; distinguish between qualitative and quantitative methods, the types of knowledge they produce, and the strengths and the weaknesses of each; and think critically about objectivity, researcher standpoint, and research ethics

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500

Department: Sociology

SOC 3415: Racial Inequalities

Given the ethnic complexity of society, major social institutions—including education, criminal justice, health care, social services, and business—face many challenges. This course explores the past, present, and future of race and ethnicity in American society, and how immigration, culture, religion, education, and income play parts in prejudice, discrimination, and racial inequalities.

Credits: 4

Department: Sociology

SOC 3435: Cults, Sects, and New Religious Movements

From the Manson family to Scientology, this course takes a deep dive into the world of fringe religious groups. We will learn how sociologists approach these marginal groups by examining their beliefs and behaviors, the power of their leaders and organizations, as well as their alignment with and resistance to the dominant culture.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500

Department: Sociology

SOC 3441: Class, Power, and Privilege

"All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others." The inequalities in status and class are examined. Literary, philosophical, and sociological works are used to explore the nature and morality of inequality and to provide composite pictures of the different social classes.

Credits: 4

Department: Sociology

SOC 3455: Conflict Management and Mediation

Conflict can signal either a disruption in an organization's operations or an opportunity for change and growth. This course examines the causes, processes, costs, and benefits of social conflict, and methods for conflict resolution. Using sociological theory and research, the relationship of social issues to organizational and institutional conflict is also addressed. Students are given a broad perspective on making conflict an asset organizationally and interpersonally, including 25 hours of coursework needed for conflict-mediation certification. Provides the foundation for an apprenticeship with a conflict-mediation or dispute-resolution center.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500

Department: Sociology

SOC 3475: Surveillance, Technology, Society

People's everyday lives are monitored on multiple levels through mechanisms they take for granted. Surveillance systems and technologies provide knowledge about people through identification, monitoring, and analysis of individuals, groups, data, or systems. These systems are examined as social entities that organize and shape cultural values and norms. Issues of identity, security, fear, control, and vulnerability are also explored.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500

Department: Sociology

SOC 3495: Art Worlds and Their Discontents

Students explore the relationship between art and society through an investigation of cultural objects and practices, and within the context of individual and collective identity. Emphasis is placed on the social production, consumption, and distribution of art, the role of art institutions, and the relationship between art and social change.

Credits: 4

Department: Sociology

SOC 3500: Sociology of Education

An examination of the special relationship of education to other American institutions. Topics include the declining support for public education, attempts to privatize public education (vouchers), and race and class issues in public and private education.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500

Department: Sociology

SOC 3515: Education Across Cultures

Incorporates service learning and examines immigration and the U.S. school system. Combining hands-on work within local schools with academic readings that address children of immigrants in schools, this course emphasizes applied sociology. Throughout the course, students analyze how school structures, peer networks, relationships with teachers, and familial interactions influence the incorporation and educational trajectories of first- and second-generation immigrants.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500

Department: Sociology

SOC 3595: Public Health: Selected Topics

Public health has the goal of preventing disease, prolonging life, and promoting health through the organized efforts and informed choices of society. This course focuses on a specific public health topic that might unexpectedly become significant or an interdisciplinary topic that integrates sociological considerations in relation to the goals of public health (e.g., Alzheimer's disease, abortion, synthetic biology, DNA testing).

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500

Department: Sociology

SOC 3615: Families, Communities, Cultures

Focuses on the diversity of families, the challenges they face, their relationship to social institutions and communities, and how they interact with society at large. Students explore how social norms and public policy have benefited or constrained particular familial structures over time and examine how contemporary family formations are shifting normative social structures.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500 Or ANT1500

Department: Sociology

SOC 3625: Sex, Drugs, and Gray Hair

Examines the ways in which age is socially constructed, and how social factors influence how bodies develop over time and shape our social order. Studies include various ideologies and inequalities related to aging.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500

Department: Sociology

SOC 3627: The Ageless Self: Technological Gerontology

Aging is real. It happens to everyone. But some people age “better” than others. How can we maximize our aging potential? Is aging a disease to be treated or a natural progression of life? To answer these questions, this course critically examines new social, medical, genetic and economic advances relating to aging. We also interrogate systemic institutional inequalities in respect to these technological aging innovations. Our goal is to understand how one ages well in our society.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500 Or ANT1500

Department: Sociology

SOC 3635: I Forgot: Aging, Alzheimer’s Disease, and Anxiety

Examines the truth and dispels the myths about Alzheimer’s disease. Topics include how to help AD family members live a worthwhile life, public health concerns about social impact, caregiver burnout and disease costs, stigma, social memory, gender, race and class. Medical-genomic interventions, optimism about delaying onset, finding cures, and the role of various interpretations of the disease are explained.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500 Or ANT1500

Department: Sociology

SOC 3655: Sociology of Childhood

Considers the ways in which children and childhood differ across cultures, what those cultural differences mean, and what childhood means in a larger developmental and cultural sense. Among other topics, students examine children as

active social agents, independent of families, and incorporate ideas around children as products, childhood innocence, and children in need of protection.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500

Department: Sociology

SOC 3661: Border Wars and Transnational Human Rights

An examination of the various causes and consequences of international migration on migrants, their sending communities, and their destination countries. Topics include immigration debates, the social structures and economic and social conditions that facilitate labor migration, undocumented migration, refugee migration and forced migration. New York is an amazing place to explore migration, providing firsthand knowledge about migrant communities.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500 Or ANT1500

Department: Sociology

SOC 3705: Masculinities: Feminist Perspectives

Considers experiences and images of men in U.S. society. Recent feminist theory and research concerning men are studied, with attention to the various meanings of masculinity in American culture. This course provides a sociological understanding of gender and society, with attention to race, class, and other aspects of identity that shape men's lives, including media representations of masculinity.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500

Department: Sociology

SOC 3725: Globalization, Culture, Social Change: Latin America

A global sociological examination of the contemporary debates and studies concerning the social organization of cultures that transcends national boundaries. This course examines the highly debated concept of globalization by studying transnational social organizations and the distinctive dynamics of global political economy and culture. Topics include colonialism and postcolonialism, social movements and social change, social inequality, labor, human rights, democracy, global capitalism, urbanization, and cultural identity.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500

Department: Sociology

SOC 3755: Sexualities and Society

Sexuality is grounded in bodily experience, but meanings of both body and experience are socially constructed. This advanced seminar examines contemporary sexual constructions and their cultural and historical roots.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: GND1200 Or SOC2020 Or ANT3750 Or GND2020

Department: Sociology

SOC 3850: Sociological Theory

The meaning of theory, and the major theoretical perspectives in social science. Primary attention in reading and discussion is given to the works of Marx, Weber, and Durkheim. These thinkers have been chosen because of their seminal, interdisciplinary contributions to political, economic, sociological, and anthropological theory.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500

Department: Sociology

SOC 3885: Sociology Junior Seminar

In preparation for the senior project, sociology majors conduct an in-depth critical review of research and learn how to plan and write a research proposal within a particular area of interest. The goal is to develop critical-thinking skills and the ability to do close reading of primary sources and write in the style of the discipline.

Credits: 4

Department: Sociology

SOC 4025: Critical Race Theory

An advanced seminar in critical race studies specifically designed for juniors and seniors interested in reading theory, history, and research. Focuses on key works that have defined the field and shaped understandings of race in the 21st century, including those of Du Bois, Wacquant, Fanon, hooks, Crenshaw, Davis, Hall, and Said.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500

Department: Sociology

SOC 4030: Seminar in Sociological Issues

Offers an in-depth focus on a specific sociological issue, which varies each semester. Includes research, readings, and writings on a topic related to the particular expertise of the faculty member.

Credits: 4

Department: Sociology

SOC 4040: Generation XYZ

Using a sociological imagination, we will examine the personality and politics of Generation X, Y and Z as compared to their predecessors. In examining birth and age

cohorts, we focus on cultural, economic, and political moments that define generations. Emphasis is placed on identity, education, technology, values and the marketing of generations as distinct.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500 Or ANT1500

Department: Sociology

SOC 4050: Bioethics: Contemporary Issues

Contemporary issues in bioethics; the study of ethical issues in the field of medical treatment, the life sciences and medical research. Examines moral and philosophical theories of ethics, applies these concepts to current topics, including end of life decisions, reproductive technologies, patient autonomy, human, animal and fetal research and technologies, organ transplantation, and genetic testing and engineering.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500 And WRI1110

Department: Sociology

SOC 4053: Astrosociology & Consciousness Communities

How meanings of all things extraterrestrial are shaped by culture and what those meanings reveal about humanness. Topics include constructions of difference, conflict, community, knowledge, science, and social change. The culminating question: What does it mean to be human? What counts as reality? What about our humanness have we cultivated or suppressed and in the service of what interests?

Credits: 4

PREREQ: SOC1500

Department: Sociology

SOC 4060: Cross Cultural Solutions to Climate Change

Environmental challenges confronting human and nonhuman life demand adaptive modes of inquiry that accommodate the intricacies, fluidity, and interconnectivity of a global world, while engaging the place-based drivers that influence climate change across localities. Using a comparative approach, students apply accumulated knowledge to working definitions of climate change and identify real-world challenges to sustainability in diverse local environments.

Credits: 6

Department: Sociology

VIS 3500: The Arts for Social Change

Public art is used in this course to promote community engagement and cross-cultural interaction. Students use established, recognized methods of collaboration to explore local community issues, concluding with the physical implementation and exhibition of student-led solutions.

Credits: 3

Department: Sociology

School of Liberal Studies

We believe that students entering professions ultimately benefit from a broad-based exposure to the liberal arts. Majors in the liberal studies program offer an array of pre-professional courses within the context of a liberal arts education. The School of Liberal Studies provides evening-enabled bachelor's degree programs for students who are attracted to and will benefit from a distinctly Purchase education—one that emphasizes creativity, interdisciplinary work, and social activism. The experiential capstone project is designed to integrate coursework into a compelling piece of work to showcase graduates' accomplishments.

Undergraduate Courses

Liberal Studies

Description:

Liberal Studies is an interdisciplinary program featuring courses that converge around 21st century problems and their implications for a sustainable future.

The curriculum is organized around critical contemporary topics such as: food, water, health, migration, transportation, and energy. Courses are team-taught by two or more faculty from across the social and natural sciences, humanities and the arts, with a focus on integrating local and global knowledge and skills. Using sustainability as one of the broad organizing principles around which curricular content is structured, students learn to identify intersections between local life and global forces, and to understand how contemporary problems are mediated by particular geographic, demographic and sociopolitical forces across local-global scales.

Students gain broad knowledge of key competencies required to succeed in life and work – with emphasis on how to manage complexity, diversity and change, and how to apply acquired knowledge in real-world settings. Core competencies that students develop include: interdisciplinary critical analysis, evidence-based reasoning (qualitative and quantitative), the ability to link local-global theory and practice, collaboration across differences, and ethical reasoning and action.

Requirements:

For students entering the program Fall 2021 and later:

- **LBS 3017/Structured Inquiry Across the Disciplines** (4 credits) introducing academics at Purchase College and the core competencies of the interdisciplinary study.
- **5 upper-level core LBS courses** (20 credits) that focus on major contemporary social issues from interdisciplinary perspectives. Core courses will integrate problem-oriented learning reflecting core competencies and learning outcomes.
- **LBS 3880/Junior Seminar** (4 credits) covering multidisciplinary theory and research methods in preparation for the Senior Capstone, with emphasis on e-Portfolio development and reflection.
- **CAP/4800 Senior Capstone** (4 credits) will align with core course problem areas.

Total Credits: 32

A minimum grade of C- is required for all classes applied towards major requirements.

Note: For students who were in the program prior to Fall 2021, [please refer to the old requirements in the 2020-21 catalog](#)

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Courses

LBS 1030: Exploring the Hudson Valley

Introduces students to the historical and natural treasures of the Hudson Valley, including the lifeways of Native Americans who lived east of Hudson River, from Rhinebeck to Manhattan. Bound together by a common Wappingers language and sociopolitical system, these progressive indigenous people possessed a different understanding of nature known as traditional ecological knowledge. Coursework includes fieldtrips to relevant sites.

Credits: 2

Department: Liberal Studies

LBS 3010: Transportation

An interdisciplinary course that examines the way air, ground, and marine transportation is structured and used to move demographically diverse people. Discussions about the role of public participation in planning efforts includes particular attention to youth, minority populations, and people with low income. Programs to increase participation from people traditionally under-heard in planning processes are examined and proposed.

Credits: 4

Department: Liberal Studies

LBS 3011: Health and Human Rights

The modern conception of health and its resulting issues are examined from an interdisciplinary perspective. Topics include the origins of emerging health and related public policy issues; the impact on the local, national, and global economy

and educational systems; national security; preventive efforts; and approaches to planning policy that address these health challenges now and in the future.

Credits: 4

Department: Liberal Studies

LBS 3012: Water

An interdisciplinary course that examines physical aspects of the world's water, from oceans and rivers to streams and ponds. Noting the role that water plays in ecosystems and social systems provides the basis for further exploration into the history of use, contamination, and protection. The physical and chemical properties of water provide the basis for questions of safety and sustainability.

Credits: 4

Department: Liberal Studies

LBS 3013: Food

Food preferences differ culture by culture. This interdisciplinary course explores practices and politics of food production, consumption, and regulation locally and globally. After taking a historic look at how food practices have changed, students examine microbial and chemical agents that may contaminate food supplies and learn practical considerations for preventing food scarcity and contamination on small and large scales.

Credits: 4

Department: Liberal Studies

LBS 3014: Fundamentalism

Explores fundamentalist movements and dynamics across time and space, in relation to geopolitics, religion, social psychology and more. What common worldviews and predispositions do political and religious fundamentalists share? How do fundamentalist movements intersect with ethnic, national and political identities? In what ways do intergenerational trauma, endemic violence or protracted warfare,

resource scarcity, and social disenfranchisement factor into fundamentalist commitments?

Credits: 4

Department: Liberal Studies

LBS 3015: Artificial Intelligence

This interdisciplinary course examines ethical, technical and workplace issues surrounding artificial intelligence (AI). By discussing conceptual dilemmas about human-AI interaction from science fiction, TV and film, considering the rise of workplace automation, and exploring specific cases from self-driving cars to intelligent systems that (un)lock front doors and control household items within the internet of things, students tackle policy implications.

Credits: 4

Department: Liberal Studies

LBS 3016: Science of Happiness

This course will examine the meanings and determinants of happiness from a variety of interdisciplinary perspectives, including cultural anthropology, economics, and psychology. Coursework will combine sociocultural and economic analyses with scientific research from the field of positive psychology regarding the psychosocial and neuropsychological nature of happiness, including how positive emotions influence cognition, health, wealth and social relations.

Credits: 4

Department: Liberal Studies

LBS 3017: Structured Inquiry Across the Disciplines

This course emphasizes the importance of integrating interdisciplinary perspectives in problem-solving, as well as combining academic and experiential learning in confronting real-world challenges. Students will reflect on the meanings and purpose of higher education as a community of learners, will engage in a variety of

activities designed to strengthen academic skills, and will address contemporary social issues from cross-disciplinary perspectives.

Credits: 4

Department: Liberal Studies

LBS 3018: Diverse Abilities: Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives

Explores the meanings and definitions of ability and disability. Students examine genealogies of 'disability' in the United States and cross-culturally from historical, legal, and sociocultural perspectives. Representations of disability in art history, museums, and theatre and film are critically analyzed in efforts to move toward diverse and inclusive understandings of human ability and universal design principles.

Credits: 4

Department: Liberal Studies

LBS 3019: Migration: World on the Move

Provides a broad view of migration from multiple disciplinary perspectives, at multiple scales of analysis (local-global), and across geopolitical space. Explore how migration intersects with development, environment, security, and identity. A central concern includes how such sociopolitical considerations vis-a-vis migration, in turn, impact and fashion our sense of responsibility for the global commons.

Credits: 4

Department: Liberal Studies

LBS 3020: The Power of Art: Activism and Creative Expression

Explore the sociopolitical dimensions of the arts across diverse creative outlets. Students examine art in relation to the politics of power in society, and engage the activist dynamics of artistic expression with regards to persistent forms of inequality and oppression.

Credits: 4

Department: Liberal Studies

LBS 3021: Energy and Society: Toward a Global Commons

How do energy systems and our energy choices affect anthropogenic climate change across the global north and south? This course examines the technological, sociopolitical, and cross-cultural dimensions of energy use, and their implications for the environment, human life and non-human life. Students explore alternative sources of energy, with particular emphasis on sustainable policy and governance at the local level.

Credits: 4

Department: Liberal Studies

LBS 3022: Housing Humanity

Housing is a basic necessity of life yet the most costly expenditure for most U.S. households. It configures the well-being of individuals and families in fundamental ways, affecting everything from daily quality of life to (in)equality of opportunity. Students examine the sociopolitical and cultural implications of housing for individuals, families and communities, with a view toward sustainable living.

Credits: 4

Department: Liberal Studies

LBS 3023: Waste Worldwide

Humans have produced waste since the days of genus Homo, with approximately 102 tons of refuse accumulated by the average U.S. individual today. What can we learn from the waste of past and contemporary societies using household archeology and garbology? Students explore life through the lens of waste, examining such topics as pollution, waste management, consumer capitalism, and environmental justice.

Credits: 4

Department: Liberal Studies

LBS 3024: Theories of Justice

Questions of justice are as old as civilization and involve historically and culturally contingent processes. How do we understand justice in light of widening disparities between groups of people across contemporary societies? Students examine how definitions of justice are interpreted, mediated and put into practice, particularly as part of public policy and the social institutions that structure our lives.

Credits: 4

Department: Liberal Studies

LBS 3025: Belonging: Space, Place and Collective Identity

A course that examines the meanings of belonging in relation to identity formation, group membership, social institutions, regional and national boundaries, sociocultural practices, and natural ecosystems. Topics include nationalism, kinship, race and ethnicity, economy and class, gender and sexuality, and the environment. Students explore the concept of a global commons and its role in forging a sense of global collective belonging.

Credits: 4

Department: Liberal Studies

LBS 3026: Leisure, Play and Imagination

A course that examines the concepts, practices, experiences and theory of leisure and play as part of human existence, and their role in cultivating vision and innovation. The essential function of leisure and play in the human lifecycle is explored, including cross-cultural perspectives on their importance for allaying fears, maintaining hope, envisioning possibilities, and creating pathways toward invention.

Credits: 4

Department: Liberal Studies

LBS 3027: Truth, Mass Media, and Digital Democracy

Examines intersections between communication technology, media and political power. Can media maintain its function in producing informed, democratic members of society who hold governments accountable during a time when the lines between fact and fiction are blurred? Students contemplate how the transforming practices of social media alter the meanings of civic engagement, public awareness, and democratic governance.

Credits: 4

Department: Liberal Studies

LBS 3028: Animals and Humans at the Crossroads

How we treat animals reveals a great deal about who we are, as a society and species. This course examines intersections between animals, humans and society from multiple perspectives (ecology, history, sociology, literature). Using text, media, documentaries and photojournalism, students explore contemporary topics, including animal intelligence and emotions, biodiversity and keystone species, animals in captivity, and zoonotic disease (i.e., Coronavirus).

Credits: 4

Department: Liberal Studies

LBS 3029: Collaboration, Negotiation and Inclusive Leadership

Now more than ever, the world and workplace depends on our collective ability to collaborate across differences. What does collaboration mean and look like as the 21st century advances? Students learn about the benefits and challenges of democratic engagement across fields of study, including organizational leadership, theory of change, civic engagement, community organizing, conflict mediation, and cultural and emotional intelligence.

Credits: 4

Department: Liberal Studies

LBS 3030: Decolonization and the Arts in Global Perspective

Examines the intersections between culture, art and coloniality, with emphasis on freedom movements and abolition. How are the arts used as a tool to decolonize the spaces we inhabit and uncover blind spots of colonial legacies? Students explore world settings where art figures prominently in decolonization efforts, contemplating the role of archival documentation, museum collections, and exhibitions for reproducing colonialities.

Credits: 4

Department: Liberal Studies

LBS 3031: Public Art and Civic Space

Examine the histories and meanings of public art from interdisciplinary perspectives. How does artistic expression intersect with public planning to cultivate civic space and democratic participation? Coursework explores how artists, urban planners and architects of the built environment come together to inform the publics, engage in civics, and create public realms that reflect diverse communities of belonging.

Credits: 4

Department: Liberal Studies

LBS 3032: The Buzz About Bees

Bees are instrumental to the preservation of biodiversity and ecological balance. Together with other insects, they pollinate close to three quarters of the plants that produce 90 percent of food worldwide. Students learn about these indispensable creatures from biological, ecological, and sociological perspectives, examining the interspecies relationships surrounding their labor. Coursework includes fieldwork at our campus honey bee hives.

Credits: 4

Department: Liberal Studies

LBS 3800: Special Topics Dialogue Series

Students explore contemporary social issues with relevance to their lives in conversation with campus peers. Emphasis is placed on deepening our understandings and experiences of dialogue, and engaging across differences. Coursework includes light readings, screenings, interactive activities, and informal assignments.

Credits: 1

Department: Liberal Studies

LBS 3880: Junior Seminar

This seminar will prepare students to select among research methods to examine and address a challenging social problem from multiple angles and perspectives for their capstone. By conducting a comprehensive literature review, students explore disciplinary connections and compile reflections within an e-portfolio. They will draft a field-based research proposal that addresses one complicated contemporary issue.

Credits: 4

Department: Liberal Studies

Liberal Studies: Legal Studies

Description:

This major examines the relationship between law and society, with a focus on ethical legal practices and social justice. Additional coursework in political science, sociology, and philosophy is strongly encouraged.

Students in our program possess a keen interest in closely examining the social, political, and historical processes of law. By studying with practicing lawyers, students learn about the ways in which legal concepts and theories frame our judicial system. Students learn how to conduct and analyze legal research, develop well-crafted legal arguments, and deliver persuasive oral arguments.

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Requirements:

While fulfilling **general degree requirements**, students must complete the following requirements for this major:

- Humanities courses (15 credits)
- Natural Science courses (15 credits)
- Social Science courses that include: (15 credits)
 - LEG 1510/Criminal Law
 - LEG 1520/Civil Law
 - Elective
 - Elective
- Performing and/or visual arts courses (6 credits)
- Upper Level courses including: (20 credits)
 - 12 Social Science Upper level courses. Of the 12, LEG 3065/Legal Research is required **AND** **one** of the following:
 - LEG 3020/Law and Family OR
 - LEG 3185/The Nature and Function of Law OR
 - LEG 3840/Censorship OR
 - POL3050/American Constitutional Law
 - 8 upper level credits either all in Humanities or all in Natural Sciences
- Legal Studies electives (15 credits)
- Senior Capstone (4 credits)

Total: 121 credits

Minor requirements:

Legal Issues and Society

Students interested in this minor should contact the Chair of the Legal Studies minor, [Laura Ricciardi](#).

Three courses from the following

- LEG 3010: Anatomy of a Trial and the Jury Process
- LEG 3185: The Nature and Function of Law
- LEG 3200: Communications Law
- LEG 3300: Current Social Issues and the Law
- LEG 3390: Immigration Law
- LEG 3480: Censorship: Sociological and Legal Perspectives
- LEG/AMG 3100: Copyright & Culture

and

Two courses from the following

- COM 3020: Law, Ethics, and the Media
- ENV/LEG 3025: Environmental Law
- ENV 3030: Environmental Policy
- ENV 3300: Environmental Regulations
- JOU 3080: Freedom and the Media
- PHI 1530: Introduction to Philosophy: Ideas of Good and Evil
- PHI 2120: Methods of Reasoning
- PHI 3085: Objectivity
- PHI 3360: Responsibility and Judgment: Postwar European Philosophy
- PHI 4325: Ethics Ancient & Modern
- POL 2600: Courts, Judges, and Politics
- POL 2080: Environmental Justice
- POL 3160: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
- SOC 3475: Surveillance, Technology, Society
- SOC 3661: Border Wars and Human Rights

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Courses

LEG 1510: Introduction to Criminal Law

Topics include the structure of the criminal justice system; the impact of the Supreme Court on criminal justice; and the process of arrest, prosecution, and sentencing.

Credits: 4

Department: Legal Studies

LEG 1520: Introduction to Civil Law

An exploration of the day-to-day applications of civil law: who can sue and be sued, the basis for lawsuits, and how to win cases. Through case studies and mock litigation, students explore such issues as product liability, medical malpractice, negligence, strict liability, and legal procedure, including document production and the use of expert witnesses.

Credits: 4

Department: Legal Studies

LEG 3000: The Supreme Court and Civil Liberties

Focuses on major Supreme Court decisions pertaining to civil liberties. Caselaw examined includes: privacy, free expression, free exercise of religion, reproductive rights, and same-sex marriage. Students gain a deeper understanding of the current state of the law on major civil liberties issues and a grasp on how Supreme Court decisions affect everyday life.

Credits: 4

Department: Legal Studies

LEG 3010: Anatomy of a Trial and the Jury Process

Topics include the mechanism of the U.S. jury system; the truth-seeking process of juries; the concepts of mistrials, jury nullification, and hung juries; and a consideration of whether trial by jury is the best method for attaining justice. Students participate in a week-by-week mock trial, permitting hands-on experience in jury selection, opening statements, cross-examination, and summation.

Credits: 4

Department: Legal Studies

LEG 3020: Law and the Family

The law touches everyone from conception to the grave and beyond. Family interactions between spouses, parents, children, and elders are dictated by rights and duties defined in the law. This course explores how the law weaves in and out of family structures in an attempt to protect and preserve certain rights and values.

Credits: 4

Department: Legal Studies

LEG 3025: Environmental Law

U.S. environmental law and policy, the common-law foundations of environmental law, and the regulatory process and toolkit are examined. The focus is on major

environmental statutes: the National Environmental Policy Act, the Clean Air Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, the Compensation and Recovery Act (Superfund), and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Credits: 4

Department: Legal Studies

LEG 3065: Legal Research

Students learn how to engage in the research process in the practice of law and assess law's impact on a range of areas (e.g., consumer rights; the rights of women, students, minorities, and immigrants the rights of both the accused and the victims of crime).

Credits: 4

Department: Legal Studies

LEG 3080: Capital Punishment in America

An examination of the historical, moral, and legal issues surrounding the death penalty. Students confront the major controversial issues in the current death penalty debate and learn to form arguments from both the pro- and anti-death penalty perspectives. Topics include retribution, deterrence, proportionality, discrimination, error, and public opinion. Students analyze Supreme Court decisions and scholarly treatments of capital punishment.

Credits: 4

Department: Legal Studies

LEG 3100: Copyright and Culture

Examines U.S. copyright law as it relates to the practice and management of the arts. Students gain a concrete understanding of the rules and regulations that govern the protection of creative work, while exploring broader questions of cultural policy. Content and assignments cover use and applications of copyright in music, visual art, dance, literature, video games, fashion, and social media.

Credits: 3

Department: Legal Studies

LEG 3185: The Nature and Function of Law

The study of law from a liberal arts perspective, emphasizing the role that law and the legal order play in the institutional arrangements and human relations of a society. The course examines the basic concepts, language, institutions, and forms of law that characterize the American legal order.

Credits: 4

Department: Legal Studies

LEG 3200: Communications Law

Explores the American legal system and examines the role of each branch of government—executive, legislative, and judicial—in shaping the laws that govern the right to free speech and the right to privacy, along with conflicts between those two rights that arise in the media, the private sector, and public institutions.

Credits: 4

Department: Legal Studies

LEG 3300: Current Social Issues and the Law

Focuses on current legal issues such as abortion, the death penalty, and affirmative action. The pivotal Supreme Court cases establishing the law in each area are read. In addition, research in sociology and psychology is examined to understand the conditions that led to the key court decisions and the impact of those decisions on society.

Credits: 4

Department: Legal Studies

LEG 3390: Immigration Law

Issues related to immigration law are placed in context by reviewing their historical evolution. Students examine current law and issues related to family and labor-based petitions for permanent residence, political asylum and refugee applications, the status of undocumented workers, immigration and national security, and deportation policies and procedures.

Credits: 4

Department: Legal Studies

LEG 3420: Law, Order, and Disobedience

Protection of civil rights in the U.S. has been characterized by both civil disobedience and widespread violence. This course analyzes milestones in American history, periods of unrest, and the sociolegal changes associated with them. Landmark constitutional cases, law, and justice in U.S. culture are studied, and historical lawbreakers and high-profile dissidents are examined through various media.

Credits: 4

Department: Legal Studies

LEG 3460: Juvenile Delinquency and the Law

Examines the causes and controls of juvenile delinquency. Topics include a historical overview of children, their legal status, the evolution of the juvenile justice system, alternatives to incarceration and community-based solutions, and reform efforts. The effectiveness of prevention and deterrence efforts is evaluated.

Credits: 4

Department: Legal Studies

LEG 3480: Censorship: Sociological and Legal Perspectives

Sociologists have long understood that the study of censorship can yield an understanding of the structure and values of a society. Modern societies define and enforce limits on expression by defining certain forms of expression as obscene,

pornographic, subversive, etc. Censorship in film, literature, and theatre is the major focus.

Credits: 4

Department: Legal Studies

School of the Arts

The **School of the Arts** offers developing visual and performing artists and arts managers access to the highest level of professional training. Students will graduate equipped with the tools and inspiration for engaged, innovative, and socially impactful careers.

Prestigious faculty in the Arts Management and Entrepreneurship Program, the Conservatories of Dance, Music, and Theatre Arts, and the School of Art+Design cultivate, nurture, and prepare students for entry into their fields through rigorous and comprehensive studio practice, fortified by theoretical, conceptual, and historical study.

Vibrant performance and studio-based degree programs challenge students to interrogate, articulate, produce, and innovate. Students learn entrepreneurial skills within a thriving intellectual culture, informed by the School of the Arts' uniquely synergistic relationship with the broader college community.

Undergraduate Courses

Arts Management & Entrepreneurship

Arts Management

Description:

The BA program in arts management at Purchase College is designed for students seeking a foundation for further education and for careers in a wide range of creative industries, including dance and theatre companies; symphony orchestras and opera; galleries and museums; presenting and community arts centers; festival and concert venues; and record companies and artist management agencies.

Led by a diverse faculty of arts management educators and field professionals, the BA program prepares a new generation of engaged managers who value the arts and are committed to the creative process. Emphasis is placed on developing critical inquiry, creative thinking, and the business and communication skills necessary to support the arts and entertainment industry in a changing environment.

The **major** in arts management integrates:

- practical business courses focused on building the core knowledge and skills vital to supporting a wide variety of arts-based initiatives
- performing and visual arts history, theory, and practice-based courses
- exploration of chronic and current factors affecting artists and arts entities
- applied learning opportunities to pursue individual career interests and to gain practical insight and experience through internships, interaction with field professionals and organizations, and a yearlong case study in arts management
- a broad-based education in the liberal arts and sciences

The program also offers a **minor** in arts management, which is open to students in all disciplines.

The tradition of artistic excellence and diversity at Purchase College, an accomplished faculty with wide-ranging experience, and the college's proximity to the vast cultural resources in Westchester County and New York City are among the outstanding features enhancing the arts management program.

Requirements:

In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, all arts management majors must meet the following requirements (48–49 credits).

Freshman and Sophomore Years (19 credits):

1. AMG 1100/Fundamentals of Arts Management: 4 credits
2. AMG 2200/Finance for the Arts or
ECO 2085/Arts and Entertainment in Economics: 4 credits
3. AMG 2300/Communicating the Arts: 3 credits
4. Elective courses in literary, performing, or visual arts history, theory, or practice: 8 credits (at least 3 credits to be completed in the freshman year and before registering for AMG 1100)

Junior and Senior Years (29–30 credits):

1. AMG 3100/Funding the Arts: 4 credits
2. AMG 3170/Arts and Entertainment Law: 4 credits
3. AMG 3520/Marketing the Arts: 4 credits
4. AMG 3880/Junior Seminar in Arts Management: 2 credits
5. AMG 3995/Arts Management Internship: 4 credits
6. AMG —/Arts management elective: 3–4 credits
7. SPJ 4990/Senior Project I: 4 credits
8. SPJ 4991/Senior Project II: 4 credits

Notes:

1. Students must earn a grade of C or higher in all courses required for the major, excluding the internship and senior project. Students who do not meet these standards must repeat the course(s) or complete acceptable substitutes (for example, ECO 2085 instead of AMG 2200), chosen in consultation with the program faculty.
2. AMG 1100 is a prerequisite for required upper-level arts management courses.
3. Students are strongly encouraged to take additional courses in the literary, performing, and visual arts and in arts management, beyond those required for the major.

Minor requirements:

The minor in arts management is designed for students in all disciplines who are interested in exploring the field of arts management and gaining the foundational knowledge and skills necessary to promote and support the arts.

Students interested in pursuing this minor must submit a completed [Application for a Program of Minor Study](#) to the [coordinator](#) of the arts management program. Upon admission to the minor, the student will be assigned a minor advisor from the arts management faculty.

Academic Requirements for the Minor in Arts Management

Five courses, as follows:

1. AMG 1100/Fundamentals of Arts Management
2. AMG 2200/Finance for the Arts
3. AMG 3100/Funding the Arts
4. AMG 3170/Arts and Entertainment Law
5. AMG 3520/Marketing the Arts

Notes:

1. Students must earn a grade of C or higher in all courses required for the minor. Students who do not meet these standards must repeat the course(s) or complete acceptable substitutes, chosen in consultation with the program faculty.
2. AMG 1100 is a prerequisite for required upper-level arts management courses.

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Courses

AMG 1100: Fundamentals of Arts Management

This introductory survey provides an overview of creative industries and management theory and principles common in both the nonprofit and commercial sectors, preparing students for upper-level courses in the arts management program. Topics include history of arts management, arts and creativity, leadership and management, business structures, programming, marketing, funding, finance and budgeting, arts advocacy, activism and social justice.

Credits: 4

Department: Arts Management

AMG 2060: Creative Producing

A student-centered course in which teams collaborate to explore the creative process by envisioning a nonprofit performing or visual arts organization, conceiving it from mission statement to the first body of work. As projects progress, students develop innovative and critical thinking skills while applying basic principles of arts management to sustain their ventures in today's cultural environment.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: AMG1100

Department: Arts Management

AMG 2200: Finance for the Arts I

To do more than survive in a competitive economy, artists and their managers must learn business strategies for the financial side of their profession. Students are introduced to the basics of budgets, financial management, and accounting

concepts that translate into usable information with practical significance for financial decision-making.

Credits: 4

Department: Arts Management

AMG 2300: Communicating the Arts

The ability to communicate effectively is frequently ranked by business leaders worldwide as the most important skill for achieving success. This course develops the written, presentation, and interpersonal skills needed to advance career and business objectives in arts management. Assignments build familiarity and practice in internal and external communication tools and tactics common for informing, engaging, and influencing diverse stakeholders.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: AMG1100

Department: Arts Management

AMG 3010: Making the Case for the Arts

Communicating the power of the arts to enhance the lives of individuals and transform communities is central to the success of artists, arts managers, and arts educators. Students explore U.S. cultural policy, law, social values, and market forces affecting the arts and entertainment industry as they develop a theoretical framework and advocacy skills to support arts participation as a fundamental human right.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: AMG1100

Department: Arts Management

AMG 3025: Arts in Education Practicum

In this service-learning course, students design, plan, implement, and manage a mentoring program in art education for middle or high school students. Activities include designing and developing a curriculum, creating and curating artwork, and managing and evaluating the program. Includes an eight-week residency at a local middle or high school, culminating with a public presentation of artwork created by the students.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: AMG1100

Department: Arts Management

AMG 3026: Start-Up Capital Formation

A study of fundraising and philanthropy for the nonprofit sector, which includes soliciting charitable donations from individuals and seeking grants, and capital formation for commercial entities, which includes issues of self-financing, bank loans, and investors. Focusing on relationship fundraising and research techniques for identifying prospects, this course also explores the rapidly expanding world of crowdfunding and digital fundraising.

Credits: 3

Department: Arts Management

AMG 3030: Finance for the Arts II

Covers accounting principles, procedures, and internal controls; forecasting, balance-sheet analysis, and budgeting procedures; financial reporting for both nonprofit and commercial entities; and the development of pro forma budgets for start-up enterprises.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: AMG2200

Department: Arts Management

AMG 3050: Strategic Planning and Evaluation

What a creative entrepreneur wants to achieve and how to achieve it are fundamental questions at the heart of strategic planning. This course covers a survey of the theory and practice of planning and evaluation, with topics including: the development of critical issues, goals, and strategies; outcomes research planning; protocol development; and strategic planning from individuals, companies, and cities.

Credits: 3

Department: Arts Management

AMG 3070: Cross-Disciplinary Partnerships in the Arts

The most successful arts-based enterprises require collaborations with public and private sectors in diverse fields, including healthcare, education, community development, and social justice. To find relevance in an increasingly competitive world that demands evidence and results, students learn how to structure projects that transcend the insular art world and strengthen the places where people live, work, and play.

Credits: 3

Department: Arts Management

AMG 3080: Entertainment Public Relations

Provides an overview of the principles and purpose and practices of public relations. The history of the field will be explored along with present day messaging, tools and tactics utilized by PR professionals and entrepreneurs supporting projects and events in film, music, fashion, beauty, and otherentertainment industries. Areas of focus will include crisis communications, branding, and buzz generating strategies.

Credits: 3

Department: Arts Management

AMG 3100: Funding the Arts

An introduction to fund development for growing and sustaining businesses in the arts. Topics include prospect research, proposal development, special events, corporate sponsorship, capitalization, and internet-based fundraising. Students also examine the history of U.S. arts and cultural philanthropy. Guest speakers and/or case studies give students an opportunity to apply concepts and techniques to real-world arts organizations.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: AMG1100 And (AMG2200 Or ECO2085)

Department: Arts Management

AMG 3170: Arts and Entertainment Law

An introduction to fundamental legal and business concepts that affect artists and arts managers, with an emphasis on copyright protection and infringement. Students learn the basics of copyright and contract law, analyzing both contracts and case law relevant to the creative industries. Additional course topics include privacy, defamation, moral rights, and free speech protection.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: AMG1100

Department: Arts Management

AMG 3420: Exhibition Practice and Management

Exploring the exhibition within new museology, this course introduces students to key concepts and practices in museums and non-profit visual art venues. Focusing in particular on exhibition history and interpretation, students will explore what it means to be “exhibition literate” and how meaning is inscribed onto museum objects.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: AMG1100

Department: Arts Management

AMG 3440: Museum Visitor Research

A course that introduces students to the history, theory, and practice of visitor research in museums, including how diverse audiences experience exhibition content. Through readings, guest lectures and practical experience with data collection, summative evaluation, analysis and reporting, students learn how to gather information about museum visitor experiences, and how to evaluate museum programming. Coursework includes hands-on museum experience.

Credits: 3

Department: Arts Management

AMG 3450: Managing Artists

Provides students with an understanding of the occupations and career paths associated with managing creative artists, structures and processes in talent management, and strategies for developing and maintaining an artist/manager business relationship. Geared toward students with an interest in launching an agency or working within an existing firm, and toward individual artists with an interest in self-management.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: AMG1100 And AMG3170

Department: Arts Management

AMG 3520: Marketing the Arts

Provides an overview of fundamental concepts and strategies necessary to build diverse audiences for a variety of arts experience. Topics include market research, audience segmentation, and application of the “4 P’s” of marketing strategy in an arts context. Students develop the knowledge and communication skills to conceive, develop and report a strategic plan to promote an arts event or business.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: AMG1100

Department: Arts Management

AMG 3535: Visual Arts Management I

Students learn the fundamentals of operating commercial art galleries, including curating, artist contracts, and developing client relationships. Additional topics include connoisseurship, detecting fakes in the secondary (antique) art market, and the current regimen of high-profile art fairs. Texts, class discussions, and practical assignments are applicable to a wide variety of visual arts-based careers.

Credits: 3

Department: Arts Management

AMG 3540: Visual Arts Management II: Curatorship and Connoisseurship

Offers an in-depth introduction to curatorial practice and examines the art of exhibition creation from a cultural, theoretical, and pragmatic perspective. Students study the historical and cultural trajectory of curators-as-connoisseurs in Western societies and current practices and trends in art museum curatorship.

Credits: 3

Department: Arts Management

AMG 3610: Social Media and the Arts

Social media is integral to effective business communication and marketing. Students develop and analyze social media strategies, content and campaigns while gaining a better understanding of how to build individual and organizational brands utilizing social platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn, and Snapchat. Other topics include influencer campaigns, budgeting, analytics, and split testing.

Credits: 4

Department: Arts Management

AMG 3880: Arts Management Junior Seminar

Prepares students to complete their Senior Projects in Arts Management through the exploration and application of various research methods and tools of analysis, and by strengthening research and writing skills. Students develop a Senior Project topic relevant to the creative industries and practitioners, learn how to assess its viability, and design a research plan.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: AMG1100 And AMG2200 And AMG2300

Department: Arts Management

AMG 4060: Digital Marketing and the Arts

Using a hands-on approach, this course explores digital marketing campaigns in the arts. Topics include Facebook, Twitter, blogging, microblogging, video and photo sharing, search engine optimization (SEO), mobile/location-based platforms, virtual realities, and social media integration, strategies, and tactics. Viral theories, trends, and case studies are also explored.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: AMG1100

Department: Arts Management

AMG 4110: Cross-Disciplinary Partnerships in the Arts

The most successful arts-based enterprises require collaborations with public and private sectors in diverse fields, including healthcare, education, community development, and social justice. To find relevance in an increasingly competitive world that demands evidence and results, students learn how to structure projects that transcend the insular art world and strengthen the places where people live, work, and play.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: AMG1100

Department: Arts Management

AMG 4155: Programming the Arts

Audiences are increasingly seeking creative experiences that are multi-disciplinary, thematically constructed, actively engaging and convenient. Students explore the curatorial process for the live performing arts across the non-profit and commercial sectors. Resources, internal and external factors and strategies that guide artistic planning are among topics examined and applied to a range of real-world scenarios and projects.

Credits: 4

Department: Arts Management

ECO 2085: Arts and Entertainment in Economics

A survey course that reviews economic and financial aspects of the film, music, performing arts, sports, radio, and broadcasting industries.

Credits: 4

Department: Arts Management

LBS 3030: Decolonization and the Arts in Global Perspective

Examines the intersections between culture, art and coloniality, with emphasis on freedom movements and abolition. How are the arts used as a tool to decolonize the spaces we inhabit and uncover blind spots of colonial legacies? Students explore world settings where art figures prominently in decolonization efforts, contemplating the role of archival documentation, museum collections, and exhibitions for reproducing colonialities.

Credits: 4

Department: Arts Management

LBS 3031: Public Art and Civic Space

Examine the histories and meanings of public art from interdisciplinary perspectives. How does artistic expression intersect with public planning to cultivate civic space

and democratic participation? Coursework explores how artists, urban planners and architects of the built environment come together to inform the publics, engage in civics, and create public realms that reflect diverse communities of belonging.

Credits: 4

Department: Arts Management

LEG 3100: Copyright and Culture

Examines U.S. copyright law as it relates to the practice and management of the arts. Students gain a concrete understanding of the rules and regulations that govern the protection of creative work, while exploring broader questions of cultural policy. Content and assignments cover use and applications of copyright in music, visual art, dance, literature, video games, fashion, and social media.

Credits: 3

Department: Arts Management

Graduate Courses

Entrepreneurship in the Arts - Online

Description:

This unique, affordable, and accessible online graduate program is designed for individuals exploring entrepreneurial paths in the arts. Through intimate cohorts, each student works closely with professional faculty to produce a fully formed business plan for a creative enterprise.

The Entrepreneurship in the Arts MA addresses a critical need for imaginative and skillful leadership in the commercial and nonprofit arts sectors within the U.S. and in countries that model the U.S. system. Future arts leaders will need to reinvent the current landscape; build a solid foundation in management and leadership skills; and think, act, and work as entrepreneurs. The goal of this degree program is to enable graduates to identify, imagine, and build enterprises that will create and sustain the arts world of tomorrow.

This program caters to entrepreneurs seeking to create enterprises that provide greater access to the arts for people everywhere, and to artists seeking to develop their entrepreneurial skills to support their creative and professional practice. Business plans already developed through the

program include an admissions consulting company for music conservatory-bound students, a sustainable fashion brand, and a streaming platform for local theater productions.

Courses in the Entrepreneurship in the Arts MA are delivered online, with a mix of synchronous and asynchronous delivery methods. This allows students to engage in face-to-face discussion and collaborative learning in real time during class from the comfort of their home or office, but also to complete additional coursework at their own pace.

Applicants are expected to demonstrate marketing, project or program management, and accounting experience, either through undergraduate coursework or employment. Learn more about [**application requirements and how to apply**](#) or contact Program Chair [**Jordan Shue**](#) for more information.

Requirements:

Requirements for the graduate major in entrepreneurship in the arts include 10 courses (30 credits) and a 3-credit capstone, which may be completed in three semesters of full-time study or 5 semesters of part-time study.

Electives in the program may be taken in any semester at no additional cost when attending full-time. Students must earn a minimum 3.0 (B) cumulative GPA at Purchase College. In the final semester, students create a plan for a new business venture in their master's thesis, the capstone experience.

First Year: 24 credits

Fall: 12 credits

- AMG 5005/Entrepreneurship in the Arts/ 3 credits
- AMG 5025/Start-Up Capital Formation/ 3 credits
- AMG 5035/Finance for the Arts
- AMG 5015/Leadership and Management Techniques/ 3 credits

Spring: 12 credits

- AMG 5040/Seminar in Arts Entrepreneurship/ 3 credits
- AMG 5060/Digital Marketing and the Arts/ 3 credits
- AMG 5110/Cross-Disciplinary Partnerships in the Arts/ 3 credits
- AMG 5050/Strategic Planning and Evaluation/ 3 credits

Second Year: 9 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- AMG 5075/Advanced Capital Formation/ 3 credits
- AMG 5090/Law and the Arts/ 3 credits
- AMG 5150/Enterprise Creation/ 3 credits

Courses

AMG 5005: Entrepreneurship in the Arts

Students learn and practice creative thinking, ideation, and business planning; and embark on an exploration of both commercial and nonprofit entity models, their governance/organizational structures, and funding mechanisms. Students explore and shape innovative creative ideas, learn how to develop and mold them into feasible forms, and build business plans for their new enterprises.

Credits: 3

Department: Arts Management

AMG 5015: Leadership and Management Techniques

Students build the skills one needs to be an entrepreneur in an increasingly competitive environment by assessing their personal management tactics, developing their communication styles and needs, learning how to personally organize for success, and building skills and strategies to maximize effectiveness. Human resources principles and laws, governance, effective negotiations, decision making, and managing change are also covered.

Credits: 3

Department: Arts Management

AMG 5025: Start-Up Capital Formation

A study of fundraising and philanthropy for the nonprofit sector, which includes soliciting charitable donations from individuals and seeking grants, and capital formation for commercial entities, which includes issues of self-financing, bank loans, and investors. Focusing on relationship fundraising and research techniques for identifying prospects, this course also explores the rapidly expanding world of crowdfunding and digital fundraising.

Credits: 3

Department: Arts Management

AMG 5035: Finance for the Arts

Covers accounting principles, procedures, and internal controls; forecasting, balance-sheet analysis, and budgeting procedures; financial reporting for both nonprofit and commercial entities; and the development of pro forma budgets for start-up enterprises.

Credits: 3

Department: Arts Management

AMG 5040: Seminar in Arts Entrepreneurship

A series of highly successful entrepreneurs from all aspects of the arts, both commercial and nonprofit, and from a variety of art forms, are presented in an interview/interaction format. Students analyze case studies and then develop comparative papers and projects that assist them in shaping their own ideas in entity creation.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: AMG5005

Department: Arts Management

AMG 5050: Strategic Planning and Evaluation

A survey of the theory and practice of planning and evaluation as they relate to arts programs. Topics include the development of critical issues, goals, strategies, outcomes research planning, and protocol development.

Credits: 3

Department: Arts Management

AMG 5060: Digital Marketing and the Arts

Using a hands-on approach, this course explores digital marketing campaigns in the arts. Topics include Facebook, Twitter, blogging, microblogging, video and photo sharing, search engine optimization (SEO), mobile/location-based platforms, virtual realities, and social media integration, strategies, and tactics. Viral theories, trends, and case studies are also explored.

Credits: 3

Department: Arts Management

AMG 5075: Advanced Capital Formation

This course continues the work from Start-Up Capital Formation, but expounds on learning and experience from weekly guest lecturers with specialized funding and investment focuses. This course will build on the knowledge gained in the first year of the program and provide a more in-depth and real-world exposure to a range of commercial and non-commercial funders.

Credits: 3

Department: Arts Management

AMG 5090: Law and the Arts

Presents legal issues that have an impact on entity creation and maintenance in the arts and culture sectors. Issues include copyright and fair use, contracts, patents and trademarks, employment, ethics, and compliance. Students identify and express an

understanding of legal issues in crucial areas of the law that affect arts management, arts professionals, and the arts generally.

Credits: 3

Department: Arts Management

AMG 5110: Cross-Disciplinary Partnerships in the Arts

The most successful arts-based enterprises require collaborations with public and private sectors in diverse fields, including healthcare, education, community development, and social justice. To find relevance in an increasingly competitive world that demands evidence and results, students learn how to structure projects that transcend the insular art world and strengthen the places where people live, work, and play.

Credits: 3

Department: Arts Management

AMG 5150: Enterprise Creation

In the capstone project for the program, students create an entity that is a demonstration of readiness and capacity to engage responsibly and creatively in his or her profession. Students' projects will exhibit discernable innovation; thorough and research-grounded market feasibility testing; and a concomitant business plan that, among its elements illustrates how capital will be amassed for initial implementation.

Credits: 3

Department: Arts Management

Conservatory of Dance

The Conservatory of Dance in the School of the Arts at Purchase College is one of only a handful of conservatories in the world where you can learn what it means to be a dance professional. The opportunity provided to individuals committed to the full realization of themselves as artists is second to none.

The Conservatory of Dance's BFA program gives students a comprehensive entrée into the world of professional dance. Purchase alumni currently perform with many of the foremost international

contemporary modern and ballet dance companies. They also teach, direct, and choreograph major productions, dance on Broadway, have founded companies across the globe, and are nurturing the next generation as professors in higher education.

Dance Performance

Description:

The Conservatory of Dance strives to develop a diverse, stimulating, and inclusive community of artistic excellence. Creativity, versatility, and individuality are central to our mission. Students are encouraged to realize their full potential and to cultivate their unique, artistic visions. We prepare undergraduates to enter the professional dance field and provide them with the tools to create a sustainable and rewarding life in dance. Our internationally recognized program prepares the next generation of leading dance artists to thrive and make meaningful contributions to the rapidly changing dance world.

Tradition and innovation are in conversation in the Conservatory of Dance. Our prominent faculty and acclaimed guest artists offer rigorous professional training in ballet and modern techniques, alongside diverse contemporary dance forms. Our four-year composition program encourages young artists to imagine their individual choreographic voices, while our extensive somatic offerings nurture the whole being. In depth study of improvisation, music, anatomy, production, and dance history provides a comprehensive entrée to the professional dance world.

Criteria for Acceptance:

Admission to the Conservatory of Dance is competitive. Acceptance is based primarily on your dance audition, demonstrating:

- Extensive prior training in modern, contemporary and/or classical ballet
- Serious commitment to dance training and a career in the professional dance field
- Talent and potential as a performer
- Musicality

Requirements for Graduation

The BFA in Dance is awarded upon the successful completion of course requirements and demonstrated quality of the student's technical ability and creative initiative. The standard residency requirement in the Conservatory of Dance BFA program is four years (eight semesters), with rare exceptions; the minimum residency requirement is three years (six semesters).

All students enter the conservatory program in the area of [dance performance](#). Subsequently, they may remain in dance performance or apply for one of the following concentrations: [ballet](#), [dance composition](#) (choreography), or [dance production](#). Concentrations seek to satisfy a student's

talent, passion, and dedication in a given area. Concentration decisions are approved by the Dance faculty.

Graduation is dependent on the successful completion of course requirements, which include a minimum of 30 liberal arts credits. Students must meet all **general degree requirements** as well as conservatory requirements for graduation.

Minimum Grade Requirements

Conservatory of Dance students in all concentrations are expected to maintain a grade of C or higher in all required dance courses, excluding the senior project. A student who receives grades of C- or lower for two or more semesters may no longer be eligible for scholarship funds and performance opportunities and may be dismissed from the conservatory.

BFA Concentrations

All students take the same required dance courses in the freshman and sophomore years. At the end of the sophomore year, the Dance faculty evaluate each student's progress and potential and makes recommendations for the direction of future study in one of the following areas: dance performance, ballet, dance composition, or dance production. Professional dance credits are awarded on the basis of the student's consistent artistic growth.

Concentration decisions are approved by the Dance faculty. Sophomore jury results determine a student's concentration status.

The Training Program

Technique

All BFA students study classical ballet and/or modern or contemporary dance daily. Placement auditions to determine the level of each student may be required depending on the semester. Students also choose from a range of electives.

Performance

Performance is an integral and required part of the professional training program. The Purchase Dance Company (comprised of BFA students in the Conservatory of Dance) performs major concerts in the Performing Arts Center; in student and faculty concerts in the Dance Theatre Lab; and on tour in New York City, New York State, and abroad. They also participate in special performances for children and at lecture/demonstrations. The program culminates in the senior project, for which each senior performs a repertory piece and co-produces a concert as requirements

for graduation.

Repertory for the Purchase Dance Company's major concerts and tours has included Kyla Abraham's *Counterpoint*; George Balanchine's *Serenade*, *Valse-Fantaisie*, *The Four Temperaments*, and *Tarantella*; Aszure Barton's *Over/Come*; Trisha Brown's *Set and Reset* and *Glacial Decoy*; Merce Cunningham's *Changing Steps*, *Duets*, and *Septet*; Martha Graham's *Chronicle*; Lester Horton's *Beloved*; Doris Humphrey's *The Shakers and Passacaglia*; Bill T. Jones' *Spent Days Out Yonder* and *D-Man in the Waters*; Jose Limón's *A Choreographic Offering*; Lar Lubovitch's *Dvorak Serenade*; Kenneth MacMillan's *Pas de Deux* from *Concerto*; Dianne McIntyre's *Lyric Fire*; Lin Hwai Min's *Crossing the BlackWater*; Mark Morris' *Gloria*, *A Lake* and *Grand Duo*; Ohad Naharin's *Decadance*; Matthew Neenan's *As it's going*; Stephen Petronio's *Lareigne*; Paul Taylor's *Cloven Kingdom*, *Le Sacre du Printemps*, *Junction*, and *Company B*; Twyla Tharp's *Sweet Fields*; Doug Varone's *Strict Love*, *Possession*, *Lux*, and *Rise*; as well as work created for the Purchase Dance Company by Adam Barruch, Kimberly Bartosik, Alexandra Beller, Rena Butler, Norbert De La Cruz III, Gregory Dolbashian; Brian Enos; Jenelle Figgins, Ori Flomin, Nicolo Fonte, Roderick George, Shannon Gillen; Joseph Hernandez, Robert Hill, Loni Landon, Jessica Lang, Ana Maria Lucaciu; MADboots Dance; Helen Pickett, Claire Porter, Lauri Stallings, Pam Tanowitz, Luca Veggetti, Shen Wei, Stanton Welch, Marcus Jarrell Willis, and works by faculty.

Choreography

The creative process of choreography is studied through a three-year program in dance composition preceded by one year of improvisation. Juniors present choreographic projects in preparation for their senior projects the following year. The program culminates in fully produced senior projects in composition, performed in the Dance Theatre Lab as a requirement for graduation. Student choreography is auditioned for student concerts, student/faculty concerts, and lecture/demonstrations.

Music

The Conservatory of Dance has a strong commitment to the musical training of its students. This is reflected in the curriculum, which includes a historical survey of musical resources and courses that explore the shared elements of temporal arts (meter, tempo, rhythm, dynamics, texture, phrase, form, etc.), coaching for musicality, and score reading, together with extensive listening and analysis.

Students receive hands-on percussion/rhythmic training and investigate the long relationship between music and dance history.

Dance History

In addition to training in technique and composition, students study the history of dance as an evolving form. Eight credits of dance history are a requirement for graduation. These 8 credits may count toward the liberal arts requirement (30 credits minimum) for the BFA.

Somatics

Students supplement their movement practices with courses in somatics designed to heighten their strength, stability, muscular balance, connection to breath, and neuromuscular connectivity. (Continuum/Fluid Form, Yoga, Alexander Technique, Body/Mind Explorations)

Pilates and Pilates Micro-Credential

All students are required to study Pilates mat in their 1st semester. If they wish to continue their study of Pilates, they may join our [**Pilates Mat Micro-Credential**](#), which is a multi-semester study of Joseph Pilates's Mat exercises culminating in the ability to perform, teach and structure a safe and effective Pilates Mat workout.

Anatomy

A course in anatomy helps students understand the biomechanical functioning of the dancing body. Students investigate the skeletal structure, muscles, tendons, and ligaments; movement range in joints; and injury care, cure, and prevention through the principles of Swedish massage.

Electives

Students' schedules are rounded out with a wide variety of elective courses, allowing them to expand their knowledge of the diversity of the art form. Elective

courses vary and may include dance styles (Gaga, Musical Theatre, Hip Hop, Voguing, Commercial Dance, Jazz, Text and Movement, etc.), Interdisciplinary Movement Theater, Costumes for Dancers, and “Explorations in neuroaesthetics: your Brain on Art.”

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Requirements:

Students must meet all **general degree requirements** as well as conservatory requirements for graduation.

BFA in Dance: Performance Concentration: A minimum of 120 credits that include 85-90 major credits depending on courses taken plus 30 general education credits.

Students in the performance concentration must successfully complete:

- 6 credits of Purchase Dance Company (DPB 3055, DPM 3055) and participation in Senior Project (DPC 4890).
- all required courses as listed below with a minimum grade of “C” in all non-pass/fail courses.

First Year

DPB 1010 and 1020/Ballet Technique I*

1.5 credits each

DPM 1010 and 1020/Modern Technique I*

1.5 credits each

DPD 1035/Our Community in Dialogue

1 credit

Any two of the following courses each semester:

- DPB 1300 and 1301/Special Ballet/Partnering: First Year
- DPB 1400/Ballet Technique: Advanced Pointe I/Freshman
- DPB 1665/Men's Class/Variation and/or
- DPB 1670 and 1671/Men's Class/Partnering: First Year and/or
- DPB 1800 and 1820/Special Ballet Technique: First Year and/or
- DPM 1800 and 1820/Special Modern Technique: First Year

1 credit each

DPC 1700/Composition I and 1710/Improvisation Skills

1 credit each

DPD 1030/Dance First Year Seminar

1 credit

DPD 1250/Anatomy for Dancers

3 credits

DPD 1653 Music I-A Intro to Rhythm and DPD1663/Music I-B Intro to Rhythm

0.5 credits each

DPD 1710 and 1720/Dance Production I

2 credits each

DPM 1555/Somatic Practice for Dancers: Pilates Mat I (required in the Fall)

0.5 credits

One Somatic Practice for Dancers course that is numbered from DPM 1551-1559, in the spring semester.

0.5 credits

Sophomore Year

- DPB 2010 and 2020/Ballet Technique II* OR
- DPB3130 and 3840/Ballet Technique, Ballet Concentration

1.5 credits each

- DPM 2010 and 2020/Modern Dance Technique II* OR
- DPM 3130 and 3840/Modern Technique, Ballet Concentration

1.5 credits each

Any two of the following courses each semester:

- DPB 1655 and 1665/Men's Class/Variation
- DPB 3030 and 3031/Men's Class/Partnering
- DPB 3530 and 3535/Ballet Technique: Advanced Pointe I
- DPB 3540 and 3545/Ballet Technique: Advanced Pointe II/Variation
- DPB 3570 and 3571/Special Ballet/Partnering
- DPM 3570 and DPM3571/Special Modern/Partnering
- DPB 3800 and 3820/Special Ballet Technique
- DPM 3800 and 3820/Special Modern Technique: Upper Level

1 credit each

DPC 2700 and 2710/Composition II: Choreographic Principles and Movement Invention

3 credits each

DPD 2060 and 2070/Western Dance History I and II

2 credits each

DPD 2650 and 2660/Music II

2 credits each

DPM 1330 and 1331/Contact Improvisation

0.5 credits each

Each semester take one “Somatic Practice for Dancers” OR “Pilates Mat Instructor Training III or IV” course numbered from DPM 1551-1559, 3550, 3551

0.5 to 1.0 credit each

Junior Year

- DPB 3010 and 3020/Ballet Technique III *, OR
- DPB 3130 and 3840/Ballet Technique, Ballet Concentration

1.5 credits each

- DPM 3010 and 3020/Modern Technique III OR
- DPM3130 and 3840/Modern Technique Ballet Concentration

1.5 credits each

Any two of the following courses each semester:

- DPB 3030 and 3031/Men's Class/Partnering
- DPB 3530 and 3535/Ballet Technique: Advanced Pointe I
- DPB 3540 and 3545/Ballet Technique: Advanced Pointe II/Variation
- DPB 3570 and 3571/Special Ballet/Partnering
- DPM 3570 and 3571/Special Modern Partnering
- DPB 3800 and 3820/Special Ballet Technique
- DPM 3800 and 3820/Special Modern Technique: Upper Level

1 credit each

DPC 3700 and 3710/Composition III: Discovery and Development

3 credits each

DPD 3330 and 3331/20th and 21st Century Performance

2 credits each

DPD 3880/Junior Project

1 credit

DPD3653/Music III Topics in Music (Spring only)

2.5 credits

Each semester, one "Somatic Practice for Dancers" OR "Pilates Mat Instructor Training II or IV" course numbered from DPM 1551-1559, 3550 or 3551

0.5 to 1.0 credit each

Senior Year

- DPB 4010 and 4020/Ballet Technique IV* OR
- DPB 3130 and 3840/Ballet Technique Concentration

1.5 credits each

- DPM 4010 and 4020/Modern Technique IV* OR
- DPM 3130 and 3840/Modern Technique Ballet Concentration

1.5 credits each

Any two of the following courses each semester:

- DPB 3030 and 3031/Men's Class/Partnering
- DPB 3530 and 3535/Ballet Technique: Advanced Pointe I
- DPB 3540 and 3545/Ballet Technique: Advanced Pointe II/Variation
- DPB 3570 and 3571/Special Ballet/Partnering
- DPM 3570 and 3571/Special Modern Partnering
- DPB 3800 and 3820/Special Ballet Technique
- DPM 3800 and 3820/Special Modern Technique: Upper Level

1 credit each

DPC 4700 and 4710/Composition IV-A and IV-B: Senior Process

1 credit each

DPD3663/Music IV Professional Skills in Music

0.5 credits

DPC 4990/Senior Project 1

3 credits

DPC 4991/Senior Project 2

3 credits

Notes/Additional Requirements

- *For the ballet and modern technique classes, students are placed in class according to placement level.
- All male identifying students must successfully complete:
 - Four semesters of a Somatic Practice course (DPM 1551–1559) in the first two years of study.
 - Four semesters of each Men’s Class (DPB 1655 and 1665) in the first two years of study.
 - Six semesters of Ballet Partnering (DPB 1600, 1610, 4600, and 4610) in the first three years of study.
 - Two semesters of modern partnering (DPM 1510 and 1520).
- All female identifying students must successfully complete:
 - Six semesters of a Somatic Practice course (DPM 1551–1559) in the first three years of study.
 - Four semesters of either Modern Partnering (DPM 1510 and 1520) or Ballet Partnering (DPB 1600, 1610, 4600, and 4610).

- All proficient pointe dancers in the **ballet concentration** must take Advanced Pointe (DPB 1400, 3530, 3540) every semester, in addition to the four semesters of partnering.

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Ballet Concentration

Description:

At the end of the 1st year, the ballet faculty invites students who in their judgment, demonstrate potential for a career in classical ballet to join the ballet concentration.

Requirements:

Ballet Concentration Requirements

In addition to meeting general degree requirements, all students in the ballet concentration are required to:

- Take at least five ballet classes in addition to two modern or contemporary classes a week.
- Audition or sign up for all ballet repertory pieces presented by the Purchase Dance Company.
- Take pointe **and / or** Men's class and partnering classes each semester.
- Perform en pointe for their Senior Project repertory pieces (it is strongly encouraged that the Senior Project Composition also be en pointe).

The Ballet Concentration is designed to provide the serious ballet student with the highest level of professional ballet training during the sophomore, junior, and senior year. Approval to continue in

Ballet Concentration will be determined at any time by the faculty and will be based upon the student's work ethic and improvement.

Students may withdraw from the Ballet Concentration at the end of the Sophomore year and return to the performance concentration.

Composition Concentration

Description:

The Composition Committee (which is composed of members of the Composition and Improvisation faculty and the Director) will invite students to join the Composition Concentration (Comp Con) at the end of the fall semester of their sophomore year.

With the judgment of the Comp Con committee, such students will have demonstrated talent in the art of choreography. Minimum prerequisites for the selected students include: successful completion of two semesters of Composition I and the successful completion of the fall semester of Composition II.

Requirements:

Composition Concentration Requirements

Students must meet all **general degree requirements** as well as conservatory requirements for graduation.

Once approved, the Comp. Con. student will:

- Complete one semester of art history, aesthetics or a course concerned with art making as advised by the composition committee.
- Maintain a minimum of A in all comp class work.
- Present two Junior Comp Projects
- Present two Senior Comp Projects
- Participate in an internship with Conservatory of Theater Arts productions

Production Concentration

Description:

Students in the dance production concentration can choose to either perform repertoire or present a composition.

Requirements:

Dance Production Concentration Requirements

Students must meet all general degree requirements and conservatory requirements for graduation.

Freshman and Sophomore Years

Students apply for the dance production concentration during the second semester of their sophomore year and before the sophomore jury. The grade obtained in Dance Production I course, Sophomore jury results, along with a general aptitude for and interest in dance production, determine a student's acceptance or denial. Freshmen and sophomores follow the basic curriculum.

Junior Year

In addition to their regular junior requirements, students in the dance production concentration will register for DPD 3900/Independent Study in Dance Production for two semesters.

Senior Year

In addition to their regular senior requirements, students in the dance production concentration will register for:

- DPD1075/ Collaborative Video for Choreography (2 credits)
- DPD 3900/Independent Study in Dance Production (two semesters, variable credits)
- DPC 4990/Senior Project 1 (3 credits)
- DPC 4991 Senior Project 2 (3 credits) (Production/Stage management emphasis as advised and approved by the Conservatory of Dance Production manager and Department Chair.

Students can elect to take only one technique class a day on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays, during their Senior Year, like the Comp. Con. students.

Any changes in concentration must be approved by the Dance Department Chair.

Conservatory of Music

Immerse yourself in an intensive education within a dynamic and supportive community of musicians, while receiving the direction and training to develop your artistry, span genres, and perform in ensembles of all sizes and styles.

Across both undergraduate and graduate programs, the Conservatory of Music offers a distinctive, comprehensive education that will prepare students for the challenges and rewards of a career in music.

Music Courses

Undergraduate Courses

Composition

MCO 1010: Models I

Models is the core music theory curriculum for studio composition and studio production students, consisting of six sequential courses (I–IV only for studio production). Studies in musical structure and syntax. An integrated presentation of melody, rhythm, harmony, counterpoint, and timbre. This course begins to explain the universal principles of proportion and beauty in all music. MCO 1010 covers music grammar, fundamental harmony, and multiple musical traditions.

Credits: 3

Department: General Technology

MCO 1015: Jazz Theory I

The core music theory curriculum for jazz studies students provides a basic foundation leading to proficiency within jazz harmony. Students gain complete facility in major, minor, and dominant seventh scales in every interval, in all 12 keys. Application includes comprehensive abilities within basic foundational harmony, often referred to as II–7, V7, I. This understanding of harmony is immediately put to practical use in standard song forms, some of which are also learned in all 12 keys.
Limited to jazz studies majors.

Credits: 3

Department: Jazz

MCO 1020: Models II

Models is the core music theory curriculum for studio composition and studio production students, consisting of six sequential courses (I–IV only for studio production). Studies in musical structure and syntax. An integrated presentation of melody, rhythm, harmony, counterpoint, and timbre. This course begins to explain the universal principles of proportion and beauty in all music. MCO 1020 covers harmony, species counterpoint, and phrase structures.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: MCO1010 Or

Department: General Technology

MCO 1025: Jazz Theory II

The core music theory curriculum for jazz studies students provides a basic foundation leading to proficiency within jazz harmony. Students gain complete facility in major, minor, and dominant seventh scales in every interval, in all 12 keys. Application includes comprehensive abilities within basic foundational harmony, often referred to as II–7, V7, I. This understanding of harmony is immediately put to practical use in standard song forms, some of which are also learned in all 12 keys. Limited to jazz studies majors.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: MCO1015

Department: Jazz

MCO 1130: Introduction to Studio Recording

An introduction to the recording studio, designed especially for students with no background in music. Students gain an overall understanding of the principles of studio recording and multitrack mixing.

Credits: 2

Department: Production Technology

MCO 1310: Studio Composition I

The fundamental information needed to function as an engineer/producer in today's digitally driven recording environment. Includes an overview of the recording studio and in-depth technical information on the properties of sound, microphone design, cabling, digital audio converters, the Nyquist theorem, consoles, and signal processors. Students gain the working knowledge needed to be comfortable in the studio, together with skills in troubleshooting, maintenance, and engineering.

Credits: 2

Department: General Technology

MCO 1320: Studio Composition II

In this technical exploration of the computer, how it is constructed, and its purpose in a modern recording studio, students gain a transparent view and working knowledge of technology, allowing for greater creative potential. Music-production software programs are explored, e.g., Digital Performer, Logic, Ableton Live, Reason, and Native Instruments. Students learn to troubleshoot and be comfortable in front of any modern computer system with multiple production software programs installed.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MCO1310

Department: General Technology

MCO 1410: Studio Composition Seminar

Group discussions and presentations of student works, together with analysis of music by a range of established composers, encompassing many different styles. Live performances and guest artists enhance class sessions. Required for studio composition majors. *Grading is on a pass/no credit basis.*

Credits: 1

Department: Composition Technology

MCO 2010: Models III

Models is the core music theory curriculum for studio composition and studio production students, consisting of six sequential courses (I–IV only for studio production). Studies in musical structure and syntax. An integrated presentation of melody, rhythm, harmony, counterpoint, and timbre. This course begins to explain the universal principles of proportion and beauty in all music. MCO 2010 covers acoustics, proportion, harmonic series, monophony, and species counterpoint.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: MCO1020 Or

Department: General Technology

MCO 2015: Jazz Harmony I

Examines the various aspects of jazz harmony and improvisation. Topics include the cycle of fifths; secondary and substitute dominants; key of the moment; cadences, modal interchange, and melodic embellishment; and an in-depth study of improvisational devices, linking scales, advanced reharmonization, and tertian relationships. Limited to jazz studies majors.

Credits: 2

Department: Jazz

MCO 2020: Models IV

Models is the core music theory curriculum for studio composition and studio production students, consisting of six sequential courses (I–IV only for studio production). Studies in musical structure and syntax. An integrated presentation of melody, rhythm, harmony, counterpoint, and timbre. This course begins to explain the universal principles of proportion and beauty in all music. MCO 2020 covers tonal counterpoint, chromatic harmony, larger forms, jazz harmony and analysis.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: MCO2010 Or

Department: General Technology

MCO 2025: Jazz Harmony II

Examines the various aspects of jazz harmony and improvisation. Topics include the cycle of fifths; secondary and substitute dominants; key of the moment; cadences, modal interchange, and melodic embellishment; and an in-depth study of improvisational devices, linking scales, advanced reharmonization, and tertian relationships. Limited to jazz studies majors.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MCO2015

Department: Jazz

MCO 2310: MIDI Composition I

Making technology transparent to musical composition. From the foundation of MIDI signal flow, MIDI editing, and sound-programming theory, students learn to translate compositions into a professional MIDI sequence. Emphasis is on synthesis methods, sampling techniques, and an introduction to instrumentation and orchestration within a MIDI performance.

Credits: 2

Department: General Technology

MCO 2320: MIDI Composition II

A continuation of MCO 2310, with emphasis on instrumentation and orchestration. Students learn advanced MIDI sequencing and sampling techniques for the creation of convincing arrangements and compositions within varying musical scenarios. The acoustical properties of various instrument groups are also addressed.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MCO2310

Department: General Technology

MCO 3010: Composition Seminar

Group discussions and presentations of student works, together with analysis of music by a range of established composers, encompassing many different styles. Live performances and guest artists enhance class sessions.

Credits: 1

Department: Classical, Composition

MCO 3020: Models V

Models is the core music theory curriculum for studio composition and studio production students, consisting of six sequential courses (I–IV only for studio production). Studies in musical structure and syntax. An integrated presentation of melody, rhythm, harmony, counterpoint, and timbre. This course begins to explain the universal principles of proportion and beauty in all music. MCO 3020 covers pop music, harmonic and rhythmic analysis.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: MCO2020 Or

Department: General Technology

MCO 3030: Models VI

Models is the core music theory curriculum for studio composition and studio production students, consisting of six sequential courses (I–IV only for studio production). Studies in musical structure and syntax. An integrated presentation of melody, rhythm, harmony, counterpoint, and timbre. This course begins to explain the universal principles of proportion and beauty in all music. MCO 3030 covers impressionism, expressionism, Fauvism, minimalism, and post-tonality.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: MCO3020 Or

Department: General Technology

MCO 3330: Studio Production I

Advanced recording and production technology, with an emphasis on digital multitracking. Large-format “out of the box” consoles and advanced signal path and gain structures are discussed. Includes acoustics and studio design seminars, with soundproofing and construction considerations; and advanced microphone and electronics selection, technique, theory, and practice. Students ~~[SEP]~~ track a variety of instruments together. Culminates in a complex overdubbed class project.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MCO1320 And MCO4360

Department: Production Technology

MCO 3340: Studio Production II

Advanced mixing and mastering, including plug-in automation, audio restoration, and mixing in 5.1 surround sound, with an emphasis on troubleshooting, professionalism, and meticulous attention to production values. Discussions include analog processing and its relevance to digital workstations; the role of the engineer and producer in a modern studio environment; and ethics, technique, and real-time production constraints.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MCO3330

Department: Production Technology

MCO 3415: Melody Writing

A practical study of the craft of writing contemporary melody. Analytical and creative focus on effective melodic practice, plus musical rhyme, dramatic pitch curve, repetition and excursion, bridge, prechorus and chorus writing, melodic psychology and hooks. Studies may include Franz Schubert, Richard Rodgers, Cole Porter, Billie Holiday, Carole King, Bob Dylan, Joni Mitchell, Stevie Wonder, Randy

Newman, and others. Prior musical accomplishment as a melodist and ability to read notation are required.

Credits: 2

Department: Composition Technology

MCO 3420: Lyric Writing

A practical study of the craft of writing contemporary lyrics. Analytical and creative focus on effective musical structures, plus rhyme forms and schemes, line and unit densities, text and subtexts. Studies may include Langston Hughes, Chuck Berry, Bob Dylan, Otis Redding, Joni Mitchell, Patti Smith, Chuck D, Tupac Shakur, and others. Prior musical accomplishment as a lyricist and a desire to collaborate are required.

Credits: 2

Department: General Technology

MCO 3500: Film Scoring I

Writing/producing music for motion pictures. Action/dialogue underscoring, multiple cues, synchronization, editing, and critical budgets of time, equipment, and labor.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MCO1320 Or MCO2320

Department: Composition Technology

MCO 3510: Film Scoring II

Practical exercises in the technical and creative aspects of production and engineering, with an emphasis on sound for motion pictures. Topics include production sound, automated dialogue replacement (ADR), SFX, Foley, file formats and Sync, stem mixes, spotting and scoring, mixing to picture, and delivery formats. The course includes demonstrations and a group recording project. Collaborative work with Purchase College film students is encouraged.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MCO3500

Department: Composition Technology

MCO 3550: Studio Arranging I

Designed to provide students with the knowledge needed to transform a song from its simplest form to a full-fledged, multidimensional arrangement, ranging from an entire symphony orchestra to exotic percussion and experimental studio effects.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MCO2020 And MTH2425

Department: Music

MCO 3555: Studio Arranging II

A continuation of MCO 3550, with a more in-depth approach to song structure, instrumentation/orchestration, lead sheet writing, the skill of transcription, and the harmonic/melodic/rhythmic relationship. Formulating an album concept, genre-specific characteristics, and arranging preexisting material are also discussed in detail.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MCO3550

Department: Music

MCO 3712: Contracts, Copyrights, and Publishing

A course in the business of music that focuses on essential legal terms, language, and concepts underlying standard recording artist agreements, U.S. copyright law, and standard music publishing contracts. Sampling legislation, synchronization, and mechanical licenses are also examined in detail. Pending schedule availability, noted music industry professionals present guest lectures on relevant topics.

Credits: 2

Department: General Technology

MCO 3722: Touring, Promotion, and Distribution

Addresses the complexities of booking a tour, artist promotion, and current trends in music distribution, including do-it-yourself (DIY) Web-based distribution. Ethical issues relating to controversial subject matter and images, derogatory lyrics, social politics, and sexual content and its effect on the marketplace are also discussed.

Credits: 2

Department: General Technology

MCO 4120: Studio Composition Master Class

Weekly study in small groups with master composers. Melody, harmony, rhythm, timbre, form, and lyrics are studied within a variety of styles, aesthetics, and technologies. Students present their work at each class.

Credits: 3

Department: Composition Technology

MCO 4125: Studio Production Master Class

Weekly study in groups of three to five with master producers. Recording techniques and technologies, as well as the psychological, logistical, and entrepreneurial crafts of a producer, are studied. Students present their work at each class.

Credits: 3

Department: Production Technology

MCO 4210: Composition for Performers

Offers performance students the opportunity to create their own works after significant models in solo, chamber, and orchestral repertoire. By composing and then performing their own works and those of their colleagues, participants will gain

appreciation for composition and the art of interpretation. This course requires a strong understanding of Western music theory/history through the 20th century.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MCO 4350: Digital Audio I

A “Pro Tools 101” course covering digital audio workstation (DAW) essentials, in which intensive digital editing and DAW skills are developed. Includes specific instruction in Pro Tools shortcuts, file types and digital audio formats, edit modes, groups, playlists, session management, and safe data-file management skills, along with background history on tape vs. digital recording techniques.

Credits: 2

Department: General Technology

MCO 4360: Digital Audio II

How to equip and set up a modern digital recording studio. Topics include equipment, project, and professional studio design and logistics for stereo and multitrack recording; setting up and running a tracking session; microphone techniques and cue mix strategies; an overview of mixing and mastering, including automation, region manipulation, time-division multiplexing (TDM), and AudioSuite and Real-Time AudioSuite (RTAS) plug-in basics; and advanced signal processing.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MCO4350

Department: General Technology

MCO 4711: Creative Production Techniques I

Focuses on unique scenarios and non-mainstream techniques in recording and production. Assignments include recording live to mono analog tape; instrument construction, using scrap materials; and composition and recording. Study of ethnic music, including reggae and blues.

Credits: 1.5

Department: Production Technology

MCO 4721: Creative Production Techniques II

Focuses on unique scenarios and non-mainstream techniques in recording and production. Assignments include recording live to mono analog tape; instrument construction, using scrap materials; and composition and recording. Study of ethnic music, including reggae and blues.

Credits: 1.5

Department: Production Technology

Performance, Ensemble

MPE 0200: Freshman Classical Jury

An evaluation of each music major's progress in the classical programs after one year of study in the conservatory. Students perform for a faculty jury, and their abilities in their area of concentration are critically evaluated. Successful completion of the freshman jury is required to continue in the program.

Credits: 0

Department: Classical, Classical

MPE 0201: Freshman Jazz Jury

An evaluation of each jazz studies major's progress after one year of study in the conservatory. Students perform for a faculty jury, and their abilities in their area of concentration are critically evaluated. Successful completion of the freshman jury is required to continue in the program.

Credits: 0

Department: Jazz

MPE 0202: Freshman Studio Composition Jury

An evaluation of each studio composition major's progress after one year of study in the conservatory. Students perform for a faculty jury, and their abilities in their area of concentration are critically evaluated. Successful completion of the freshman jury is required to continue in the program.

Credits: 0

Department: Composition Technology

MPE 0203: Freshman Studio Production Jury

An evaluation of each studio production major's progress after one year of study in the conservatory. Students perform for a faculty jury, and their abilities in their area of concentration are critically evaluated. Successful completion of the freshman jury is required to continue in the program.

Credits: 0

Department: Production Technology

MPE 0300: Sophomore Classical Jury

An evaluation of each music major's progress in the classical programs after two years of study in the conservatory. Students perform for a faculty jury, and their abilities in their area of concentration are critically evaluated. Successful completion of the sophomore jury is required to continue in the program.

Credits: 0

Department: Classical, Classical

MPE 0301: Sophomore Jazz Jury

An evaluation of each jazz studies major's progress after two years of study in the conservatory. Students perform for a faculty jury, and their abilities in their area of concentration are critically evaluated. Successful completion of the sophomore jury is required to continue in the program.

Credits: 0

PREREQ: MPE0201

Department: Jazz

MPE 0302: Sophomore Studio Composition Jury

An evaluation of each studio composition major's progress after two years of study in the conservatory. Students perform for a faculty jury, and their abilities in their area of concentration are critically evaluated. Successful completion of the sophomore jury is required to continue in the program.

Credits: 0

Department: Composition Technology

MPE 0303: Sophomore Studio Production Jury

An evaluation of each studio production major's progress after two years of study in the conservatory. Students perform for a faculty jury, and their abilities in their area of concentration are critically evaluated. Successful completion of the sophomore jury is required to continue in the program.

Credits: 0

Department: Production Technology

MPE 1010: Keyboard Studies I

Designed to promote facility at the keyboard, this is the first course in four-semester sequence of lessons for non-keyboard students, which culminates in a proficiency examination normally taken at the end of the sophomore year. Different sections of this course sequence are designed specifically for classical performance (excluding piano), jazz studies, and studio composition majors.

Credits: 1

Department: Music

MPE 1015: Jazz Keyboard Studies I

Introduces jazz majors to all the basic piano skills they will need to develop as a player, arranger and composer. Material will focus on: basic piano technique (hand position, proper sound production), scale fingerings (one octave), triads, 7ths chords, two-handed chord voicings and ii-V-I progressions. Repertoire will include simple classical pieces as well as arrangements of jazz standards.

Credits: 1

Department: Music

MPE 1020: Keyboard Studies II

Designed to promote facility at the keyboard, this is the second course in a four-semester sequence of lessons for non-keyboard students, which culminates in a proficiency examination normally taken at the end of the sophomore year. Different sections of this course sequence are designed specifically for classical performance (excluding piano), jazz studies, and studio composition majors.

Credits: 1

PREREQ: MPE1010 Or

Department: Music

MPE 1025: Jazz Keyboard Studies II

Builds on the basic piano skills developed in Jazz Keyboard Studies I. Material will include: Major and minor fingerings (two octaves), 9th 11th and 13th chords and two-handed chord voicings, basic 'comping' rhythms, transcriptions of classic jazz piano solos, and playing duos/switching parts. Repertoire will include arrangements of jazz standards and selections from Bach's "Anna Magdalena Notebook."

Credits: 1

PREREQ: MPE1015 Or MPE1010 Or

Department: Music

MPE 1030: Studio Chart Reading

Focuses on the art of reading and performing music notation written for and by studio musicians. Topics include techniques in reading and performing numeric charts, reading and writing music shorthand, and sight-reading charts. This course recreates real-life studio conditions for ensembles and prepares players to participate in the professional opportunities of the recording studio.

Credits: 1

Department: General Technology

MPE 1050: Jazz Ensemble

Provides students from other disciplines an opportunity to participate in a small jazz combo. Emphasis is on standard jazz repertoire, understanding of the jazz vernacular, and jazz improvisation. A background in performing in similar ensembles in high school is beneficial. Students must bring their own instruments in good working order. This class is not open to vocalists. Taught by a faculty member of the jazz studies program.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MPE 1110: Chamber Music

The study and performance of works from the chamber music repertoire and/or the sonata literature for piano and instruments. Coaching sessions (up to one and a half hours per week) culminate in performances.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 1112: Brass Chamber Music

Coached by members of the brass faculty, this ensemble class focuses on group intonation, phrasing, articulation, and blend. Literature is selected from all styles

and eras of music, and composition for the ensemble is also encouraged. Rehearses weekly for one and a half hours.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 1160: Contemporary Ensemble

Presents the opportunity to study and perform contemporary works by established composers for diverse instruments, in all styles. *Open to all undergraduate music majors.*

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 1165: Purchase New Music

Presents the opportunity to study and perform contemporary works by student composers for diverse instruments, in all styles. *Open to all undergraduate music majors.*

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 1170: Camerata

Interpretation of music of the 17th and 18th centuries from the perspective of historically informed performance. Instructors teach basic principles of interpretation that are evident from early performance manuals, then encourage students to actively engage these principles by forming personal interpretations around them. Students are encouraged to form creative, original approaches to the repertoire, particularly when the historical record may be incomplete, inchoate, or simplistic.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 1201: Symphony Orchestra

Intense preparation of works, mostly from the standard repertoire, for performance. Study of characteristic styles, performance practice, and acquisition of large ensemble skills and professional etiquette.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 1210: Woodwind Performance Class

This course is devoted to the study of orchestral excerpts and large-scale chamber music. Instrumental techniques, tuning, and ensemble balance are given careful attention.

Credits: 1

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 1211: Woodwind Instrumental Lab

Elective performance lab for participants in MPE 1210.

Credits: .5

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 1215: Piano Colloquium

Piano majors perform repertoire they are studying in their private lessons, in a group setting, and receive constructive feedback from the instructor and members of the class.

Credits: 1

Department: Music

MPE 1220: Brass Performance and Ensemble

The main instrumental ensemble (20–30 players) in the brass program. Conducted by members of the brass faculty, this ensemble performs repertoire from the 16th century to the present. It also performs music from the British “brass band” repertoire, in which students are required to play traditional brass band instruments. Rehearses weekly for one and a half hours.

Credits: 1

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 1221: Brass Instrumental Lab

Elective performance lab for participants in MPE 1112.

Credits: .5

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 1230: Percussion Performance Class

A forum for percussionists to discuss and examine the many facets of percussion performance. The study of the orchestral repertoire for timpani and percussion is the primary focus.

Credits: 1

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 1231: Percussion Ensemble

Study and performance of the percussion ensemble repertoire. Students have the opportunity to perform a range of parts, from basic to virtuosic, in all areas of percussion: timpani, mallets, and multiple percussion.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 1232: Hand Drumming

An exploration of the ancient musical tradition of hand drumming found in many cultures. Hand drumming techniques from Africa, the Caribbean, the Americas, and Asia are learned and practiced in an ensemble setting to energize, build unity, and heighten creativity. Students gain experience with djembe, guiro, conga, shakers, and clavés, as well as other percussive and rhythmic instruments. No prior musical experience is required.

Credits: 1

Department: Music

MPE 1235: Upper String Technique

Explore the physical and mental steps necessary for producing a good tone and accurate intonation on violin and viola. The development of healthy practice habits and injury prevention exercises will be a major focus of this class.

Credits: 1

Department: Music

MPE 1240: String Performance Class

A weekly gathering of all violinists, violists, violoncellists, and bass students, providing a forum for string players to perform for each other and to discuss and examine the many facets of string playing. Repertoire may include solo, chamber, and orchestral. Audition techniques, performance traditions, and instrument maintenance may also be covered.

Credits: 1

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 1245: Soul Voices Ensemble

A mixed vocal ensemble that explores the music of the African American experience, including spirituals, gospel, soul, rhythm and blues, funk, and jazz. The semester culminates with a public concert on campus. *Open to students in all disciplines, including music majors.*

Credits: 2

Department: Jazz

MPE 1295: Jazz Saxophone Doubling

A comprehensive overview of playing techniques for the common saxophone doubles, especially clarinet and flute. Specifics on embouchures, fingerings, tone production, and performance practice are facilitated by weekly in-class readings of repertoire, études, and technical exercises.

Credits: 1

Department: Jazz

MPE 1330: Alexander Technique for Musicians

Designed to improve posture, develop physical awareness, and find physical ease in the process of rehearsal to performance. Students learn how to use their bodies efficiently through the lens of the Alexander Technique.

Credits: 1

Department: Music

MPE 1370: Italian Art Song Literature I

The first half of a two-semester survey of Italian art songs from the 16th century to modern times; part of the core curriculum for classical voice majors. Presented chronologically, the songs explore the repertoire that forms the core of each linguistic style and historical period. Students learn and perform one song every week in a master-class setting. Integrated with MPE 1380.

Credits: 1.5

Department: Classical, Voice

MPE 1375: Italian Art Song Literature II

The second half of a two-semester survey of Italian art songs from the 16th century to modern times; part of the core curriculum for classical voice majors. Presented chronologically, the songs explore the repertoire that forms the core of each linguistic style and historical period. Students learn and perform one song every week in a master-class setting. Integrated with MPE 1390.

Credits: 1.5

PREREQ: MPE1370

Department: Classical, Voice

MPE 1380: Italian Diction I

An exploration of the principles of Italian diction. The international phonetic alphabet is employed to indicate correct pronunciation. Vigorous application of these principles to the repertoire studied in MPE 1370.

Credits: 1

Department: Classical, Voice

MPE 1390: Italian Diction II

An exploration of the principles of Italian diction. The international phonetic alphabet is employed to indicate correct pronunciation. Vigorous application of these principles to the repertoire studied in MPE 1375.

Credits: 1

PREREQ: MPE1380

Department: Classical, Voice

MPE 1400: Guitar Performance Class

Covers a full range of solo repertoire and performance. Students actively participate in the analytic and critical process for pedagogical purposes.

Credits: 1

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 1420: Harp Performance Class

A weekly gathering of harpists, providing a forum for performance, discussion, and examination of the many facets of harp technique and interpretation. Repertoire may include solo, chamber, and orchestral works. Audition techniques, performance traditions, and instrument maintenance are also covered.

Credits: 1

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 1450: Guitar Ensemble

Designed for classical guitarists who are interested in gaining ensemble, sight-reading, and arranging skills for guitar ensemble. Students are expected to perform repertoire from the 20th and 21st centuries and create their own arrangements for performance by various combinations, such as a guitar orchestra, duos, trios, and quartets. Strong musicianship skills are required.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 1480: Piano Performance Class

Covers the full range of solo repertoire for piano. Students perform and actively participate in the analytical and critical process for pedagogical purposes.

Credits: 1

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 1550: Jazz Orchestra

The Jazz Orchestra is a 17-piece big band that performs jazz from every era. From staples like Ellington and Basie to more modern works by today's leading composers

and arrangers, this orchestra swings and is always a pleasure to listen to. *Limited to jazz studies majors.*

Credits: 2

Department: Jazz

MPE 1600: Purchase Latin Jazz Orchestra

Focuses on the music of the Machito Orchestra, Tito Puente, Chico O'Farrill, and Dizzy Gillespie, among others. The conversion of standard jazz repertoire to what is currently known as Latin jazz is emphasized through an in-depth study of clavé (the rhythmic pulse found in Afro-Caribbean music) and the variety of rhythms incorporated in this genre. Orchestra members are encouraged to contribute original arrangements.

Credits: 2

Department: Jazz

MPE 1650: Studio Programs Ensemble

Students develop performance skills in a cross-genre ensemble of popular music styles. While most of the group work takes place in a studio setting, live performance and recording sessions are also included. Students learn the skills of projection, amplification, and audience engagement and have the opportunity to develop their unique performance style and musical voice. *Limited to studio composition and studio production majors.*

Credits: 2

Department: General Technology

MPE 1700: Jazz Combos

These combos are thematically based and speak directly to the firsthand performing experiences of faculty mentors. Focusing on repertoire derived from the master composer/bandleaders from all eras of jazz, elements of group interaction, group dynamic, improvisation, arranging, and stylistic interpretation are integrated into a professional ensemble experience. *Limited to jazz studies majors.*

Credits: 2

Department: Jazz

MPE 1850: Sight Reading Workshop

An exploration of the literature for piano-four hands (duets and two pianos) with the objective of developing skill in sight reading, leading to a performance of material read at sight.

Credits: 1

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 2010: Keyboard Studies III

Designed to promote facility at the keyboard, this is the third course in a four-semester sequence of lessons for non-keyboard students, which culminates in a proficiency examination normally taken at the end of the sophomore year. Different sections of this course sequence are designed specifically for classical performance (excluding piano), jazz studies, and studio composition majors.

Credits: 1

PREREQ: MPE1020 Or

Department: Music

MPE 2015: Jazz Keyboard Studies III

Builds on concepts learned in Jazz Keyboard I and II. Topics will include: two-octave major and minor scales, two-handed ii-V-I voicings with 9ths, 13ths, tritone substitutions, etc; major 6 and minor 6 diminished chord scales, and their application to harmonizing melodies in block chords; solo arrangements of jazz standards and reharmonizations, and classical repertoire by Bach and Chopin.

Credits: 1

PREREQ: MPE1025 Or MPE1020 Or

Department: Music

MPE 2020: Keyboard Studies IV

Designed to promote facility at the keyboard, this is the fourth course in a four-semester sequence of lessons for non-keyboard students, which culminates in a proficiency examination normally taken at the end of the sophomore year. Different sections of this course sequence are designed specifically for classical performance (excluding piano), jazz studies, and studio composition majors.

Credits: 1

PREREQ: MPE2010 Or

Department: Music

MPE 2025: Jazz Keyboard Studies IV

Builds on concepts learned in Jazz Keyboard I-III with a focus on the role of the piano in an ensemble. Topics include: scales/arpeggios in 12 keys, rootless 'comping' voicings, upper extensions and upper structure chord voicings, "drop 2" voicings, transcriptions of classic solos, block chords, bebop diminished scales. Repertoire will include more advanced classical repertoire and classic jazz tunes.

Credits: 1

PREREQ: MPE2015 Or MPE2010 Or

Department: Music

MPE 2230: Movement Styles

A course for the singing performer on how to move within the context of different historical periods. It explores the reason for each movement style by offering training in balance, coordination, flexibility, and strength.

Credits: 1

Department: Classical, Voice

MPE 2260: Stage Techniques for Singers

A performance class designed to develop the language of the stage and its various applications, using pantomime, dance, music, text, character analysis, dramatic readings, meditations, etc. as tools to become comfortable on the stage.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Voice

MPE 2370: German Art Song Literature I

The first half of a two-semester survey of German art songs; part of the core curriculum for voice majors. Presented chronologically, the songs explore the repertoire that forms the core of each linguistic style and historical period. Students learn and perform one song every week in a master-class setting. Emphasis is on the development of musical skills necessary for the appropriate interpretation of each style. Integrated with MPE 2380.

Credits: 1.5

Department: Classical, Voice

MPE 2375: German Art Song Literature II

The second half of a two-semester survey of German art songs; part of the core curriculum for voice majors. Presented chronologically, the songs explore the repertoire that forms the core of each linguistic style and historical period. Students learn and perform one song every week in a master-class setting. Emphasis is on the development of musical skills necessary for the appropriate interpretation of each style. Integrated with MPE 2390.

Credits: 1.5

PREREQ: MPE2370

Department: Classical, Voice

MPE 2380: German Diction I

An exploration of the principles of German diction. The international phonetic alphabet is employed to indicate correct pronunciation. Vigorous application of these principles to the repertoire studied in MPE 2370.

Credits: 1

Department: Classical, Voice

MPE 2390: German Diction II

An exploration of the principles of German diction. The international phonetic alphabet is employed to indicate correct pronunciation. Vigorous application of these principles to the repertoire studied in MPE 2375.

Credits: 1

PREREQ: MPE2380

Department: Classical, Voice

MPE 2550: Keyboard Literature I

A historical and practical survey of keyboard music from the pre-Renaissance through the Classical Era. Assignments involve the preparation and in-class performance of works from these periods and exploration of lesser-known literature. Discussions and projects relate to the history and performance practice of the period.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MTH2510 And MTH2520

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 2560: Keyboard Literature II

A historical and practical survey of keyboard music from the pre-Renaissance through the Classical Era. Assignments involve the preparation and in-class performance of works from these periods and exploration of lesser-known

literature. Discussions and projects relate to the history and performance practice of the period.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MTH2510 And MTH2520

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 2570: Keyboard Literature III

A historical and practical survey of keyboard music from the 19th century to the present. Assignments involve the preparation and in-class performance of works from these periods and exploration of lesser-known literature. Discussions and projects relate to the history and performance practice of the period.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 2580: Keyboard Literature IV

A historical and practical survey of keyboard music from the 19th century to the present. Assignments involve the preparation and in-class performance of works from these periods and exploration of lesser-known literature. Discussions and projects relate to the history and performance practice of the period.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 2610: Collaborative Piano

Study of the art of accompanying singers and instrumentalists. Members of the class perform regularly.

Credits: 1

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 3260: Opera Coaching

Private weekly music coaching (for undergraduates, in the junior and senior years) that support the student's development (technical and artistic) and presentation (linguistic, stylistic, musical, and dramatic). Prepares the student for performance situations throughout the department. The goal is to enable the student to function as an independent professional upon completion of the program.

Credits: .5

Department: Classical, Voice

MPE 3350: Opera Workshop

In a performance lab setting, students prepare and perform in a concert of staged scenes with piano or instrumental ensemble; and/or participate in at least one fully staged opera, given in its original language, with orchestra, sets, and costumes. This course further develops and refines the musical and dramatic skills acquired in previous courses.

Credits: 2

COREQ: MPE3355

Department: Classical, Voice

MPE 3355: Opera Workshop Lab

A practical application of opera rehearsal techniques as studied in MPE 3350.

Credits: 1

COREQ: MPE3350

Department: Classical, Voice

MPE 3370: French Art Song Literature I

The first half of a two-semester survey of French art songs; part of the core curriculum for classical voice majors. Presented chronologically, the songs explore

the repertoire that forms the core of each linguistic style and historical period. Students learn and perform one song every week in a master-class setting. Emphasis is on the development of musical skills necessary for the appropriate interpretation of each style. Integrated with MPE 3380.

Credits: 1.5

Department: Classical, Voice

MPE 3375: French Art Song Literature II

The second half of a two-semester survey of French art songs; part of the core curriculum for classical voice majors. Presented chronologically, the songs explore the repertoire that forms the core of each linguistic style and historical period. Students learn and perform one song every week in a master-class setting. Emphasis is on the development of musical skills necessary for the appropriate interpretation of each style. Integrated with MPE 3390.

Credits: 1.5

PREREQ: MPE3370

Department: Classical, Voice

MPE 3380: French Diction I

An exploration of the principles of French diction. The international phonetic alphabet is employed to indicate correct pronunciation. Vigorous application of these principles to the repertoire studied in MPE 3370.

Credits: 1

Department: Classical, Voice

MPE 3390: French Diction II

An exploration of the principles of French diction. The international phonetic alphabet is employed to indicate correct pronunciation. Vigorous application of these principles to the repertoire studied in MPE 3375.

Credits: 1

PREREQ: MPE3380

Department: Classical, Voice

MPE 3500: Conducting Techniques

A practical introduction: simple beat patterns with both hands, cues with the left hand, as well as indications for sforzati, cut offs, and lyric gestures. Works from early Haydn to Brahms.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Classical

MPE 3510: Conducting Strategies

A seminar that explores how conductors approach musical challenges. Studies and assignments incorporate score analysis, orchestral arranging, and conducting techniques. Students conduct short works that they have arranged or composed for small ensembles formed in the class. Limited to instrumental performance, vocal performance, and composition majors.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MPE3500

Department: Classical, Classical

MPE 3991: Junior Recital: Classical

A 30-minute recital of repertoire or original compositions (minimum 30 minutes for strings). While faculty and private teachers work closely with students in its preparation, the recital largely represents an independent effort demonstrating the student's mastery of a range of literature, a variety of styles and techniques, and the ability to design and execute a substantial program. String players must include a substantial work (from the mid-20th century through the contemporary era) on either their junior or senior recital.

Credits: 1

PREREQ: MPE0300 Or MPE0301 Or MPE0302

Department: Classical, Classical

MPE 3992: Junior Recital: Jazz

A 45-minute recital of repertoire or original compositions. While faculty and private teachers work closely with students in its preparation, the recital largely represents an independent effort demonstrating the student's mastery of a range of literature, a variety of styles and techniques, and the ability to design and execute a substantial program.

Credits: 1

PREREQ: MPE0300 Or MPE0301 Or MPE0302

Department: Jazz

MPE 3993: Junior Recital: Studio Composition

A 30-minute recital of original compositions. While faculty and private teachers work closely with students in its preparation, the recital largely represents an independent effort demonstrating the student's mastery of a range of literature, a variety of styles and techniques, and the ability to design and execute a substantial program.

Credits: 1

PREREQ: MPE0300 Or MPE0301 Or MPE0302

Department: Composition Technology

MPE 4350: Private Study: For Students in Other Disciplines

This course is designed for non-music majors. One hour per week, students will meet with a private study instructor in their specific instrument of choice. (brass, piano, woodwinds, guitar, voice and opera performance, strings, percussion, harp, jazz studies). The goal is for the student to learn the basics of instrumental performance

technique and to ensure that the student gains a general understanding of how to execute the technique while learning different musical styles within their chosen area of concentration. For additional information, please contact the Director of Music

Credits: 3

Department: Music

MPE 4375: Russian Diction

Basics of Russian stage diction, through the basic study of the alphabet, diction use, and study of repertoire

Credits: 1

Department: Music

Music History, Theory, and Musicianship

MTH 1010: Music Theory I

The first course in the core music theory curriculum for classical music students (five sequential semesters). Designed to provide a thorough background in musical structure, the course material is an integrated presentation of concepts and disciplines, including fundamentals, species counterpoint, and traditional harmony. Other important topics are rhythmic organization, analysis and composition of melodies, phrase structure, and harmonic analysis of excerpts from the standard repertoire.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Classical

MTH 1020: Music Theory II

The second course in the core music theory curriculum for classical music students (five sequential semesters). Designed to provide a thorough background in musical structure, the course material is an integrated presentation of concepts and

disciplines, including fundamentals, species counterpoint, and traditional harmony. Other important topics are rhythmic organization, analysis and composition of melodies, phrase structure, and harmonic analysis of excerpts from the standard repertoire.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MTH1010 Or

Department: Classical, Classical

MTH 1410: Solfège I

Exercises in sight singing and ear training; modal, tonal, chromatic, and atonal melodies in seven clefs; rhythmic exercises to three voices; and melodic, rhythmic, and chordal dictation. The first course in a required six sequential semester sequence.

Credits: 1.5

Department: Classical, Classical

MTH 1415: Studio Ear Training I

Topics include hearing chord progressions, from simple to complex; singing and analysis of pop, jazz, rock, and symphonic compositions; and rhythmic dictation and playing by ear. More advanced topics include transcribing bass lines and melodies, African rhythm, and simple improvisation.

Credits: 1.5

Department: General Technology

MTH 1420: Solfège II

Exercises in sight singing and ear training; modal, tonal, chromatic, and atonal melodies in seven clefs; rhythmic exercises to three voices; and melodic, rhythmic, and chordal dictation. The second course in a required six sequential semester sequence.

Credits: 1.5

PREREQ: MTH1410 Or

Department: Classical, Classical

MTH 1425: Studio Ear Training II

Topics include hearing chord progressions, from simple to complex; singing and analysis of pop, jazz, rock, and symphonic compositions; and rhythmic dictation and playing by ear. More advanced topics include transcribing bass lines and melodies, African rhythm, and simple improvisation.

Credits: 1.5

PREREQ: MTH1415 Or

Department: General Technology

MTH 1430: Jazz Ear Training I

Development of the ear specific to the jazz vernacular, focusing on melodic, rhythmic, and harmonic models. The methodology presented in each class is applied in ear training sessions with class partners. Dictation and singing are used to develop aural skills. Students learn to hear and transcribe contextual examples of jazz and to respond accurately while participating in performance settings. *Limited to jazz studies majors.*

Credits: 1.5

Department: Jazz

MTH 1436: Vocal Ear Training I

An extensive exploration of the elements of sight singing, rhythmic study, and solfège, with progressive practical application throughout four semesters of study (MTH 1436, 1446, 2436, and 2446).

Credits: 1.5

Department: Classical, Voice

MTH 1440: Jazz Ear Training II

Development of the ear specific to the jazz vernacular, focusing on melodic, rhythmic, and harmonic models. The methodology presented in each class is applied in ear training sessions with class partners. Dictation and singing are used to develop aural skills. Students learn to hear and transcribe contextual examples of jazz and to respond accurately while participating in performance settings. *Limited to jazz studies majors.*

Credits: 1.5

PREREQ: MTH1430

Department: Jazz

MTH 1446: Vocal Ear Training II

An extensive exploration of the elements of sight singing, rhythmic study, and solfège, with progressive practical application throughout four semesters of study (MTH 1436, 1446, 2436, and 2446).

Credits: 1.5

PREREQ: MTH1436 Or

Department: Classical, Voice

MTH 1560: Introduction to World Music

The music of Japan, India, West Africa, Cuba, and Brazil is compared and contrasted. Topics include the use of music in each respective society; musical forms; types of instruments; and the impact of history, religion, and politics on the music.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MTH 2050: Music Theory III

The third course in the core music theory curriculum for classical music students (five sequential semesters). Designed to provide a thorough background in musical structure, the course material is an integrated presentation of concepts and disciplines, including fundamentals, species counterpoint, and traditional harmony. Other important topics are rhythmic organization, analysis and composition of melodies, phrase structure, and harmonic analysis of excerpts from the standard repertoire.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MTH1020 Or

Department: Classical, Classical

MTH 2410: Solfège III

Exercises in sight singing and ear training; modal, tonal, chromatic, and atonal melodies in seven clefs; rhythmic exercises to three voices; and melodic, rhythmic, and chordal dictation. The third course in a required six sequential semester sequence.

Credits: 1.5

PREREQ: MTH1420 Or

Department: Classical, Classical

MTH 2415: Studio Ear Training III

Topics include hearing chord progressions, from simple to complex; singing and analysis of pop, jazz, rock, and symphonic compositions; and rhythmic dictation and playing by ear. More advanced topics include transcribing bass lines and melodies, African rhythm, and simple improvisation.

Credits: 1.5

PREREQ: MTH1425 Or Or

Department: General Technology

MTH 2420: Solfège IV

Exercises in sight singing and ear training; modal, tonal, chromatic, and atonal melodies in seven clefs; rhythmic exercises to three voices; and melodic, rhythmic, and chordal dictation. The fourth course in a required six sequential semester sequence.

Credits: 1.5

PREREQ: MTH2410 Or

Department: Classical, Classical

MTH 2425: Studio Ear Training IV

Topics include hearing chord progressions, from simple to complex; singing and analysis of pop, jazz, rock, and symphonic compositions; and rhythmic dictation and playing by ear. More advanced topics include transcribing bass lines and melodies, African rhythm, and simple improvisation.

Credits: 1.5

PREREQ: MTH2415 Or

Department: General Technology

MTH 2430: Jazz Ear Training III

Development of the ear specific to the jazz vernacular, focusing on melodic, rhythmic, and harmonic models. The methodology presented in each class is applied in ear training sessions with class partners. Dictation and singing are used to develop aural skills. Students learn to hear and transcribe contextual examples of jazz and to respond accurately while participating in performance settings. Limited to jazz studies majors.

Credits: 1.5

PREREQ: MTH1440

Department: Jazz

MTH 2436: Vocal Ear Training III

An extensive exploration of the elements of sight singing, rhythmic study, and solfège, with progressive practical application throughout four semesters of study (MTH 1436, 1446, 2436, and 2446).

Credits: 1.5

PREREQ: MTH1446 Or

Department: Classical, Voice

MTH 2440: Jazz Ear Training IV

Development of the ear specific to the jazz vernacular, focusing on melodic, rhythmic, and harmonic models. The methodology presented in each class is applied in ear training sessions with class partners. Dictation and singing are used to develop aural skills. Students learn to hear and transcribe contextual examples of jazz and to respond accurately while participating in performance settings. *Limited to jazz studies majors.*

Credits: 1.5

PREREQ: MTH2430

Department: Jazz

MTH 2446: Vocal Ear Training IV

An extensive exploration of the elements of sight singing, rhythmic study, and solfège, with progressive practical application throughout four semesters of study (MTH 1436, 1446, 2436, and 2446).

Credits: 1.5

PREREQ: MTH2436 Or

Department: Classical, Voice

MTH 2510: Survey of Music History I

Traces the history of Western concert music, providing an overview and foundation. The course begins with a focus on world music, placing Western concert music in the greater context of its relationship to other cultures. The musical cultures of India and the Arabic countries of North Africa are examined for their impact on Western concepts. *MTH 2510 and 2520 may be taken in either order.*

Credits: 3

Department: Music

MTH 2520: Survey of Music History II

Traces the history of Western concert music, providing an overview and foundation. The course begins with a focus on world music, placing Western concert music in the greater context of its relationship to other cultures. The musical cultures of India and the Arabic countries of North Africa are examined for their impact on Western concepts. *MTH 2510 and 2520 may be taken in either order.*

Credits: 3

Department: Music

MTH 3050: Music Theory IV

The fourth course in the core music theory curriculum for classical music students (five sequential semesters). Designed to provide a thorough background in musical structure, the course material is an integrated presentation of concepts and disciplines, including fundamentals, species counterpoint, and traditional harmony. Other important topics are rhythmic organization, analysis and composition of melodies, phrase structure, and harmonic analysis of excerpts from the standard repertoire.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MTH2050 Or

Department: Classical, Classical

MTH 3070: Orchestration I

A practical introductory study of idiomatic writing for traditional instruments. Instrumental characteristics, timbral balance, dynamics, articulation, and texture. Scoring of fragments of works for ensembles of two to 20 instruments.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MTH3050 Or MCO2020

Department: Classical, Composition

MTH 3080: Orchestration II

A continuation of MTH 3070. Scoring for complex traditional ensembles, including string orchestra, winds, full percussion, symphony, operatic, film, and theatre orchestras. Score analysis from Monteverdi to Stockhausen.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MTH3050 Or MCO2020

Department: Classical, Composition

MTH 3180: Electroacoustic Music I

A historical overview of electroacoustic music, beginning in the late 1940s with the devotees of *musique concrète*, recorded natural sounds, and synthesized tone construction. Students learn about the gradual evolution of technology and composition and its impact on many music traditions and trends.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MTH 3190: Electroacoustic Music II

An overview of current creative trends in electroacoustic music. Contemporary digital music systems offer unprecedented dynamic control over timbre. This course reviews aspects of musical acoustics and psychoacoustics and explores electroacoustic simulation through recent experimental examples.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MTH3180

Department: Music

MTH 3330: The Analytical Musician

Demonstrates how analysis of a given work can influence artistic interpretation. Students present their own works alongside research on historical context, the composer's biography, contemporary style, analysis (formal, harmonic, melodic, contrapuntal), and content. The goal is to understand that complete analysis does not offer a single "correct" interpretation, but rather focuses the creative mind by offering multiple paths towards artistic understanding.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MTH 3370: Improvisation for Classical Musicians

Fosters deep understanding of music theory by returning to 18th-century training methods that employ analysis and synthesis together, in place of the current reliance on analysis alone. On the basis of analysis of theoretical principles of 18th-century models of ornamentation, free fantasias, basso continuo, and cadenzas, students learn to do original work in these genres.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MTH 3400: Jazz History I

Surveys the history and evolution of jazz from its West African origins and migration to the present. While emphasis is on listening to and analyzing recorded examples, sociopolitical and economic issues are also examined. Students learn to identify stylistic and contextual aspects of jazz based solely on listening and develop a familiarity with the major stylistic innovators from all eras. Readings from scholarly works help provide a comprehensive overview of America's indigenous music.
Limited to jazz studies majors.

Credits: 3

Department: Jazz

MTH 3410: Solfège V

Exercises in sight singing and ear training; modal, tonal, chromatic, and atonal melodies in seven clefs; rhythmic exercises to three voices; and melodic, rhythmic, and chordal dictation. The fifth course in a required six sequential semester sequence.

Credits: 1.5

PREREQ: MTH2420 Or

Department: Classical, Classical

MTH 3420: Solfège VI

Exercises in sight singing and ear training; modal, tonal, chromatic, and atonal melodies in seven clefs; rhythmic exercises to three voices; and melodic, rhythmic, and chordal dictation. The sixth course in a required six sequential semester sequence.

Credits: 1.5

PREREQ: MTH3410 Or

Department: Classical, Classical

MTH 3450: Jazz History II

Surveys the history and evolution of jazz from its West African origins and migration to the present. While emphasis is on listening to and analyzing recorded examples, sociopolitical and economic issues are also examined. Students learn to identify stylistic and contextual aspects of jazz based solely on listening and develop a familiarity with the major stylistic innovators from all eras. Readings from scholarly works help provide a comprehensive overview of America's indigenous music.

Credits: 3

Department: Jazz

MTH 3510: Music Since 1900

Examines major developments and trends in 20th-century musical style, including impressionism, primitivism, expressionism, and neoclassicism. Studies include an examination of cultural and social movements as expressed through other art forms.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MTH2520

Department: Music

MTH 3520: Disruption and Art Music

Explores the role that radical thinking plays in art music. With a special focus on avant-garde artists from John Cage to the present, this course examines the roles that historical figures, such as Charles Ives, have played in establishing art music's role in contemporary life. Includes a class trip to a multimedia performance in New York City.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MTH 3576: Music of the Common Practice Era

A study of repertoire, social history, performance practice, and changing aesthetics of music in the period c. 1750–1880, concentrating on works by C.P.E. Bach, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Berlioz, von Weber, Liszt, Chopin, Brahms, Wagner, and Tchaikovsky. Students are encouraged to investigate and understand stylistic foundations, analytical workings, reception history, and philosophical implications of important musical works of the period.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MTH2510 And MTH2520

Department: Music

MTH 3577: Expansion of Chromaticism

An in-depth look at the period of musical evolution that occurred between the collapse of a “common practice” in music (the closing decades of the 19th century) and World War II. Styles investigated include primitivism, futurism, extreme chromaticism extending into atonality, bitonality, impressionism, expressionism, decadent symbolism, and neoclassicism.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MTH2510 And MTH2520

Department: Music

MTH 3578: Music Since 1945

Presents an in-depth look at expansions of serial technique by the Darmstadt group; the rise of the American avant-garde; the emergence of a newly contextualized tonality; minimalism, mostly in the works of such Americans as Reich, Glass, and Adams, with some works by Pärt and Górecki; and expressions of postmodernism by artists as diverse as Brian Eno, Meredith Monk, Laurie Anderson, and Björk.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MTH 3600: The Music of J.S. Bach

Bach and his music are engaged from historical, social, generic, analytic, and performance-based perspectives. Students examine Bach’s inventiveness in cross-pollinating genres as well as his contrapuntal genius, fascination with musical instrument building, and expansion of the professional life of musicians. In addition to written assignments, each student gives a lecture-demonstration on a work (or segment of a work) by Bach.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MTH2510 And MTH2520 And WRI1110

Department: Classical, Classical

MTH 3620: The Music of Beethoven

A study of the stylistic influences surrounding Beethoven's music; the history of its reception; its formal, thematic, and harmonic construction; and how it interrogates other works. The tripartite division of Beethoven's life is scrutinized and evaluated for its applicability (or lack thereof) to various parts of his repertoire. Students give a lecture-demonstration of one work (or one part of a work).

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MTH2510 And MTH2520 And WRI1110

Department: Classical, Classical

MTH 3630: Berlioz, Wagner, and Liszt

A study of the lives, output, and philosophies of the three composers of largely programmatic music who comprised the New German School and were opposed strongly by Brahms and Eduard Hanslick. The rich corpus of prose works (primarily those printed in *Die neue Zeitschrift für Musik*) left by these composers is used to interrogate their musical scores.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MTH2510 Or MTH2520 Or WRI1110

Department: Music

MTH 3670: Mahler and Strauss

The lives, output, and collaborations of Gustav Mahler and Richard Strauss are explored in the context of the heady atmosphere of the Viennese *fin de siècle*. Discussions of political and social upheavals (Dr. Karl Luger, the *Ringstrasse* project, and Klimt and the Secessionist movement) are mixed with examination and analysis of representative works, predominantly orchestral songs and symphonies/tone poems.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MTH2510 And MTH2520

Department: Classical, Classical

MTH 3680: Shostakovich and the Soviet Era

Examines the works of Dmitri Shostakovich, the greatest of the Soviet-era Russian composers and one of the top symphonists of the 20th century. Soviet history and politics are examined in relation to the arts, as well as the larger theme of creativity under an authoritarian government. Further topics include Shostakovich's official condemnations and rehabilitations, and his major works in a variety of genres.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MTH4050 And MCO2020 And MTH2440

Department: Music

MTH 4010: Seminar in Analysis

Analysis of selected works from the Baroque, Classical, and Romantic eras, with particular attention to tonal design and rhythmic and phraseological structure.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MTH4050

Department: Classical, Classical

MTH 4035: Recording and Mixing for Musicians: Theory and Practice I

The first half of a two-semester comprehensive study of modern recording and mixing. Topics include digital audio workstations (DAWs), fundamental microphone techniques, electronics, MIDI, and running a tracking session in the home or hybrid studio and on location. Students complete this series with a basic knowledge of the theory and skill set required for recording, editing, mixing, and mastering music. Score reading skills and access to Pro Tools are preferred.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MTH4010

Department: Music

MTH 4036: Recording and Mixing for Musicians, Theory and Practice II

A comprehensive study of modern recording and mixing. Topics include; Digital Audio Workstations, fundamental microphone techniques, electronics, MIDI, running a tracking session in the home / hybrid studio and on-location. Students complete this series with a basic knowledge of the theory and skillset required for recording, editing, mixing, and mastering music. Score reading skills, and access to ProTools are preferred.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MTH4035

Department: Music

MTH 4050: Music Theory V

The fifth, culminating course in the core music theory curriculum for classical music students (five sequential semesters). Designed to provide a thorough background in musical structure, the course material is an integrated presentation of concepts and disciplines, including fundamentals, species counterpoint, and traditional harmony. Other important topics are rhythmic organization, analysis and composition of melodies, phrase structure, and harmonic analysis of excerpts from the standard repertoire.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MTH3050 Or

Department: Classical, Classical

MTH 4075: Post-Tonal Theory and Analysis

Students examine and contextualize many of the important works from the Second Viennese School and beyond. Special emphasis is given to the impact of such early 20th-century figures as Schoenberg and Stravinsky, opera, innovations in the work of Oliver Messiaen, and music by living composers. Major political and social changes during the century are factored into the musical discussions.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MTH 4120: History of Recorded Music I: Blues to Bebop

American popular music and its recording techniques (to 1950): ragtime, gospel, blues, vaudeville, New Orleans brass band, swing, Tin Pan Alley, bebop, and early rhythm and blues. Analysis and performance.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MTH 4130: History of Recorded Music II: Bebop to Hip-Hop

A continuation of MTH 4120. Cool, mainstream, progressive/free jazz, rhythm and blues, country and western, Broadway, rock 'n' roll, reggae, soul and Motown, fusion, disco, punk, metal, and hip-hop. Analysis and performance.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MTH 4211: Opera History I

The first half of a two-semester chronological survey of major operas and opera composers from the early 1600s to the present in cultural context. Participants research and write critical analyses based on documentation of early performances and, when available, archival recordings.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Voice

MTH 4212: Opera History II

The second half of a two-semester chronological survey of major operas and opera composers from the early 1600s to the present in cultural context. Participants

research and write critical analyses based on documentation of early performances and, when available, archival recordings.

Credits: 1

PREREQ: MTH4211

Department: Classical, Voice

MTH 4213: Opera Literature I

An integrated companion to MTH 4211, focusing on historic performance styles and their practical application. Participants learn and present excerpts from each major historical operatic period.

Credits: 1.5

Department: Classical, Voice

MTH 4214: Opera Literature II

An integrated companion to MTH 4212, focusing on historic performance styles and their practical application. Participants learn and present excerpts from each major historical operatic period.

Credits: 1.5

PREREQ: MTH4213

Department: Classical, Voice

MTH 4235: Opera Queens: LGBTQ Representation in Opera, Onstage and Off

The past two decades of American classical music have witnessed a quiet revolution in opera, with queer stories finally taking place front and center. This in spite of the historical importance of gay artists in the making of opera, as well as the importance of a loyal gay fanbase. With a special focus on recent/current operas by Purchase faculty members Laura Kaminsky and Gregory Spears.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MTH 4260: Sondheim and American Musical Drama

A study of Stephen Sondheim as a synthesis of American film, opera, and musical theatre traditions. Formal, motivic, harmonic, and structural analysis of Sondheim's principal works, supplemented by readings in philosophy, music theory and harmony, and American politics from the 1970s through the present. Extensive viewing outside of class.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MTH 4310: Bridges: The Intersection of Classical and Jazz Piano

Students explore both the commonalities and differences in jazz and classical piano, gaining versatility and familiarity with more than one genre at the keyboard. Theory is a vital topic: jazz studies majors study the counterpoint basic to the music of Bach, and classical pianists study jazz harmony to help them develop idiomatic vocabulary.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MTH 4320: The Magic of the Fugue

Provides training in composing and analyzing fugues based on teaching methods outlined in *The Art of the Fugue* (1750) by J.S. Bach. Each lecture illuminates one of Bach's teaching points and is followed by written assignments. The final exam is the composition of a fugue on a given subject.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Classical

MTH 4340: World Traditions in Music and Cultures

A survey course introducing students to the major musical traditions of the world. Topics include structures, scales, instruments, and cultural elements of music from Asia, Africa, Europe, Australia and the Americas, supplemented by historical and contemporary recordings and films.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MTH4010

Department: Music

MTH 4420: Advanced Solfege

Advanced exercises in sight singing and ear training; modal, tonal, chromatic, and atonal melodies in seven clefs; rhythmic exercises to three voices; and melodic, rhythmic, and chordal dictation in multiple parts. For students who have completed the required six-semester sequence of Solfege classes, or passed a placement test.

Credits: 1.5

PREREQ: MTH3420 Or

Department: Music

Additional Studies

MUS 1035: Purchase Jazz Choir

Students work as a group, performing arrangements of music from many sources, including the American Popular, Jazz-specific, African-American and Folk traditions. While the instructor is responsible for the provision of arrangements, students are encouraged, with the instructor's guidance, to bring their own arranging work to the group.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MUS 1040: Music Freshman Seminar

Freshman music majors in all areas join together for a common experience. The seminar begins with the “nuts and bolts” of how to access and use essential resources. Through presentations from faculty and staff, students then delve into the capabilities of the conservatory and understanding music-making as a collaborative art form.

Credits: 1

Department: Music

MUS 1060: Reflections of the World in Western Music, 1500–2000

Designed with the nonmusician in mind, this course explores the aesthetics of music through time in the Western world. Parallels in the worlds of art, politics, economics, and philosophy are explored with the goal of giving students a better understanding of how the music of today does, and does not, relate to that of previous centuries.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MUS 1070: Jazz Repertoire I: The Great American Songbook

Presents many of the essential American standards (e.g., Gershwin, Porter, Kern, Rodgers and Hart, Hammerstein) regularly performed by working jazz musicians. Each week, a tune is studied aurally, learned by ear, analyzed, and memorized. Small combo techniques, transposition, and interaction are included. Sample recordings of all the selections for these courses are made available. Limited to jazz studies majors.

Credits: 2

Department: Jazz

MUS 1170: Jazz in Context

Explores the music of the Purchase College jazz community – the Jazz Studies program and the Performing Arts Center – from the standpoint of music history, cultural context, and rehearsal and performance practice.

Credits: 3

Department: Music

MUS 1180: Purchase Symphony Orchestra In Context

Orchestras are a vital part of America's musical landscape and civic life. Learn about the orchestra's social and cultural history; the evolution of symphonic music, and the methods with which musicians approach the work of preparing and performing orchestral scores. Develop methods to critically evaluate the programming, performances, and personalities of the modern symphony orchestra.

Credits: 3

Department: Music

MUS 1250: Chorus

A mixed ensemble of vocal performance with students from all areas of the campus. The chorus performs a varied repertoire of music and presents concerts on campus and in touring venues with orchestra and professional soloists.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MUS 1320: Songwriting I

Introductory study of the craft of songwriting: analysis of lyrics, rhyme, emotional projection, melodic contour, and formal verse-chorus practice.

Credits: 2

Department: Composition Technology

MUS 1330: Songwriting II

A continuation of MUS 1320. Further study of the craft of songwriting.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MUS1320

Department: Composition Technology

MUS 2040: Introduction to Classical Music

In this course, students gain a deeper appreciation of popular music by addressing its origins, from Greek music to Middle Eastern folk traditions, the birth of notation, and the Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, and Romantic periods of Western music.

Credits: 3

Department: Music

MUS 2050: Jazz Improvisation I

Introductory study in jazz improvisation: blues; pentatonic scales; and ionian, aeolian, and dorian modes. AABA forms. Simple chord positions, substitutions, and turnaround. Melodic contours, rhythmic studies, transposition, and development. Analysis, accompanying, and improvisation. Limited to jazz studies majors.

Credits: 1.5

Department: Jazz

MUS 2060: Jazz Improvisation II

A continuation of MUS 2050. Rhythm changes, Latin patterns. Diminished and synthetic scales; chords: super-locrian and lydian-flat 7; and alternative. Modal, linear tunes, binary solos, countermelodies, and background riffs. Analysis, accompanying, and improvisation. Limited to jazz studies majors.

Credits: 1.5

PREREQ: MUS2050

Department: Jazz

MUS 2065: Rhythmic Analysis

Provides students with fluency in performance-based sight reading of jazz music. The course is designed to enhance each student's ability to feel, identify, transcribe, and notate rhythm, with a primary focus on the most common time signatures and divisions of the beat. Limited to jazz studies majors.

Credits: 1

Department: Jazz

MUS 2080: Jazz Repertoire II: The Great American Songbook

Presents many of the essential American standards (e.g., Gershwin, Porter, Kern, Rodgers and Hart, Hammerstein) regularly performed by working jazz musicians. Each week, a tune is studied aurally, learned by ear, analyzed, and memorized. Small combo techniques, transposition, and interaction are included. Sample recordings of all the selections for these courses are made available. Limited to jazz studies majors.

Credits: 2

Department: Jazz

MUS 2570: Introduction to Jazz

An introduction to jazz music, from Africa to the southern U.S., the centrality of New Orleans, the northern migration, and the transformation and expansion of styles during the 20th century. The various musical characteristics of jazz—including blues, Dixieland, swing, bebop, and fusion—are analyzed, and the works of renowned musicians are examined.

Credits: 2

Department: Jazz

MUS 3070: Jazz Repertoire III: Latin Jazz

An examination of the melodic and rhythmic influence on jazz of the music of the Caribbean, Mexico, and South America with an emphasis on the music of Brazil. Limited to jazz studies majors.

Credits: 2

Department: Jazz

MUS 3080: Jazz Repertoire IV: Bebop

The bebop era changed not only the manner of playing jazz but the way of composing it as well. This course explores the bebop style of composing alternative melodies over the chords of standard popular songs of the day. In addition to learning standard repertoire of the era, students compose original bebop-style melodies. Limited to jazz studies majors.

Credits: 2

Department: Jazz

MUS 3090: Jazz Repertoire V: Modal and Cool Jazz

Jazz repertoire and styles presented include examples of modal and cool jazz. The material is taught by rote to develop and strengthen the ability to learn by ear. Classes are conducted in an ensemble format and explore improvisational techniques for all course material. Limited to jazz studies majors.

Credits: 2

Department: Jazz

MUS 3100: Jazz Repertoire VI: Contemporary and Post-Bop

Jazz repertoire and styles presented include examples of contemporary and post-bop jazz. The material is taught by rote to develop and strengthen the ability to learn by ear. Classes are conducted in an ensemble format and explore improvisational techniques for all course material. Limited to jazz studies majors.

Credits: 2

Department: Jazz

MUS 3370: Acoustics and Design

A study of room acoustics and architectural design, along with the underlying math. The objective is for students to gain an understanding of how acoustics work in various venues and the skills to solve problems in their own acoustic environments and to design corrective treatments.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MUS 3770: Studio Apprenticeship

Provides self-directed study in studio technology in areas collaboratively defined by students and their academic mentors. Lab instruction is expected.

Credits: 2

Department: Production Technology

MUS 4070: Jazz Repertoire VII: Synthesis and Performance

Synthesizes the knowledge acquired in Jazz Repertoire I–VI. Drawing on the base of knowledge developed in the first three years of study, students deepen their strengths and interests, refine areas for further development, and define performance styles, with the goal of becoming more fully prepared for professional appearances. Limited to jazz studies majors.

Credits: 2

Department: Jazz

MUS 4080: Jazz Repertoire VIII: Synthesis and Performance

Synthesizes the knowledge acquired in Jazz Repertoire I–VI. Drawing on the base of knowledge developed in the first three years of study, students deepen their strengths and interests, refine areas for further development, and define performance styles, with the goal of becoming more fully prepared for professional appearances. Limited to jazz studies majors.

Credits: 2

Department: Jazz

MUS 4410: Jazz Arranging I

A thorough introduction to arranging for small jazz ensemble. Topics include basic techniques of melodic harmonization, writing for two to five horns and rhythm section, and form and development. Limited to jazz studies majors.

Credits: 2.5

Department: Jazz

MUS 4420: Jazz Arranging II

A thorough introduction to arranging for small jazz ensemble. Topics include basic techniques of melodic harmonization, writing for two to five horns and rhythm section, and form and development. Limited to jazz studies majors.

Credits: 2.5

PREREQ: MUS4410

Department: Jazz

MUS 4520: Trends in Music in Society

Students analyze music professions within a wide arts-and-culture context and within the national and international financial and political landscapes, then posit professional growth opportunities.

Credits: 1

Department: Music

MUS 4521: Generating New Opportunities in Music

Building on MUS 4520 In which professional growth opportunities are identified, students shape and refine their ideas, and build rough business plans.

Credits: 1

PREREQ: MUS4520

Department: Music

MUS 4522: Establishing a Professional Musical Life

Addresses taxes, management of debt, unions, gigging, choice of professional location, professional behavior, and networking.

Credits: 1

Department: Music

MUS 4524: Creating and Sustaining a Musical Ensemble

Many conservatory students form ensembles, which range across all three areas: classical, jazz, and music and technology. Frequently upon graduation, these ensembles attempt to stay together and "make it" in the professional world. Essential skills and knowledge are needed to stand a chance at success. Seasoned professionals who have made this work (and some who have not) teach this course.

Credits: 1

PREREQ: MUS4521 And MUS4600

Department: Music

MUS 4525: Career Development Skills for Musicians

Covers how to write effective résumés (for different uses) and cover letters, how to interact with a potential or future employer, interview and audition techniques, and uses of social media for professional purposes.

Credits: 1

Department: Music

MUS 4526: Producing Musical Concerts

Addresses the complex set of skills needed to successfully produce a concert, including knowing the availability and characteristics of venues, equipment, amplification, programming for different populations, publicity, and audience cultivation.

Credits: 1

PREREQ: MUS4521

Department: Music

MUS 4527: Studio Teaching for Musicians

Most graduates of music conservatories earn a substantial portion of their income from teaching, yet know very little about associated business practices. This course teaches students how to establish a private teaching studio (financials, insurance, taxes, scheduling, common practices). It also reviews teaching opportunities and risks in community music schools and for-profit teaching businesses.

Credits: 1

PREREQ: MUS4520

Department: Music

MUS 4600: Fundraising in Music

Students learn how to research both public and private grants, the uses and risks of crowdsourcing, and how to begin to build an individual giving plan.

Credits: 1

PREREQ: MUS4521

Department: Music

Graduate Courses

Composition

MCO 5115: Composition Seminar

Group discussions and presentations of student works, together with analysis of music by a range of established composers, encompassing many different styles. Live performances and guest artists enhance class sessions.

Credits: 1

Department: Classical, Composition

MCO 5180: Contemporary Trends in Jazz Composition

Students write and perform their own compositions in the jazz vernacular and critically discuss each other's work. In addition, various compositional models are analyzed, including compositions of Wayne Shorter, Kenny Wheeler, Andy Laverne, Bill Evans, John Abercrombie, and others. Compositions from the Great American Songbook are also analyzed with regard to thematic development and harmonic motion.

Credits: 2

Department: Jazz

MCO 5190: Jazz Composition Workshop

Students write and perform for specific instrumental groupings and form ensembles designed to interpret their original work. Composers and performers are encouraged to give input and jointly engage in the creative process by sharing different viewpoints. These collaborations provide insight into the complete process of writing, arranging, and performing an original work from start to end.

Credits: 2

Department: Jazz

MCO 5200: Writing and Production Seminar I

Practical collaborations between writers and engineers/producers. Writers and producers are teamed with one another to produce high-quality demo recordings in

the digital studios, within realistic professional time and personnel constraints. Emphasis is on the collaborative aspect of musical composition and production.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MCO 5210: Writing and Production Seminar II

Practical collaborations between writers and engineers/producers. Writers and producers are teamed with one another to produce high-quality demo recordings in the digital studios, within realistic professional time and personnel constraints. Emphasis is on the collaborative aspect of musical composition and production.

Credits: 2

Department: Production Technology

MCO 5250: New Waves in Electronic Music

A project-based study of trends in electronic music, including electronica, ambient, interactive electronics, and sound design. Students explore techniques employed by DJs, instrumentalists, and other musicians with an eye toward their own innovations. Includes both readings and historical studies as well as project-based music making.

Credits: 2

Department: Composition Technology

MCO 5340: 20th-Century Orchestration

A survey of the orchestration techniques of Debussy, Stravinsky, Webern, Bartok, Hindemith, Ellington, Gil Evans, and Quincy Jones. Brief projects based on each style.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Composition

MCO 5350: 21st-Century Technology and Performance Practice

A hands-on investigation of creative uses of technology in 21st-century music making. Students learn from models of great works and develop innovative applications of the most recent technological developments through music performance.

Credits: 2

Department: Composition Technology

MCO 5400: Studio Composition Seminar

Group discussions and presentations of student works, together with analysis of music by a range of established composers, encompassing many different styles. Live performances and guest artists enhance class sessions. *Grading is on a pass/no credit basis.*

Credits: 1

Department: Composition Technology

MCO 5415: Melody Writing

A practical study of the craft of writing contemporary melody. Analytical and creative focus on effective melodic practice, plus musical rhyme, dramatic pitch curve, repetition and excursion, bridge, prechorus and chorus writing, melodic psychology and hooks. Studies may include Franz Schubert, Richard Rodgers, Cole Porter, Billie Holiday, Carole King, Bob Dylan, Joni Mitchell, Stevie Wonder, Randy Newman, and others. Prior musical accomplishment as a melodist and ability to read notation are required.

Credits: 2

Department: Composition Technology

MCO 5430: Advanced Songwriting

Advanced analysis of lyrics, rhyme, emotional projection, melodic contour, and formal verse-chorus practice. For experienced composers and lyricists who desire to broaden their understanding of the craft. Students are expected to be highly motivated to learn and to explore high-level collaborations across disciplines.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MCO 5445: Practical Techniques in Studio Composition

An in-depth study of specific compositional devices that enhance the quality of a writer's output, regardless of style. The course focuses on scale selection, melodic development, nontraditional harmony, dynamic markings, and contrapuntal devices to facilitate well-crafted composition. Projects include integrating classroom assignments into original works. The course objective is to synthesize cognitive and "ear" writing methods into one fluid process.

Credits: 2

Department: Composition Technology

MCO 5450: Seminar in Mixing and Engineering

An advanced study of digital signal processors in the modern digital studio environment, focusing on their specific uses during the mix-down process. Engineers are immersed in real-world situations to foster technical and creative solutions within a typical engineer/client relationship. Emphasis is on the perception of the mind and the ear, mix techniques, and standard business practices.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MCO 5455: Seminar in Studio Design

A practical exploration of design options for the modern recording studio, including its growing role in video and film postproduction. Construction techniques, space design, acoustic treatments, and facility ergonomics are examined, and changes in

studio facilities in the digital age are discussed. Students learn how to spec and budget their own midsize recording facility, accounting for all aspects of equipment, construction, HVAC, electrical, and overhead.

Credits: 2

Department: Production Technology

MCO 5460: Seminar in Studio Arranging

Advanced arranging skills for transforming music from its simplest rendering into complex orchestral and experimental arrangements. Class time includes projects using Pro Tools and MOTU Digital Performer as compositional/arranging platforms. Students alternately assume the roles of composer, musician, and engineer to develop collaborative communication skills from each of these points of view.

Credits: 2

Department: Composition Technology

MCO 5465: Seminar in World Music

An overview of global musical styles with a special focus on African and Latin cultures. Emphasis is placed on understanding the present and historical practices of music making and why this music is relevant in the world-music scene today. Invited guests, together with video and audio recordings, provide additional insight into the sociological and practical relevance of these styles.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MCO 5485: Seminar in Studio Scoring

A writing-intensive course geared toward meeting client deadlines, with a strong emphasis on the craft involved in creating music scores in the studio. Assignments include writing for television, film, advertising, spoken-word, and Web-based situations. The composer as businessperson and current practices in the music business are also addressed.

Credits: 2

Department: Composition Technology

Performance, Ensemble

MPE 5140: Chamber Music

The study and performance of works from the chamber music repertoire and/or the sonata literature for piano and instruments. Coaching sessions (up to one and a half hours per week) culminate in performance.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 5142: Brass Chamber Music

Coached by members of the brass faculty, this ensemble class focuses on group intonation, phrasing, articulation, and blend. Literature is selected from all styles and eras of music, and composition for the ensemble is also encouraged. Rehearses weekly for one and a half hours.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 5201: Symphony Orchestra

Intense preparation of works, mostly from the standard repertoire, for performance. Study of characteristic styles, performance practice, and acquisition of large ensemble skills and professional etiquette.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 5205: Camerata

Interpretation of music of the 17th and 18th centuries from the perspective of historically informed performance. Instructors teach basic principles of interpretation that are evident from early performance manuals, then encourage students to actively engage these principles by forming personal interpretations around them. Students are encouraged to form creative, original approaches to the repertoire, particularly when the historical record may be incomplete, inchoate, or simplistic.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 5211: Woodwind Instrumental Lab

Companion performance lab for participants in MPE 5450.

Credits: .5

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 5215: Piano Colloquium

Piano majors perform repertoire they are studying in their private lessons, in a group setting, and receive constructive feedback from the instructor and members of the class.

Credits: 1

Department: Music

MPE 5221: Brass Instrumental Lab

Companion performance lab for participants in MPE 5142.

Credits: .5

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 5231: Percussion Ensemble

Study and performance of the percussion ensemble repertoire. Students have the opportunity to perform a range of parts, from basic to virtuosic, in all areas of percussion: timpani, mallets, and multiple percussion.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 5250: Opera Workshop

In a performance lab setting, students prepare and perform in a concert of staged scenes with piano or instrumental ensemble; and/or participate in at least one fully staged opera, given in its original language, with orchestra, sets, and costumes. This course further develops and refines the musical and dramatic skills acquired in previous courses.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Voice

MPE 5253: Opera Workshop Lab

A practical application of opera rehearsal techniques as studied in MPE 5250.

Credits: 1

COREQ: MPE5250

Department: Classical, Voice

MPE 5255: Operatic Styles I

The first in a three-semester sequence, which is the principal focus of the graduate program in opera studies. Students prepare operatic scenes and arias for presentation in a master-class setting every week. Emphasis is on correct stylistic interpretation and performance practice in each stylistic period of opera history, from Monteverdi to recent works. Repertoire is assigned according to each participant's needs and abilities.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Voice

MPE 5256: Operatic Styles II

The second in a three-semester sequence, which is the principal focus of the graduate program in opera studies. Students prepare operatic scenes and arias for presentation in a master-class setting every week. Emphasis is on correct stylistic interpretation and performance practice in each stylistic period of opera history, from Monteverdi to recent works. Repertoire is assigned according to each participant's needs and abilities.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Voice

MPE 5257: Operatic Styles III

The third in a three-semester sequence, which is the principal focus of the graduate program in opera studies. Students prepare operatic scenes and arias for presentation in a master-class setting every week. Emphasis is on correct stylistic interpretation and performance practice in each stylistic period of opera history, from Monteverdi to recent works. Repertoire is assigned according to each participant's needs and abilities.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Voice

MPE 5260: Opera Coaching

Private weekly music coachings that support the student's development (technical and artistic) and presentation (linguistic, stylistic, musical, and dramatic). Prepares the student for performance situations throughout the department. The goal is to enable the student to function as an independent professional upon completion of the program.

Credits: 1

Department: Classical, Voice

MPE 5275: Teaching Techniques for Voice

A seminar class in the fundamentals of teaching vocal technique. Students learn the physiological and pedagogical fundamentals of the workings of the voice, followed by practical application (working in a classroom setting to recognize and solve various vocal problems).

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Voice

MPE 5276: Teaching Techniques for Stage

A seminar class in the fundamentals of stage directing with a practical application of directing opera scenes in MPE 3350/Opera Workshop.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Voice

MPE 5295: Jazz Saxophone Doubling

A comprehensive overview of playing techniques for the common saxophone doubles, especially clarinet and flute. Specifics on embouchures, fingerings, tone production, and performance practice are facilitated by weekly in-class readings of repertoire, études, and technical exercises.

Credits: 1

Department: Jazz

MPE 5330: Alexander Technique

Designed to improve posture, develop physical awareness, and find physical ease in the process of rehearsal to performance. Students learn how to use their bodies efficiently through the lens of the Alexander Technique.

Credits: 1

Department: Music

MPE 5375: Russian Diction

Basics of Russian stage diction, through the basic study of the alphabet, diction use, and study of repertoire

Credits: 1

Department: Music

MPE 5410: Guitar Performance Class

Covers a full range of solo repertoire and performance. Students actively participate in the analytic and critical process for pedagogical purposes.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 5420: Harp Performance Class

A weekly gathering of harpists, providing a forum for performance, discussion, and examination of the many facets of harp technique and interpretation. Repertoire may include solo, chamber, and orchestral works. Audition techniques, performance traditions, and instrument maintenance are also covered.

Credits: 1

Department: Music

MPE 5440: String Performance Class

A weekly gathering of all violinists, violists, violoncellists, and bass students, providing a forum for string players to perform for each other and to discuss and examine the many facets of string playing. Repertoire may include solo, chamber, and orchestral. Audition techniques, performance traditions, and instrument maintenance may also be covered.

Credits: 1

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 5450: Woodwind Performance Class

Provides an opportunity for students to perform solo and chamber repertoire for their peers in a master-class environment. Supervised by members of the wind faculty, the class is designed to help students develop quality performances and overcome any issues related to performance anxiety. Meets weekly for one and a half hours.

Credits: 1

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 5451: Guitar Ensemble

Designed for classical guitarists who are interested in gaining ensemble, sight-reading, and arranging skills for guitar ensemble. Students are expected to perform repertoire from the 20th and 21st centuries and create their own arrangements for performance by various combinations, such as a guitar orchestra, duos, trios, and quartets. Strong musicianship skills are required.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 5460: Percussion Performance Class

A forum for percussionists to discuss and examine the many facets of percussion performance. The study of the orchestral repertoire for timpani and percussion is the primary focus.

Credits: 1

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 5465: Brass Performance and Ensemble

The main instrumental ensemble (20–30 players) in the brass program. Conducted by members of the brass faculty, this ensemble performs repertoire from the 16th century to the present. It also performs music from the British “brass band” repertoire, in which students are required to play traditional brass band instruments. Rehearses weekly for one and a half hours.

Credits: 1

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 5470: Baroque Keyboard Literature

Examines music for organ, harpsichord, clavichord, and early piano from 1550 to 1770 by Byrd, Sweelinck, L. Couperin, Buxtehude, F. Couperin, J.S. Bach, and the Bach sons W.F. and C.P.E. Primary source materials include ornamentation and early fingering charts, as well as studies of contemporary music instruction. Outside readings of secondary source materials include Apel and Ferguson. Discussion of in-class performance is integral to the course.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 5471: Classical Sonata Literature

A survey of the piano music of Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven, including sonatas, variations, and other shorter works. The Classical style is examined in relation to its emergence from the late Baroque era, with special attention given to keyboard technique, instruments of the period, range, and the continued evolution of musical forms.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 5472: Romantic Piano Literature

A survey of piano literature from Beethoven’s late works through the end of the 19th century. Primary focus on the works of Schubert, Mendelssohn, Chopin, Schumann,

Liszt, and Brahms, with emphasis on the character piece, new trends in the use of older forms, and developments in timbre and range. Late Romantic composers are examined, focusing on their impact on early 20th-century styles.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 5473: 20th-Century Piano Literature

A survey of piano literature from 1900 to the present. The works of Debussy, Ravel, Scriabin, Prokofiev, Ives, Janacek, Bartok, and Cage are the primary focus, with emphasis on extended techniques, new trends in the use of older forms, and developments in timbre and range.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 5480: Piano Performance Class

Covers the full range of solo repertoire for piano. Students perform and actively participate in the analytical and critical process for pedagogical purposes.

Credits: 1

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 5500: Conducting Techniques

A practical introduction: simple beat patterns with both hands, cues with the left hand, as well as indications for sforzati, cut offs, and lyric gestures. Works from early Haydn to Brahms.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Classical

MPE 5510: Conducting Strategies

A seminar that explores how conductors approach musical challenges. Studies and assignments incorporate score analysis, orchestral arranging, and conducting techniques. Students conduct short works that they have arranged or composed for small ensembles formed in the class. *Limited to graduate students concentrating in instrumental or vocal performance.*

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MPE5500

Department: Classical, Classical

MPE 5550: Jazz Orchestra

The Jazz Orchestra is a 17-piece big band that performs jazz from every era. From staples like Ellington and Basie to more modern works by today's leading composers and arrangers, this orchestra swings and is always a pleasure to listen to. *Limited to graduate jazz studies students.*

Credits: 2

Department: Jazz

MPE 5560: Contemporary Ensemble

Presents the opportunity to study and perform contemporary works by established composers for diverse instruments, in all styles.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 5565: Purchase New Music

Presents the opportunity to study and perform contemporary works by student composers for diverse instruments, in all styles.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 5610: Collaborative Piano

Study of the art of accompanying singers and instrumentalists. Members of the class perform regularly.

Credits: 1

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MPE 5620: Purchase Latin Jazz Orchestra

Focuses on the music of the Machito Orchestra, Tito Puente, Chico O'Farrill, and Dizzy Gillespie, among others. The conversion of standard jazz repertoire to what is currently known as Latin jazz is emphasized through an in-depth study of clavé (the rhythmic pulse found in Afro-Caribbean music) and the variety of rhythms incorporated in this genre. Orchestra members are encouraged to contribute original arrangements.

Credits: 2

Department: Jazz

MPE 5700: Jazz Combos

These combos are thematically based and speak directly to the firsthand performing experiences of faculty mentors. Focusing on repertoire derived from the master composer/bandleaders from all eras of jazz, elements of group interaction, group dynamic, improvisation, arranging, and stylistic interpretation are integrated into a professional ensemble experience. *Limited to graduate jazz studies students.*

Credits: 2

Department: Jazz

MPE 5991: Master's Recital: Classical

A 60-minute recital of repertoire or original compositions, demonstrating the ability to design and execute a substantial program at a professional level. String players

must include a substantial work (from the mid-20th century through the contemporary era) in one of their recitals.

Credits: 1

Department: Classical, Classical

MPE 5992: Master's Recital: Jazz

A 60-minute recital of repertoire or original compositions, demonstrating the ability to design and execute a substantial program at a professional level.

Credits: 1

Department: Jazz

MPE 5993: Master's Recital: Studio Composition

A 60-minute recital and/or recording of original compositions, demonstrating the ability to design and execute a substantial program at a professional level.

Credits: 1

Department: Composition Technology

MPE 5994: Performers Certificate Recital

A 60-minute recital of repertoire demonstrating the ability to design and execute a substantial program at a professional level.

Credits: 1

Department: Music

Music History, Theory, and Musicianship

MTH 5000: Research and Writing for the Modern Musician

To function creatively in the contemporary music industry, modern musicians need the skills to perform, compose, arrange, record, research, write, and talk about their music. This course helps develop the research, writing, and presenting skills by exploring relevant print and online resources, researching and discussing topics of individual interest, and writing engaging program notes and research papers.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Classical

MTH 5002: American Art Song

An exploration of American contributions to the world of art song. Touching on repertoire from before the Civil War through today, students will gain an understanding of the historical, social, and artistic contexts of American classical composers. The class will also touch on contributions to American song from classical-adjacent contexts, including jazz, music theater, and popular idioms.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MTH 5005: Harmonic and Contrapuntal Techniques

A review of species counterpoint. Exploration of canon, fugue, chorale prelude, and variations. Emphasis is on the music of Bach, especially his *Well-Tempered Clavier*, and on composers just before Bach. Regular written assignments.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Classical

MTH 5010: Structure and Analysis

Analysis of the structure and design of melody, tendency tones, and rhythmic stress; relationship of melody to harmony; serialism; tension, rhythmic units; and techniques of minimalism. From Gregorian chant to *Nixon in China*.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Classical

MTH 5035: Recording and Mixing for Musicians: Theory and Practice I

The first half of a two-semester comprehensive study of modern recording and mixing. Topics include digital audio workstations (DAWs), fundamental microphone techniques, electronics, MIDI, and running a tracking session in the home or hybrid studio and on location. Students complete this series with a basic knowledge of the theory and skill set required for recording, editing, mixing, and mastering music. Score reading skills and access to Pro Tools are preferred.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MTH 5036: Recording and Mixing for Musicians, Theory and Practice II

A comprehensive study of modern recording and mixing. Topics include; Digital Audio Workstations, fundamental microphone techniques, electronics, MIDI, running a tracking session in the home / hybrid studio and on-location. Students complete this series with a basic knowledge of the theory and skillset required for recording, editing, mixing, and mastering music. Score reading skills, and access to ProTools are preferred

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MTH5035

Department: Music

MTH 5075: Post-Tonal Theory and Analysis

Students examine and contextualize many of the important works from the Second Viennese School and beyond. Special emphasis is given to the impact of such early 20th-century figures as Schoenberg and Stravinsky, opera, innovations in the work of Oliver Messiaen, and music by living composers. Major political and social changes during the century are factored into the musical discussions.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MTH 5100: 20th-Century Harmony/Counterpoint

Intensive study of impressionist and expressionist techniques, plus serialism and pandiatonism. Excerpts from Debussy, Stravinsky, Schoenberg, Bartok, Stockhausen, Crumb, Penderecki, and Reich.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MTH 5140: Unresolved Dissidence

Explore the proposition that Byrd, Mahler, Shostakovich, conductor Wilhelm Furtwängler, and pianist Edwin Fischer (among others) used music to foster solidarity and strengthen resistance to oppression. Learn to recognize “covert speech” in music and evaluate supporting evidence and arguments in the musical output of these dissidents.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MTH 5180: Electroacoustic Music I

A historical overview of electroacoustic music, beginning in the late 1940s with the devotees of *musique concrète*, recorded natural sounds, and synthesized tone construction. Students learn about the gradual evolution of technology and composition and its impact on many music traditions and trends.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MTH 5190: Electroacoustic Music II

An overview of current creative trends in electroacoustic music. Contemporary digital music systems offer unprecedented dynamic control over timbre. This course

reviews aspects of musical acoustics and psychoacoustics and explores electroacoustic simulation through recent experimental examples.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: MTH5180

Department: Music

MTH 5220: Mozart and Da Ponte Operas

Three of the greatest operas in the history of Western music—*Le nozze di Figaro*, *Don Giovanni*, and *Così fan tutte*—are the product of the collaboration between Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Lorenzo Da Ponte. Students analyze these works and gain an understanding of their historical context and why these works, from this unlikely duo, became watershed contributions to the genre of opera.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Classical

MTH 5230: The Opera and Vocal Works of Benjamin Britten

Focuses on the *War Requiem* and operas by Benjamin Britten. Students engage in a close reading of the texts, participate during class in musical renderings of selected sections, and become familiar with Anglican worship and musical traditions. Central themes, including class conflict, desire, and repression, are discussed when relevant. Substantial outside reading required.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Classical

MTH 5235: Opera Queens: LGBTQ Representation in Opera, Onstage and Off

The past two decades of American classical music have witnessed a quiet revolution in opera, with queer stories finally taking place front and center. This in spite of the historical importance of gay artists in the making of opera, as well as the importance of a loyal gay fanbase. With a special focus on recent/current operas by Purchase faculty members Laura Kaminsky and Gregory Spears.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MTH 5240: Bach Cantatas

Examines secular and sacred cantatas of J.S. Bach, including the four that make up the *Christmas Oratorio* and the double cantata that was the basis for the now-lost *Markuspassion*. Topics include symbolism, text painting, neo-Platonism, instrumental concerti and sinfonias in the cantatas, the history of Bach editions, and the light shed on Bach's attitude towards Judaism in BWV 42.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Classical

MTH 5260: Sondheim and American Musical Drama

A study of Stephen Sondheim as a synthesis of American film, opera, and musical theatre traditions. Formal, motivic, harmonic, and structural analysis of Sondheim's principal works, supplemented by readings in philosophy, music theory and harmony, and American politics from the 1970s through the present. Extensive viewing outside of class.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Classical

MTH 5310: Bridges: The Intersection of Classical and Jazz Piano

Students explore both the commonalities and differences in jazz and classical piano, gaining versatility and familiarity with more than one genre at the keyboard. Theory is a vital topic: jazz performers study the counterpoint basic to the music of Bach, and classical pianists study jazz harmony to help them develop idiomatic vocabulary.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MTH 5320: The Magic of the Fugue

Provides training in composing and analyzing fugues based on teaching methods outlined in *The Art of the Fugue* (1750) by J.S. Bach. Each lecture illuminates one of Bach's teaching points and is followed by written assignments. The final exam is the composition of a fugue on a given subject.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Classical

MTH 5330: The Analytical Musician

Demonstrates how analysis of a given work can influence artistic interpretation. Students present their own works alongside research on historical context, the composer's biography, contemporary style, analysis (formal, harmonic, melodic, contrapuntal), and content. The goal is to understand that complete analysis does not offer a single "correct" interpretation, but rather focuses the creative mind by offering multiple paths towards artistic understanding.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MTH 5340: World Traditions in Music and Cultures

A survey course introducing students to the major musical traditions of the world. Topics include structures, scales, instruments, and cultural elements of music from Asia, Africa, Europe, Australia and the Americas, supplemented by historical and contemporary recordings and films.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MTH 5360: Late Romantic German Lieder

A study of Schubert, Schumann, and Wolf settings of Heine, Moericke, and Goethe. Includes text setting techniques (both the meaning and mechanics of poetry), the

innovative role of the pianist, and the composer's ability to portray both physical and psychological journey in the *Liederkreis* (song cycle).

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MTH 5540: Topics in Music History

Provides a contiguous understanding of music history and prepares students for the comprehensive examination. A stream of guided readings and oral reports is designed to help students broaden and deepen their knowledge of the subject. Study groups work together on areas of common interest.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Classical

MTH 5570: Improvisation for Classical Musicians

Students are set on a path of lifelong learning with the goal of being able to improvise in all the genres they perform. Instructors provide a graded series of tasks that begins with rudimentary ornamentation of existing lines and concludes with the improvisation of convincing fantasias, cadenzas, and dance-based pieces. *Open to graduate students in the classical instrumental performance, voice/opera studies, and composition concentrations.*

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Instrumental

MTH 5610: The Music of Alban Berg

An intensive graduate course in the vocal and instrumental music of Berg, examining both his orchestral and previously unpublished early vocal works and his operas *Wozzeck* and *Lulu*. Topics include the influence of Freud, Weill's opera *Mahagonny*, Berg's satire of capitalism, the conventions of expressionist cinema, and source study of Wedekind, Brecht, and Pabst. Knowledge of German is helpful.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Classical

MTH 5680: Shostakovich and the Soviet Era

Examines the works of Dmitri Shostakovich, the greatest of the Soviet-era Russian composers and one of the top symphonists of the 20th century. Soviet history and politics are examined in relation to the arts, as well as the larger theme of creativity under an authoritarian government. Further topics include Shostakovich's official condemnations and rehabilitations, and his major works in a variety of genres.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MTH 5710: Music, Culture, and Ideas

In the 1893, the master Czech composer Antonin Dvorak, living and working in New York, predicted that "Negro melodies" would foster a "great and noble" American music. But classical music in America stayed white. This course explores the ways African-American culture infiltrated the American mainstream – and did not.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Classical

Additional Studies

MUS 5030: Acoustics and Design

A study of room acoustics and architectural design, along with the underlying math. The objective is for students to gain an understanding of how acoustics work in various venues and the skills to solve problems in their own acoustic environments and to design corrective treatments.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MUS 5035: Purchase Jazz Choir

Students work as a group, performing arrangements of music from many sources, including the American Popular, Jazz-specific, African-American and Folk traditions. While the instructor is responsible for the provision of arrangements, students are encouraged, with the instructor's guidance, to bring their own arranging work to the group.

Credits: 2

Department: Music

MUS 5065: Rhythmic Analysis

Provides students with fluency in performance-based sight reading of jazz music. The course is designed to enhance each student's ability to feel, identify, transcribe, and notate rhythm, with a primary focus on the most common time signatures and divisions of the beat. Limited to jazz studies majors.

Credits: 1

Department: Music

MUS 5250: Chorus

A mixed ensemble of vocal performance with students from all areas of the campus. The chorus performs a varied repertoire of music and presents concerts on campus and in touring venues with orchestra and professional soloists.

Credits: 2

Department: Classical, Voice

MUS 5310: Advanced Jazz Arranging I

Covers advanced arranging concepts in both big bands and small groups, centering on the styles of Thad Jones, Bob Brookmeyer, Gil Evans, and Duke Ellington. Students have opportunities for performance and recordings of their work.

Credits: 3

Department: Jazz

MUS 5320: Advanced Jazz Arranging II

Covers advanced arranging concepts in both big bands and small groups, centering on the styles of Thad Jones, Bob Brookmeyer, Gil Evans, and Duke Ellington. Students have opportunities for performance and recordings of their work.

Credits: 3

Department: Jazz

MUS 5350: Topics in Jazz Seminar

Problematic aspects of each student's playing are remedied through transcription and analysis of solos by master players. Students are assisted in reaching the next level of their playing ability and in developing a passion for life through music.

Credits: 3

Department: Jazz

MUS 5360: Seminar in Jazz Styles

This seminar focuses on fostering students' creativity in their original compositions, arrangements, and related original works. These works prepared and presented for live in-class group evaluation.

Credits: 3

Department: Jazz

MUS 5455: Topics in Professional Development

A moderated series of guest lectures that address practical concerns of the professional musician. Topics may include dealing with injuries and injury prevention, tax strategies and tax-related record keeping, advertising and self-

promotion in the age of the Internet, travel and airport security issues for the touring musician, and union protections and benefits.

Credits: 1

Department: Music

MUS 5520: Trends in Music in Society

Students analyze music professions within a wide arts-and-culture context and within the national and international financial and political landscapes, then posit professional growth opportunities.

Credits: 1

Department: Music

MUS 5521: Generating New Opportunities in Music

Building on MUS 5521 In which professional growth opportunities are identified, students shape and refine their ideas, and build rough business plans.

Credits: 1

PREREQ: MUS5520

Department: Music

MUS 5522: Establishing a Professional Musical Life

Addresses taxes, management of debt, unions, gigging, choice of professional location, professional behavior, and networking.

Credits: 1

Department: Music

MUS 5524: Creating and Sustaining a Musical Ensemble

Many conservatory students form ensembles, which range across all three areas: classical, jazz, and music and technology. Frequently upon graduation, these ensembles attempt to stay together and “make it” in the professional world. Essential skills and knowledge are needed to stand a chance at success. Seasoned professionals who have made this work (and some who have not) teach this course.

Credits: 1

PREREQ: MUS5521 And MUS5600

Department: Music

MUS 5525: Career Development Skills for Musicians

Covers how to write effective résumés (for different uses) and cover letters, how to interact with a potential or future employer, interview and audition techniques, and uses of social media for professional purposes.

Credits: 1

Department: Music

MUS 5526: Producing Musical Concerts

Addresses the complex set of skills needed to successfully produce a concert, including knowing the availability and characteristics of venues, equipment, amplification, programming for different populations, publicity, and audience cultivation.

Credits: 1

PREREQ: MUS5521

Department: Music

MUS 5527: Studio Teaching for Musicians

Most graduates of music conservatories earn a substantial portion of their income from teaching, yet know very little about associated business practices. This course teaches students how to establish a private teaching studio (financials, insurance,

taxes, scheduling, common practices). It also reviews teaching opportunities and risks in community music schools and for-profit teaching businesses.

Credits: 1

PREREQ: MUS5520

Department: Music

MUS 5600: Fundraising in Music

Students learn how to research both public and private grants, the uses and risks of crowdsourcing, and how to begin to build an individual giving plan.

Credits: 1

PREREQ: MUS5221

Department: Music

Music History, Theory, Solfège, and Keyboard Studies

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Music Minor

Description:

Academic Requirements for the Minor in Music

The minor in music requires 21 to 25 credits, depending on the area of study. The course of study includes:

- Four semesters of private or master class instruction in the area of specialization
- Two semesters of theory or models
- Two semesters of solfège or ear training
- Two semesters of secondary piano*
*for students in areas other than piano performance
- Two semesters of music history (any courses)
- Two semesters of ensemble (placement by audition)

Associated Fees

Students minoring in music are charged the course fee to cover private lessons and/or master classes, as well as a performance lab fee. These fees are subject to annual increases. For the most

up-to-date information please refer to the "Other Fees" section of our [**Student Services Fees**](#).

How to Apply

Only a limited number of students can be admitted each year to the minor in music, based on the available spaces in a given area. Students will only be accepted for a minor in music through the Conservatory of Music [**audition process**](#). Applicants for the minor in music are required to submit the same repertoire as all other undergraduate admission applicants.

If you are a prospective student (i.e. applicants who are not current Purchase College students), in order to audition for our minor in music, you must first apply to Purchase College through the Common Application or the SUNY application. Once you have officially submitted your application, please email music@purchase.edu for your next steps.

If you are a current Purchase College student, please email music@purchase.edu for more information.

Composition (Classical)

Description:

The composition program is committed to fostering the unique gifts of each composer and providing both the technical and artistic tools needed to best express their unique musical personality.

Central to the program is the weekly individual composition lesson, where, over their time at Purchase, students study with the entire faculty so that they are exposed to different approaches and musical perspectives. The weekly Composition Seminar builds community and provides a forum for in-depth discussions of student work, stylistic and philosophical trends in the field, and professional issues facing composers today. Guest speakers enhance the seminar, illuminating different aspects of the complex world of new music.

Perhaps most important, student composers at Purchase hear their works performed every semester under the auspices of Purchase New Music, a collaborative class that pairs composers and student performers in the creation and performance of original works, coached by the Conservatory's performance faculty. Projects embracing collaborations with other areas of the campus such as dance, film, and theatre, as well as with the Neuberger Museum of Art and The Performing Arts Center are encouraged and supported.

Courses in theory, orchestration, electroacoustic music and musicology are designed to increase skills, broaden perspectives and generally nurture and strengthen each student's creative journey.

Bachelor of Music Requirements:

In addition to meeting general degree requirements, undergraduate composition majors must complete the following conservatory requirements (96 credits). Of the 96 credits, up to 8 credits of music history may be counted toward the liberal arts requirement (30 credits minimum) for the degree.

Freshman Year: 28 credits

Fall: 14.5 credits

- MPE 4110/Private Study: Composition/ 3 credits
- MCO 3010/Composition Seminar/ 1 credit
- MPE 1010/Keyboard Studies I/ 1 credit
- MTH 1010/Music Theory I/ 2 credits
- MTH 1410/Solfège I/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 2510/Survey of Music History I/ 3 credits
- MUS 1040/Music First-Year Seminar/ 1 credit
- MUS 1250/Chorus or
MPE –/Instrumental ensemble elective/ 2 credits

Spring: 13.5 credits

- MPE 4110/Private Study: Composition/ 3 credits
MCO 3010/Composition Seminar/ 1 credit
- MPE 1020/Keyboard Studies II/ 1 credit
- MTH 1020/Music Theory II/ 2 credits
- MTH 1420/Solfège II/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 2520/Survey of Music History II/ 3 credits
- MUS 1250/Chorus or
MPE –/Instrumental ensemble elective/ 2 credits
- MPE 0200/Freshman Classical Jury/ 0 credit

Sophomore Year: 27 credits

Fall: 14.5 credits

- MPE 4110/Private Study: Composition/ 3 credits
MCO 3010/Composition Seminar/ 1 credit
MPE 2010/Keyboard Studies III. 1 credit
MTH 2050/Music Theory III/ 2 credits
- MTH 2410/Solfège III/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 3070/Orchestration I/ 2 credits
- MTH –/Music history elective*/ 2 credits
- MUS 1250/Chorus or
MPE –/Instrumental ensemble elective/ 2 credits

Spring: 12.5 credits

- MPE 4110/Private Study: Composition/ 3 credits
- MCO 3010/Composition Seminar/ 1 credit
- MPE 2020/Keyboard Studies IV/ 1 credit
- MTH 2420/Solfège IV/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 3050/Music Theory IV/ 2 credits
- MTH 3080/Orchestration II/ 2 credits
- MUS 1250/Chorus or
MPE –/Instrumental ensemble elective/ 2 credits
- MPE 0300/Sophomore Classical Jury/ 0 credit

Junior Year: 28 credits

Fall: 13.5 credits

- MPE 4110/Private Study: Composition/ 3 credits
- MTH 3180/Electroacoustic Music I/ 2 credits
- MTH 3410/Solfège V/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 4050/Music Theory V/ 2 credits
- MTH –/Music history* or theory elective/ 2 credits
- Music elective/ 2 credits

- MCO 3010/Composition Seminar/1 credit

Spring: 14.5 credits

- MPE 4110/Private Study: Composition/ 3 credits
- MTH 3190/Electroacoustic Music II/ 2 credits
- MTH 3420/Solfège VI/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 4010/Seminar in Analysis/ 2 credits
- MTH --/Music history elective*/ 2 credits
- MTH --/Music history* or theory elective/ 2 credits
- MPE 3991/Junior Recital: Classical/ 1 credit
- MCO 3010/Composition Seminar/1 credit

Senior Year: 13 credits

Fall: 8 credits

- MPE 4110/Private Study: Composition/ 3 credits
- MCO 3010/Composition Seminar/ 1 credit
- MTH --/Music history* or theory elective/ 2 credits
- Music elective/ 2 credits

Spring: 5 credits

- MPE 4110/Private Study: Composition/ 3 credits
- MCO 3010/Composition Seminar/1 credit
- MPE 4991/Senior Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

***Music History Electives (Effective Fall 2020)**

MUS 1060/Reflections Western Music

MTH 1560/Introduction to World Music

MTH 2130/Music and Politics, 1800-1950

MTH 3170/Techniques of Composition for Performers
MTH 3400/History of Jazz I
MTH 3450/History of Jazz II
MTH 3520/Disruption and Art Music
MTH 3575/Music from Antiquity
MTH 3576/Music of the Common Practice Era
MTH 3577/Expansion of Chromaticism
MTH 3578/Music Since 1945
MTH 3600/The Music of J. S. Bach
MTH 3620/Music of Beethoven
MTH 3630/Berlioz, Wagner, and Liszt
MTH 3670/Mahler and Strauss
MTH 3680/Shostakovich and The Soviet Era
MTH 4075/Post-Tonal Theory & Analysis
MTH 4120/History of Recorded Music I
MTH 4130/History of Recorded Music II
MTH 4235/Opera Queens: LGBTQ Representation in Opera Onstage and Off
MTH 4340/World Traditions in Music
MUS 4520/Trends in Music in Society

Master of Music requirements:

Graduate music majors who concentrate in composition must meet the following conservatory requirements (42 credits) and earn a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA at Purchase College.

First Year: 21 credits

Fall: 10 credits

- MPE 5110/Private Study: Composition/ 3 credits
- MCO 5115/Composition Seminar/ 1 credit
- MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits
- MTH 5000/Research and Writing for the Modern Musician/ 2 credits
- MTH 5 --/Music theory/analysis elective/ 2 credits

Spring: 11 credits

- MPE 5110/Private Study: Composition/ 3 credits
- MCO 5115/Composition Seminar/ 1 credit

- MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits
- MTH 5 –/Music theory/analysis elective/ 2 credits
- MTH 5 –/Music theory/analysis elective/ 2 credits
- MPE 5991/Master's Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Second Year: 21 credits

Fall: 12 credits

- MPE 5110/Private Study: Composition/ 3 credits
- MCO 5115/Composition Seminar/ 1 credit
- MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits
- MTH 5180/Electroacoustic Music I/ 2 credits
- MTH 5 –/Music theory/analysis elective/ 2 credits
- MTH or MUS 5 –/Music Elective/ 2 credits

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5110/Private Study: Composition/ 3 credits
- MCO 5115/Composition Seminar/ 1 credit
- MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits
- MTH 5190/Electroacoustic Music II/ 2 credits
- MPE 5991/Master's Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

***Music History Electives (Effective Fall 2020)**

MTH 5005/Harmonic and Contrapuntal Techniques

MTH 5010/Structure and Analysis

MTH 5060/History and Theory of Baroque Performance Practice

MTH 5060/Overview of Performance Practice

MTH 5235/Opera Queens: LGBTQ Representation in Opera Onstage and Off

MTH 5270/Techniques of Composition for Performers

MTH 5540/Topics in Music History (fall)

MTH 5710/Music, Culture, and Ideas (spring)

Faculty

Laura Kaminsky

Professor of Music/Head of Composition

- BA, Oberlin College
- MA, City College of New York

Kamala Sankaram

Lecturer of Music

- BA, Sarah Lawrence College
- MA, PhD, New School for Social Research

Tara Helen O'Connor

Associate Professor of Music, Flute

- BA, MM, DMA, Stony Brook University, SUNY

Gregory Spears

Lecturer of Music

- BM, Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester
- MM, Yale University
- PhD, Princeton University

Instrumental Performance

For the serious developing musician, the Conservatory of Music in the School of the Arts at Purchase College offers a distinctive educational experience—an intensive education within the context of a lively supportive community.

Our faculty comes from all corners of the music scene, forming a highly diverse and dedicated team of educators and professional musicians. They are members of notable ensembles, including:

- Broadway Orchestra Pits
- Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center
Metropolitan Opera Orchestra and Cast
- New York City Ballet Orchestra
- New York Philharmonic
- Orchestra of St. Luke's
- Orpheus Chamber Orchestra
- Chamber Music Program

One of the most intimate ways that our Conservatory students learn to express music is through our chamber music program. In small groups, a single coach guides the students through the process of collaboration. Students learn to breathe, blend, phrase, and color together to create one homogeneous voice. The coach helps the group navigate the score and encourages the development of good interpersonal communication. Approximately twenty chamber groups comprised of mixed instruments perform on two concerts at the end of each semester.

The Purchase Symphony Orchestra is made up of the phenomenally talented students of the Conservatory of Music. Every player is coached individually and jointly toward making each concert a memorable occasion. The PSO is proud to represent the great tradition of Western classical music to the Purchase community and beyond.

Brass (Instrumental Performance)

Description:

In the brass program, students are taught to perform Baroque music on period instruments as well as contemporary or improvisational music on modern instruments.

Each genre is explored in a structured program that emphasizes chamber music to develop good ensemble and aural skills. Solo repertoire is studied in a weekly master class as part of brass performance, where sectional rehearsals for the Symphony Orchestra are also scheduled.

To help develop good ensemble skills, there are also trumpet, horn, trombone, and tuba ensembles, which tackle challenging repertoire, both contemporary and standard. Members of the brass faculty are dedicated teachers and highly visible performing musicians.

Bachelor of Music Requirements:

In addition to meeting general degree requirements, undergraduate music performance majors who concentrate in brass must complete the following conservatory requirements (104 credits). Of the 104 credits, up to 8 credits of music history may be counted toward the liberal arts requirement (minimum 30 credits) for the degree.

Freshman Year | Sophomore Year | Junior Year | Senior Year

Freshman Year: 26 credits

Fall: 13.5 credits

- MPE 4—/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits

- MPE 1010/Keyboard Studies I/ 1 credit
- MPE 1112/Brass Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1220/Brass Performance and Ensemble/ 1 credit
- MTH 1010/Music Theory I/ 2 credits
- MTH 1410/Solfège I/ 1.5 credits
- MUS 1040/Music First-Year Seminar/ 1 credit

Spring: 12.5 credits

- MPE 4-/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 1020/Keyboard Studies II/ 1 credit
- MPE 1112/Brass Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1220/Brass Performance and Ensemble/ 1 credit
- MTH 1020/Music Theory II/ 2 credits
- MTH 1420/Solfège II/ 1.5 credits
- MPE 0200/Freshman Classical Jury/ 0 credit

Sophomore Year: 31 credits

Fall: 15.5 credits

- MPE 4-/Private Study: Instrument/ credits
- MPE 1112/Brass Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1220/Brass Performance and Ensemble/ 1 credit
- MPE 2010/Keyboard Studies III/ 1 credit
- MTH 2050/Music Theory III/ 2 credits
- MTH 2410/Solfège III/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 2510/Survey of Music History I/ 3 credits

Spring: 15.5 credits

- MPE 4—/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 1112/Brass Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1220/Brass Performance and Ensemble/ 1 credit
- MPE 2020/Keyboard Studies IV/ 1 credit
- MTH 2420/Solfège IV/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 2520/Survey of Music History II/ 3 credits
- MTH 3050/Music Theory IV/ 2 credits
- MPE 0300/Sophomore Classical Jury/ 0 credit

Junior Year: 28 credits

Fall: 13.5 credits

- MPE 4—/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 1112/Brass Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1220/Brass Performance and Ensemble/ 1 credit
- MTH 3410/Solfège V/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 4050/Music Theory V/ 2 credits
- MTH —/Music history elective*/ 2 credits

Spring: 14.5 credits

- MPE 4—/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 1112/Brass Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1220/Brass Performance and Ensemble/ 1 credit
- MTH 3420/Solfège VI/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 4010/Seminar in Analysis/ 2 credits

- MTH –/Music history elective*/ 2 credits
- MPE 3991/Junior Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Senior Year: 19 credits

Fall: 10 credits

- MPE 4-/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 1112/Brass Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1220/Brass Performance and Ensemble/ 1 credit
- MTH –/Music history elective*/ 2 credits

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 4-/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 1112/Brass Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1220/Brass Performance and Ensemble/ 1 credit
- MPE 4991/Senior Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

***Music History Electives (Effective Fall 2020)**

MUS 1060/Reflections Western Music

MTH 1560/Introduction to World Music

MTH 2130/Music and Politics, 1800-1950

MTH 3170/Techniques of Composition for Performers

MTH 3400/History of Jazz I

MTH 3450/History of Jazz II

MTH 3520/Disruption and Art Music

MTH 3575/Music from Antiquity

MTH 3576/Music of the Common Practice Era

MTH 3577/Expansion of Chromaticism

MTH 3578/Music Since 1945

MTH 3600/The Music of J. S. Bach

MTH 3620/Music of Beethoven
MTH 3630/Berlioz, Wagner, and Liszt
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MTH 4075/Post-Tonal Theory & Analysis
MTH 4120/History of Recorded Music I
MTH 4130/History of Recorded Music II
MTH 4235/Opera Queens: LGBTQ Representation in Opera Onstage and Off
MTH 4340/World Traditions in Music
MUS 4520/Trends in Music in Society

Master of Music requirements:

Graduate music majors who concentrate in brass must meet the following conservatory requirements (42 credits) and earn a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA at Purchase College. Students must complete at least one semester of MPE 5205 or MPE 5565.

First Year: 20 credits

Fall: 10.5 credits

- MPE 5—/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5142/Brass Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5221/Brass Instrumental Lab/ 0.5 credit
- MPE 5465/Brass Performance and Ensemble/ 1 credit
- MTH 5000/Research and Writing for the Modern Musician/ 2 credits

Spring: 11.5 credits

- MPE 5—/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5142/Brass Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits

- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5221/Brass Instrumental Lab/ 0.5 credit
- MPE 5465/Brass Performance and Ensemble/ 1 credit
- MTH 5-/Music theory/analysis elective/ 2 credits
- MPE 5991/Master's Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Second Year: 22 credits

Fall: 10.5 credits

- MPE 5-/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5142/Brass Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5221/Brass Instrumental Lab/ 0.5 credit
- MPE 5465/Brass Performance and Ensemble/ 1 credit
- MTH 5-/Music theory/analysis elective/ 2 credits

Spring: 9.5 credits

- MPE 5-/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5142/Brass Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5221/Brass Instrumental Lab/ 0.5 credit
- MPE 5465/Brass Performance and Ensemble/ 1 credit
- MPE 5991/Master's Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Music Artist Diploma Requirements:

Our post-master's programs are for graduate students in music who have completed the master's degree requirements for their areas of study.

To earn the Artist Diploma in brass, students must meet the following conservatory requirements (18 credits for the one-year program; 36 credits for the two-year program):

First Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5—/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5142/Brass Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5465/Brass Performance and Ensemble/ 1 credit
- MPE 5995/Artist Diploma Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5—/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5142/Brass Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MUS 5520/Trends in Music in Society/ 1 credit or
MUS 5522/Establishing a Professional Musical Life/ 1 credit
- MPE 5995/Artist Diploma Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Second Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5-/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5142/Brass Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5465/Brass Performance and Ensemble/ 1 credit
- MPE 5995/Artist Diploma Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5-/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5142/Brass Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MUS 5520/Trends in Music in Society/ 1 credit or
MUS 5522/Establishing a Professional Musical Life/ 1 credit
- MPE 5995/Artist Diploma Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Music Performers Certificate Requirements:

This is a postbaccalaureate program for students who have completed the undergraduate requirements for their areas of study and are entering into careers as performers in solo, ensemble, or studio settings.

To earn the Performers Certificate in brass, students must meet the following conservatory requirements (18 credits for the one-year program; 36 credits for the two-year program):

First Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5-/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits

- MPE 5142/Brass Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5465/Brass Performance and Ensemble/ 1 credit
- MPE 5994/Performers Certificate Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5-/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5142/Brass Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MUS 5520/Trends in Music in Society/ 1 credit or
MUS 5522/Establishing a Professional Musical Life/ 1 credit
- MPE 5994/Performers Certificate Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Second Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5-/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5142/Brass Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5465/Brass Performance and Ensemble/ 1 credit
- MPE 5994/Performers Certificate Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5-/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5142/Brass Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MUS 5520/Trends in Music in Society/ 1 credit or
MUS 5522/Establishing a Professional Musical Life/ 1 credit
- MPE 5994/Performers Certificate Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Faculty

Graham Ashton

Professor of Music, Trumpet

- Performance Diploma, Royal Academy of Music (England)

Dan Peck

Visiting Affiliate Artist, Tuba

- BM, Rutgers University
- MM, Manhattan School of Music

Jack Schatz

Lecturer of Music, Trombone

- BA, BM, Queens College, City University of New York
- MM, The Juilliard School

Anthony Kadleck

Visiting Affiliate Artist, Trumpet

- BM, Manhattan School of Music

Peter Reit

Lecturer of Music, French Horn

BM, Manhattan School of Music

Classical Guitar (Instrumental Performance)

Description:

The classical guitar program offers students the very best in guitar pedagogy, with weekly lessons, performance seminars, chamber music coachings, and guest master classes.

The Conservatory of Music also offers a fully equipped recording studio in which students can record their own CDs. Students perform regularly in the conservatory's Recital Hall, in which several excellent classical guitar CDs have been recorded, and in outreach concerts in the community.

In addition to the Performing Arts Center on campus, opportunities abound in nearby New York City to hear professional recitals. Students can also hear internationally accomplished soloists at the Connecticut Classical Guitar Society concerts in Hartford, Conn., and participate in its master classes.

Bachelor of Music Requirements:

In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, undergraduate music performance majors who concentrate in classical guitar must complete the following conservatory requirements (104 credits). Of the 104 credits, up to 8 credits of music history may be counted toward the liberal arts requirement (30 credits minimum) for the degree.

Freshman Year | Sophomore Year | Junior Year | Senior Year

Freshman Year: 26 credits

Fall: 13.5 credits

- MPE 4210/Private Study: Guitar/ 3 credits
- MPE 1010/Keyboard Studies I/ 1 credit
- MPE 1400/Guitar Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 1450/Guitar Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MTH 1010/Music Theory I/ 2 credits
- MTH 1410/Solfège I/ 1.5 credits
- MUS 1040/Music First-Year Seminar/ 1 credit
- MUS 1250/Chorus/ 2 credits or
MPE –/Ensemble elective**/ 2 credits

Spring: 12.5 credits

- MPE 4210/Private Study: Guitar/ 3 credits
- MPE 1020/Keyboard Studies II/ 1 credit
- MPE 1400/Guitar Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 1450/Guitar Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MTH 1020/Music Theory II/ 2 credits
- MTH 1420/Solfège II/ 1.5 credits
- MUS 1250/Chorus/ 2 credits or
MPE –/Ensemble elective**/ 2 credits
- MPE 0200/Freshman Classical Jury/ 0 credit

Sophomore Year: 31 credits

Fall: 15.5 credits

- MPE 4210/Private Study: Guitar/ 3 credits
- MPE 1400/Guitar Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 1450/Guitar Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 2010/Keyboard Studies III/ 1 credit
- MTH 2050/Music Theory III/ 2 credits
- MTH 2410/Solfège III/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 2510/Survey of Music History I/ 3 credits
- MUS 1250/Chorus/ 2 credits or
MPE –/Ensemble elective**/ 2 credits

Spring: 15.5 credits

- MPE 4210/Private Study: Guitar/ 3 credits
- MPE 1400/Guitar Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 1450/Guitar Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 2020/Keyboard Studies IV/ 1 credit

- MTH 2420/Solfège IV/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 2520/Survey of Music History II/ 3 credits
- MTH 3050/Music Theory IV/ 2 credits
- MUS 1250/Chorus/ 2 credits or
MPE –/Ensemble elective**/ 2 credits
- MPE 0300/Sophomore Classical Jury/ 0 credit

Junior Year: 28 credits

Fall: 13.5 credits

- MPE 4210/Private Study: Guitar/ 3 credits
- MPE 1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1400/Guitar Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 1450/Guitar Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MTH 3410/Solfège V/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 4050/Music Theory V/ 2 credits
- MTH –/Music history elective*/ 2 credits

Spring: 14.5 credits

- MPE 4210/Private Study: Guitar/ 3 credits
- MPE 1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1400/Guitar Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 1450/Guitar Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MTH 3420/Solfège VI/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 4010/Seminar in Analysis/ 2 credits
- MTH –/Music history elective*/ 2 credits
- MPE 3991/Junior Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Senior Year: 19 credits

Fall: 10 credits

- MPE 4210/Private Study: Guitar/ 3 credits
- MPE 1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1400/Guitar Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 1450/Guitar Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MTH –/Music history elective*/ 2 credits

Spring:9 credits

- MPE 4210/Private Study: Guitar/ 3 credits
- MPE 1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1400/Guitar Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 1450/Guitar Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 4991/Senior Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

***Music History Electives (Effective Fall 2020)**

MUS 1060/Reflections Western Music

MTH 1560/Introduction to World Music

MTH 2130/Music and Politics, 1800-1950

MTH 3170/Techniques of Composition for Performers

MTH 3400/History of Jazz I

MTH 3450/History of Jazz II

MTH 3520/Disruption and Art Music

MTH 3575/Music from Antiquity

MTH 3576/Music of the Common Practice Era

MTH 3577/Expansion of Chromaticism

MTH 3578/Music Since 1945

MTH 3600/The Music of J. S. Bach

MTH 3620/Music of Beethoven

MTH 3630/Berlioz, Wagner, and Liszt

MTH 3670/Mahler and Strauss

MTH 3680/Shostakovich and The Soviet Era

MTH 4075/Post-Tonal Theory & Analysis

MTH 4120/History of Recorded Music I

MTH 4130/History of Recorded Music II

MTH 4235/Opera Queens: LGBTQ Representation in Opera Onstage and Off

MTH 4340/World Traditions in Music
MUS 4520/Trends in Music in Society

****Ensemble Electives**

New courses may be added to this list. Students should check with their faculty advisor to determine if a new course is an appropriate ensemble course.

MPE 1160/Contemporary Ensemble

MPE 1165/Purchase New Music

MPE 1170/Camerata

MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra

MPE 1245/Soul Voices Ensemble

MPE 1800/Purchase Symphonic Winds

Master of Music requirements:

Graduate music majors who concentrate in classical guitar must meet the following conservatory requirements (42 credits) and earn a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA at Purchase College. Students must complete at least one semester of MPE 5205 or MPE 5565.

First Year: 21 credits

Fall: 11 credits

- MPE 5210/Private Study: Guitar/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 5410/Guitar Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5-/Performance elective/ 1 credit
- MTH 5000/Research and Writing for the Modern Musician/ 2 credits
- MTH 5-/Music theory/analysis elective/ 2 credits

Spring: 10 credits

- MPE 5210/Private Study: Guitar/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits or

- MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 5410/Guitar Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5-/Performance elective/ 1 credit
- MTH 5-/Music theory/analysis elective/ 2 credits
- MPE 5991/Master's Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Second Year: 21 credits

Fall: 11 credits

- MPE 5210/Private Study: Guitar/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 5410/Guitar Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5-/Performance elective/ 1 credit
- MCO or MPE 5-/Music composition/ 2 credits or
performance elective/ 2 credits
- MTH 5-/Music theory/analysis elective/ 2 credits

Spring: 10 credits

- MPE 5210/Private Study: Guitar/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 5410/Guitar Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5-/Performance elective/ 1 credit
- MTH 5-/Music theory/analysis elective/ 2 credits
- MPE 5991/Master's Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Music Artist Diploma Requirements:

This diploma is intended for graduate students in music who have completed the master's degree requirements for their areas of study.

To earn the Artist Diploma in classical guitar, students must meet the following conservatory requirements (18 credits for the one-year program; 36 credits for the two-year program):

First Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5210/Private Study: Guitar/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5202/Camerata/ 2 credits or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5410/Guitar Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5451/Guitar Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5995/Artist Diploma Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5210/Private Study: Guitar/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5202/Camerata/ 2 credits or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5451/Guitar Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MUS 5520/Trends in Music in Society or
MUS 5522/Establishing a Professional Musical Life/ 1 credit
- MPE 5995/Artist Diploma Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Second Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5210/Private Study: Guitar/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5202/Camerata/ 2 credits or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5410/Guitar Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5451/Guitar Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5995/Artist Diploma Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5210/Private Study: Guitar/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5202/Camerata/ 2 credits or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5451/Guitar Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MUS 5520/Trends in Music in Society/ 1 credit or
MUS 5522/Establishing a Professional Musical Life/ 1 credit
- MPE 5995/Artist Diploma Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Music Performers Certificate Requirements:

This is a postbaccalaureate program for students who have completed the undergraduate requirements for their areas of study and are entering into careers as performers in solo, ensemble, or studio settings.

To earn the Performers Certificate in classical guitar, students must meet the following conservatory requirements (18 credits for the one-year program; 36 credits for the two-year program):

First Year: 18 credits

Fall: 8 credits

- MPE 5210/Private Study: Guitar/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 5410/Guitar Performance Class/ 1 credit
- Graduate music elective/ 2 credits

Spring: 10 credits

- MPE 5210/Private Study: Guitar/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 5410/Guitar Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5-/Graduate performance elective/ 2 credits
- MUS 5455/Topics in Professional Development/ 1 credit
- MPE 5994/Performers Certificate Recital/ 1 credit

Second Year: 18 credits

Fall: 8 credits

- MPE 5210/Private Study: Guitar/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 5410/Guitar Performance Class/ 1 credit
- Graduate music elective/ 2 credits

Spring: 10 credits

- MPE 5210/Private Study: Guitar/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 5410/Guitar Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5-/Graduate performance elective/ 2 credits
- MUS 5455/Topics in Professional Development/ 1 credit
- MPE 5994/Performers Certificate Recital/ 1 credit

Faculty

Oren Fader

Lecturer, Guitar

- MusB, Purchase College, SUNY
- MM, Florida State University

Harp (Instrumental Performance)

Description:

The harp program at Purchase College is small and highly selective, designed to train, mentor, and prepare harpists for a professional career in music.

The curriculum is built around private weekly lessons, in which students work on solo and ensemble repertoire and harp pedagogy. In harp performance class, students come together to perform for one another, exchange ideas, prepare for orchestral auditions, learn about instrumental maintenance, perform in harp ensemble, and grow as active participants of this artistic community. Additionally, harpists at Purchase participate in comprehensive ensemble coursework in orchestra, opera, and chamber music, as well as a variety of smaller ensembles.

Bachelor of Music Requirements:

In addition to meeting general degree requirements, undergraduate music performance majors who concentrate in harp must complete the following conservatory requirements (104 credits). Of the 104 credits, up to 8 credits of music history may be counted toward the liberal arts requirement (30 credits minimum) for the degree.

Freshman Year | Sophomore Year | Junior Year | Senior Year

Freshman Year: 26 credits

Fall: 13.5 credits

- MPE 4200/Private Study: Harp/ 3 credits
- MPE 1010/Keyboard Studies I/ 1 credit
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1420/Harp Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MTH 1010/Music Theory I/ 2 credits

- MTH 1410/Solfège I/ 1.5 credits
- MUS 1040/Music First-Year Seminar/ 1 credit
- MUS 1250/Chorus/ 2 credits or
MPE –/Ensemble elective/ 2 credits

Spring: 12.5 credits

- MPE 4200/Private Study: Harp/ 3 credits
- MPE 1020/Keyboard Studies II/ 1 credit
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1420/Harp Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MTH 1020/Music Theory II/ 2 credits
- MTH 1420/Solfège II/ 1.5 credits
- MUS 1250/Chorus/2 credits or
MPE –/Ensemble elective/ 2 credits

Sophomore Year: 31 credits

Fall: 15.5 credits

- MPE 4200/Private Study: Harp/ 3 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1420/Harp Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 2010/Keyboard Studies III/ 1 credit
- MTH 2050/Music Theory III/ 2 credits
- MTH 2410/Solfège III/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 2510/Survey of Music History I/ 3 credits
- MUS 1250/Chorus/ 2 credits or
MPE –/Ensemble elective/ 2 credits

Spring: 15.5 credits

- MPE 4200/Private Study: Harp/ 3 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1420/Harp Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 2020/Keyboard Studies IV/ 1 credit
- MTH 2420/Solfège IV/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 2520/Survey of Music History II/ 3 credits
- MTH 3050/Music Theory IV/ 2 credits
- MUS 1250/Chorus/ 2 credits or
MPE –/Ensemble elective/ 2 credits
- MPE 0300/Sophomore Classical Jury/ 0 credit

Junior Year: 28 credits

Fall: 13.5 credits

- MPE 4200/Private Study: Harp/ 3 credits
- MPE 1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1420/Harp Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MTH 3410/Solfège V/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 4050/Music Theory V/ 2 credits
- MTH –/Music history elective*/ 2 credits

Spring: 14.5 credits

- MPE 4200/Private Study: Harp/ 3 credits
- MPE 1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1420/Harp Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MTH 3420/Solfège VI/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 4010/Seminar in Analysis/ 2 credits
- MTH –/Music history elective*/ 2 credits

- MPE 3991/Junior Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Senior Year: 19 credits

Fall: 10 credits

- MPE 4200/Private Study: Harp/ 3 credits
- MPE 1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1420/Harp Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MTH --/Music history elective*/ 2 credits

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 4200/Private Study: Harp/ 3 credits
- MPE 1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1420/Harp Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 4991/Senior Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

***Music History Electives (Effective Fall 2020)**

MUS 1060/Reflections Western Music

MTH 1560/Introduction to World Music

MTH 2130/Music and Politics, 1800-1950

MTH 3170/Techniques of Composition for Performers

MTH 3400/History of Jazz I

MTH 3450/History of Jazz II

MTH 3520/Disruption and Art Music

MTH 3575/Music from Antiquity

MTH 3576/Music of the Common Practice Era

MTH 3577/Expansion of Chromaticism

MTH 3578/Music Since 1945

MTH 3600/The Music of J. S. Bach

MTH 3620/Music of Beethoven

MTH 3630/Berlioz, Wagner, and Liszt
MTH 3670/Mahler and Strauss
MTH 3680/Shostakovich and The Soviet Era
MTH 4075/Post-Tonal Theory & Analysis
MTH 4120/History of Recorded Music I
MTH 4130/History of Recorded Music II
MTH 4235/Opera Queens: LGBTQ Representation in Opera Onstage and Off
MTH 4340/World Traditions in Music
MUS 4520/Trends in Music in Society

Master of Music requirements:

Graduate music majors who concentrate in harp must meet the following conservatory requirements (42 credits) and earn a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA at Purchase College. Students must complete at least one semester of MPE 5205 or MPE 5565.

First Year: 21 credits

Fall: 10 credits

- MPE 5190/Private Study: Harp/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5560/ Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits or
MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5420/Harp Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MTH 5000/Research and Writing for the Modern Musician/ 2 credits

Spring: 11 credits

- MPE 5140/Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits or
MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5420/Harp Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MTH 5-/Music theory/analysis elective/ 2 credits

- MPE 5991/Master's Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Second Year: 21 credits

Fall: 10 credits

- MPE 5190/Private Study: Harp/ 3 credits
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- MPE 5140/Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits or
MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5420/Harp Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MTH 5-/Music theory/analysis elective/ 2 credits

Spring: 11 credits

- MPE 5190/Private Study: Harp/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits or
MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5420/Harp Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5-/Music performance elective/ 2 credits or
MPH 5-/Music theory/analysis elective/ 2 credits
- MPE 5991/Master's Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Music Artist Diploma Requirements:

This diploma is intended for graduate students in music who have completed the master's degree requirements for their areas of study.

To earn the Artist Diploma in harp, students must meet the following conservatory requirements (18 credits for the one-year program; 36 credits for the two-year program):

First Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5190/Private Study: Harp/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5420/Harp Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5995/Artist Diploma Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5190/Private Study: Harp/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MUS 5520/Trends in Music in Society/ 1 credit or
MUS 5422/Establishing a Professional Musical Life/ 1 credit
- MPE 5995/Artist Diploma Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Second Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5190/Private Study: Harp/ 3 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits

- MPE 5140/Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5420/Harp Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5995/Artist Diploma Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5190/Private Study: Harp/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MUS 5520/Trends in Music in Society/ 1 credit or
MUS 5522/Establishing a Professional Musical Life/ 1 credit
- MPE 5995/Artist Diploma Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Music Performers Certificate Requirements:

This is a postbaccalaureate program for students who have completed the undergraduate requirements for their areas of study and are entering into careers as performers in solo, ensemble, or studio settings.

To earn the Performers Certificate in harp, students must meet the following conservatory requirements (18 credits for the one-year program; 36 credits for the two-year program):

First Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5190/Private Study: Harp/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits or

- MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits or
- MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5420/Harp Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5994/Performers Certificate Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5190/Private Study: Harp/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits or
MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MUS 5520/Trends in Music in Society/ 1 credit or
MUS 5522/Establishing a Professional Musical Life/ 1 credit
- MPE 5994/Performers Certificate Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Second Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5190/Private Study: Harp/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits or
MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5420/Harp Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5994/Performers Certificate Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5190/Private Study: Harp/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits or
MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MUS 5520/Trends in Music in Society/ 1 credit or
MUS 5522/Establishing a Professional Musical Life/ 1 credit
- MPE 5994/Performers Certificate Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Faculty

Beatriz Martin-Ruiz

Lecturer of Music, Harp

- BM, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- Performance Diploma and Artist Diploma, Real Conservatorio Superior de Musica, Madrid (Spain)

Percussion (Instrumental Performance)

Description:

In the percussion program, students have numerous performance opportunities, including the Percussion Ensemble, Contemporary Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, and Opera Orchestra, as well as collaborative opportunities with the other conservatories and schools at Purchase.

All percussion students are required to perform solo recitals in their junior and senior years, and are encouraged to present their own projects and participate in off-campus performances in New York City and surrounding areas. In addition, students participate in the annual Purchase College Day of Percussion, which features world-class clinicians and many concerts.

The percussion facilities at Purchase are among the most outstanding in the nation, with six private practice rooms exclusively for the use of the percussion program, plus a separate rehearsal room for the Percussion Ensemble. Purchase College owns a vast array of percussion instruments, and the conservatory continually expands and updates the collection.

Bachelor of Music Requirements:

In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, undergraduate music performance majors who concentrate in percussion must complete the following conservatory requirements (104 credits). Of the 104 credits, up to 8 credits of music history may be counted toward the liberal arts requirement (30 credits minimum) for the degree.

Freshman Year: 26 credits

Fall: 13.5 credits

- MPE 4220/Private Study: Percussion/ 3 credits
- MPE 1010/Keyboard Studies I/ 1 credit
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra or
MPE 1800/Purchase Symphonic Winds / 2 credits
- MPE 1230/Percussion Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 1231/Percussion Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MTH 1010/Music Theory I/ 2 credits
- MTH 1410/Solfège I/ 1.5 credits
- MUS 1040/Music First-Year Seminar/ 1 credit

Spring: 12.5 credits

- MPE 4220/Private Study: Percussion/ 3 credits
- MPE 1020/Keyboard Studies II/ 1 credit
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra or
MPE 1800/Purchase Symphonic Winds/ 2 credits
- MPE 1230/Percussion Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 1231/Percussion Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MTH 1020/Music Theory II/ 2 credits
- MTH 1420/Solfège II/ 1.5 credits
- MPE 0200/Freshman Classical Jury/ 0 credit

Sophomore Year: 31 credits

Fall: 15.5 credits

- MPE 4220/Private Study: Percussion/ 3 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra or
MPE 1800/Purchase Symphonic Winds/ 2 credits
- MPE 1230/Percussion Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 1231/Percussion Ensemble/2 credits
- MPE 2010/Keyboard Studies III/ 1 credit
- MTH 2050/Music Theory III/ 2 credits
- MTH 2410/Solfège III/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 2510/Survey of Music History I / 3 credits

Spring: 15.5 credits

- MPE 4220/Private Study: Percussion/ 3 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra or
MPE 1800/Purchase Symphonic Winds/ 2 credits
- MPE 1230/Percussion Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 1231/Percussion Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 2020/Keyboard Studies IV/ 1 credit
- MTH 2420/Solfège IV/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 2520/Survey of Music History II/ 3 credits
- MTH 3050/Music Theory IV 2 credits
- MPE 0300/Sophomore Classical Jury/ 0 credit

Junior Year: 28 credits

Fall: 13.5 credits

- MPE 4220/Private Study: Percussion/ 3 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1230/Percussion Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 1231/Percussion Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MTH 3410/Solfège V/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 4050/Music Theory V/ 2 credits
- MTH –/Music history elective*/ 2 credits

Spring: 14.5 credits

- MPE 4220/Private Study: Percussion/ 3 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra 2 credits
- MPE 1230/Percussion Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 1231/Percussion Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MTH 3420/Solfège VI/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 4010/Seminar in Analysis/ 2 credits
- MTH --/Music history elective*/ 2 credits
- MPE 3991/Junior Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Senior Year: 19 credits

Fall: 10 Credits

- MPE 4220/Private Study: Percussion/ 3 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1230/Percussion Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 1231/Percussion Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MTH --/Music history elective*/ 2 credits

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 4220/Private Study: Percussion/ 3 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1230/Percussion Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 1231/Percussion Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 4991/Senior Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

***Music History Electives (Effective Fall 2020)**

MUS 1060/Reflections Western Music
MTH 1560/Introduction to World Music
MTH 2130/Music and Politics, 1800-1950
MTH 3170/Techniques of Composition for Performers
MTH 3400/History of Jazz I
MTH 3450/History of Jazz II
MTH 3520/Disruption and Art Music
MTH 3575/Music from Antiquity
MTH 3576/Music of the Common Practice Era
MTH 3577/Expansion of Chromaticism
MTH 3578/Music Since 1945
MTH 3600/The Music of J. S. Bach
MTH 3620/Music of Beethoven
MTH 3630/Berlioz, Wagner, and Liszt
MTH 3670/Mahler and Strauss
MTH 3680/Shostakovich and The Soviet Era
MTH 4075/Post-Tonal Theory & Analysis
MTH 4120/History of Recorded Music I
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MTH 4340/World Traditions in Music
MUS 4520/Trends in Music in Society

Master of Music requirements:

Graduate music majors who concentrate in percussion must meet the following conservatory requirements (42 credits) and earn a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA at Purchase College.

First Year: 21 credits

Fall: 10 credits

- MPE 5220/Private Study: Percussion/ 3 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5231/Percussion Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5460/Percussion Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MTH 5000/Research and Writing for the Modern Musician/ 2 credits

Spring: 11 credits

- MPE 5220/Private Study: Percussion/ 3 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5231/Percussion Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5460/Percussion Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MTH 5-/Music history or theory elective/ 2 credits
- MPE 5991/Master's Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Second Year: 21 credits

Fall: 10 credits

- MPE 5220/Private Study: Percussion/ 3 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5231/Percussion Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5460/Percussion Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MTH 5-/Music history or theory elective/ 2 credits

Spring: 11 credits

- MPE 5220/Private Study: Percussion/ 3 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5231/Percussion Ensemble/2 credits
- MPE 5460/Percussion Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MTH 5-/Music history or theory elective or
- MPE/5565 Purchase New Music or
- MPE/5560 Contemporary Ensemble / 2 credits
- MPE 5991/ Master's Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Music Artist Diploma Requirements:

This diploma is intended for graduate students in music who have completed the master's degree requirements for their areas of study.

To earn the two-year Artist Diploma in percussion, students must meet the following conservatory requirements (18 credits for the one-year program; 36 credits for the two-year program):

First Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5220/Private Study: Percussion/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
MPE 5205/Camerata or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5460/Percussion Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5995/Artist Diploma Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5220/Private Study: Percussion/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
MPE 5205/Camerata or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MUS 5520/Trends in Music in Society or
MUS 5522/Establishing a Professional Musical Life/ 1 credit
- MPE 5995/Artist Diploma Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Second Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5220/Private Study: Percussion/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
MPE 5205/Camerata or

- MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
- MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5460/Percussion Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5994/Artist Diploma Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5220/Private Study: Percussion/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
MPE 5205/Camerata or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MUS 5520/Trends in Music in Society or
MUS 5522/Establishing a Professional Musical Life/ 1 credit
- MPE 5995/Artist Diploma Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Music Performers Certificate Requirements:

This is a postbaccalaureate program for students who have completed the undergraduate requirements for their areas of study and are entering into careers as performers in solo, ensemble, or studio settings.

To earn the two-year Performers Certificate in percussion, students must meet the following conservatory requirements (18 credits for the one-year program; 36 credits for the two-year program):

First Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5220/Private Study: Percussion/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
- MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
- MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble or

- MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5460/Percussion Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5994/Performers Certificate Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5220/Private Study: Percussion/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
- MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
- MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble or
- MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/2 credits
- MUS 5520/Trends in Music in Society or
- MUS 5522/Establishing a Professional Musical Life/ 1 credit
- MPE 5994/Performers Certificate Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Second Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5220/Private Study: Percussion/ 3 credits
MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble or
MPE 5205/Camerata / 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5460/Percussion Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5994/Performers Certificate Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5220/Private Study: Percussion/ 3 credits

- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
- MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble or MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MUS 5520/Trends in Music in Society or
- MUS 5522/Establishing a Professional Musical Life/ 1 credit
- MPE 5994/Performers Certificate Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

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Piano (Instrumental Performance)

Description:

The piano program is dynamic, ambitious, and rigorous. Purchase is proud to be an all-Steinway school and we provide our students with a first-rate practice situation, with a large number of piano studios, each with its own Steinway B.

The piano program at Purchase College is acclaimed. We offer world-class teaching in a caring environment and attract students from throughout the United States as well as internationally. We award a Bachelors of Music degree, a Performers Certificate, a Masters degree, and an Artist Diploma. Students benefit from a strong emphasis on performance, with abundant performance

opportunities in the Conservatory's Recital Hall, which boasts superb acoustics. Pianists perform in three recitals per semester, each at the Recital Hall. Visiting artists who have given master classes at Purchase include Lang Lang, Vladimir Feltsman, Garrick Ohlsson and Robert McDonald of Juilliard. Pianists also collaborate with instrumentalists and receive chamber music coaching from the piano, strings and wind faculty.

Purchase prides itself on being able to tailor the education it offers to meet the needs of individual students. Pianists at Purchase can pursue interests in a variety of specialties. Pianists interested in contemporary music can participate in Purchase Contemporary Ensemble, which performs significant new music written in the past 50 years, as well as Purchase New Music, in which students collaborate with composition majors in developing and performing new work. Pianists interested in jazz piano are offered the opportunity of classes and lessons with the renowned Purchase jazz faculty. And students who would like to explore an interest in vocal collaboration are given the opportunity to work with singers throughout their time in the program.

Our aim in the piano program is to give each student the opportunity to fully explore and develop their own unique artistic voice. Our students graduate and go on to successful careers as performers, teachers, and musical entrepreneurs. Many students come to Purchase to receive a top conservatory education which will enable them to join the many Purchase graduates who have gone on to both masters and doctoral studies at other first-rate conservatories, earning scholarships and fellowships.

Purchase is located in a beautiful country setting, only 35 minutes away from New York City. At Purchase, students have the ability to breathe, concentrate, and collaborate, and then hop on the train and access one of the most vibrant cultural scenes on the planet.

Bachelor of Music Requirements:

In addition to meeting [general degree requirements](#), undergraduate music performance majors who concentrate in piano must complete the following conservatory requirements (99 credits). Of the 99 credits, up to 8 credits of music history may be counted toward the liberal arts requirement (30 credits minimum) for the degree.

Freshman Year: 27 credits

Fall: 13.5 credits

- MPE 4250/Private Study: Piano/ 3 credits
- MPE 1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1850/Sight Reading Workshop/1 credit
- MTH 1010/Music Theory I/ 2 credits
- MTH 1410/Solfège I/ 1.5 credits

- MTH 2510/Survey of Music History I/ 3 credits
- MUS 1040/Music First-Year Seminar/ 1 credit

Spring: 13.5 credits

- MPE 4250/Private Study: Piano/ 3 credits
- MPE 1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1480/Piano Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 1850/Sight Reading Workshop/ 1 credit
- MTH 1020/Music Theory II/ 2 credits
- MTH 1420/Solfège II/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 2520/Survey of Music History II/ 3 credits
- MPE 0200/Freshman Classical Jury/ 0 credit

Sophomore Year: 23 credits

Fall: 11.5 credits

- MPE 4250/Private Study: Piano/ 3 credits
- MPE 1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1480/Piano Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 2550/Keyboard Literature I/ 2 credits
- MTH 2050/Music Theory III/ 2 credits
- MTH 2410/Solfège III/ 1.5 credits

Spring: 11.5 credits

- MPE 4250/Private Study: Piano/ 3 credits
- MPE 1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1480/Piano Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 2560/Keyboard Literature II/ 2 credits
- MTH 2420/Solfège IV/ 1.5 credits

- MTH 3050/Music Theory IV/ 2 credits
- MPE 0300/Sophomore Classical Jury/ 0 credit

Junior Year: 30 credits

Fall: 14.5 credits

- MPE 4250/Private Study: Piano/ 3 credits
- MPE 1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1480/Piano Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 2570/Keyboard Literature III/ 2 credits
- MPE 2610/Collaborative Piano/ 1 credit
- MTH 3410/Solfège V/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 4050/Music Theory V/ 2 credits
- MTH –/Music history elective*/ 2 credits

Spring: 15.5 credits

- MPE 4250/Private Study: Piano/ 3 credits
- MPE 1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1480/Piano Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 2580/Keyboard Literature IV/ 2 credits
- MPE 2610/Collaborative Piano/ 1 credit
- MTH 3420/Solfège VI/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 4010/Seminar in Analysis/ 2 credits
- MTH –/Music history* or theory elective/ 2 credits
- MPE 3991/Junior Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Senior Year: 19 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 4250/Private Study: Piano/ 3 credits
- MPE 1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1480/Piano Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 2610/Collaborative Piano/ 1 credit
- MTH –/Music history* or theory elective/ 2 credits

Spring: 10 credits

- MPE 4250/Private Study: Piano/ 3 credits
- MPE 1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1480/Piano Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 2610/Collaborative Piano/ 1 credit
- MTH –/Music history elective*/ 2 credits
- MPE 4991/Senior Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

***Music History Electives (Effective Fall 2020)**

MUS 1060/Reflections Western Music

MTH 1560/Introduction to World Music

MTH 2130/Music and Politics, 1800-1950

MTH 3170/Techniques of Composition for Performers

MTH 3400/History of Jazz I

MTH 3450/History of Jazz II

MTH 3520/Disruption and Art Music

MTH 3575/Music from Antiquity

MTH 3576/Music of the Common Practice Era

MTH 3577/Expansion of Chromaticism

MTH 3578/Music Since 1945

MTH 3600/The Music of J. S. Bach

MTH 3620/Music of Beethoven

MTH 3630/Berlioz, Wagner, and Liszt

MTH 3670/Mahler and Strauss

MTH 3680/Shostakovich and The Soviet Era

MTH 4075/Post-Tonal Theory & Analysis

MTH 4120/History of Recorded Music I

MTH 4130/History of Recorded Music II

MTH 4235/Opera Queens: LGBTQ Representation in Opera Onstage and Off

MTH 4340/World Traditions in Music

MUS 4520/Trends in Music in Society

Master of Music requirements:

Graduate music majors who concentrate in piano must meet the following conservatory requirements (42 credits) and earn a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA at Purchase College. MPE 5565 may be taken in a different semester in consultation with the head of the piano program.

First Year: 21 credits

Fall: 11 credits

- MPE 5370/Private Study: Piano/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble or
MPE 5205/Camerata / 2 credits
- MPE 5472/Romantic Piano Literature/ 2 credits
- MPE 5480/Piano Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5610/Collaborative Piano/ 1 credit
- MTH 5000/Research and Writing for the Modern Musician/ 2 credits

Spring: 10 credits

- MPE 5370/Private Study: Piano/ 3 credits
- MPE 5473/20th-Century Piano Literature/ 2 credits
- MPE 5480/Piano Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5610/Collaborative Piano/ 1 credit
- MTH 5-/Music theory/analysis elective/ 2 credits
- MPE 5991/Master's Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Second Year: 21 credits

Fall: 10 credits

- MPE 5370/Private Study: Piano/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble or
MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits
- MPE 5470/Baroque Keyboard Literature/ 2 credits
- MPE 5480/Piano Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5—/Music performance elective or
MTH 5—/Music theory/analysis elective/ 2 credits

Spring: 11 credits

- MPE 5370/Private Study: Piano/ 3 credits
- MPE 5471/Classical Sonata Literature/ 2 credits
- MPE 5480/Piano Performance Class/1 credit
- MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MTH 5—/Music theory/analysis elective/ 2 credits
- MPE 5991/Master’s Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Music Artist Diploma Requirements:

This diploma is intended for graduate students in music who have completed the master’s degree requirements for their areas of study.

To earn the Artist Diploma in piano, students must meet the following conservatory requirements (18 credits for the one-year program; 38 credits for the two-year program):

First Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5370/Private Study: Piano/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits

- MPE 5480/Piano Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5995/Diploma Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Spring: 10 credits

- MPE 5370/Private Study: Piano/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
MPE 5202/Camerata or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5610/Collaborative Piano/ 1 credit
- MPE 5-/Graduate performance elective/ 2 credits
- MUS 5520/Trends in Music in Society or
MUS 5522/Establishing a Professional Musical Life/ 1 credit
- MPE 5995/Artist Diploma Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Second Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5370/Private Study: Piano/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 5480/Piano Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5995/Artist Diploma Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Spring: 10 credits

- MPE 5370/Private Study: Piano/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
MPE 5202/Camerata or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits

- MPE 5610/Collaborative Piano/ 1 credit
- MPE 5—/Graduate performance elective/ 2 credits
- MUS 5520/Trends in Music in Society or
MUS 5522/Establishing a Professional Musical Life/ 1 credit
- MPE 5995/Artist Diploma Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Music Performers Certificate Requirements:

This is a postbaccalaureate program for students who have completed the undergraduate requirements for their areas of study and are entering into careers as performers in solo, ensemble, or studio settings.

To earn the Performers Certificate in piano, students must meet the following conservatory requirements (18 credits for the one-year program; 36 credits for the two-year program):

First Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5370/Private Study: Piano/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 5480/Piano Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5995/Performers Certificate Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5370/Private Study: Piano/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
MPE 5205/Camerata or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5610/Collaborative Piano/ 1 credit
- MPE 5480/Piano Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MUS 5520/Trends in Music in Society or
MUS 5522/Establishing a Professional Musical Life/ 1 credit

- MPE 5994/Performers Certificate Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Second Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5370/Private Study: Piano/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 5565/Purchase New Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 5480/Piano Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5994/Certificate Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5370/Private Study: Piano/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
MPE 5202/Camerata or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5610/Collaborative Piano/ 1 credit
- MPE 5480/Piano Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MUS 5520/Trends in Music in Society or
MUS 5522/Establishing a Professional Musical Life/ 1 credit
- MPE 5994/Performers Certificate Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

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Strings (Instrumental Performance)

Description:

The string program is dedicated to teaching instrumental mastery as part of a commitment to exposing each student to all of the traditional string professions—orchestra, chamber music, teaching, and solo playing.

Chamber music is a hallmark of the program, and all of its faculty members have an extensive background performing chamber music. The curriculum of both the undergraduate and graduate programs includes exposure and opportunities in contemporary music, early music, intensive chamber music, collaborative string and piano music, and orchestral training (excerpts and auditions), in addition to solo training and orchestral experience.

The mentoring provided by our Faculty String Quartet also gives our students ideas and inspiration for their own work.

Bachelor of Music Requirements:

In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, undergraduate music performance majors who concentrate in strings must complete the following conservatory requirements (104 credits). Of the 104 credits, up to 8 credits of music history may be counted toward the liberal arts requirement (30 credits minimum) for the degree.

Freshman Year: 26 credits

Fall: 13.5 credits

- MPE 4 –/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 1010/Keyboard Studies I/ 1 credit
- MPE 1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1240/String Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MTH 1010/Music Theory I/ 2 credits
- MTH 1410/Solfège I/ 1.5 credits
- MUS 1040/Music First-Year Seminar/ 1 credit

Spring: 12.5 credits

- MPE 4 –/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 1020/Keyboard Studies II/ 1 credit
- MPE 1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1240/String Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MTH 1020/Music Theory II/ 2 credits
- MTH 1420/Solfège II/ 1.5 credits
- MPE 0200/Freshman Classical Jury/ 0 credit

Sophomore Year: 31 credits

Fall: 15.5 credits

- MPE 4 –/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1240/String Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 2010/Keyboard Studies III/ 1 credit
- MTH 2050/Music Theory III 2 credits
- MTH 2410/Solfège III/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 2510/Survey of Music History I/ 3 credits

Spring 15.5 credits

- MPE 4 –/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/2 credits
- MPE 1240/String Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 2020/Keyboard Studies IV/ 1 credit
- MTH 2420/Solfège IV/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 2520/Survey of Music History II/ 3 credits

- MTH 3050/Music Theory IV/ 2 credits
- MPE 0300/Sophomore Classical Jury/ 0 credit

Junior Year: 28 credits

Fall: 13.5 credits

- MPE 4 –/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1240/String Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MTH 3410/Solfège V 1.5 credits
- MTH 4050/Music Theory V/ 2 credits
- MTH –/Music history elective*/ 2 credits

Spring: 14.5 credits

- MPE 4 –/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1240/String Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MTH 3420/Solfège VI/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 4010/Seminar in Analysis/ 2 credits
- MTH –/Music history elective*/ 2 credits
- MPE 3991/Junior Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Senior Year: 19 credits

Fall: 10 credits

- MPE 4 –/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits

- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1240/String Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MTH –/Music history elective*/ 2 credits

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 4 –/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1240/String Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 4991/Senior Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

***Music History Electives (Effective Fall 2020)**

MUS 1060/Reflections Western Music

MTH 1560/Introduction to World Music

MTH 2130/Music and Politics, 1800-1950

MTH 3170/Techniques of Composition for Performers

MTH 3400/History of Jazz I

MTH 3450/History of Jazz II

MTH 3520/Disruption and Art Music

MTH 3575/Music from Antiquity

MTH 3576/Music of the Common Practice Era

MTH 3577/Expansion of Chromaticism

MTH 3578/Music Since 1945

MTH 3600/The Music of J. S. Bach

MTH 3620/Music of Beethoven

MTH 3630/Berlioz, Wagner, and Liszt

MTH 3670/Mahler and Strauss

MTH 3680/Shostakovich and The Soviet Era

MTH 4075/Post-Tonal Theory & Analysis

MTH 4120/History of Recorded Music I

MTH 4130/History of Recorded Music II

MTH 4235/Opera Queens: LGBTQ Representation in Opera Onstage and Off

MTH 4340/World Traditions in Music

MUS 4520/Trends in Music in Society

Master of Music requirements:

Graduate music majors who concentrate in strings must meet the following conservatory requirements (42 credits) and earn a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA at Purchase College. Students must complete at least one semester of MPE 5205 or MPE 5565.

First Year: 21 credits

Fall: 10 credits

- MPE 5—/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
MPE 5205/Camerata or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5440/String Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MTH 5000/Research and Writing for the Modern Musician/ 2 credits

Spring: 11 credits

- MPE 5—/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
MPE 5205/Camerata or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5440/String Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MTH 5—/Music theory/analysis elective/ 2 credits
- MPE 5991/Master's Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Second Year: 21 credits

Fall: 10 credits

- MPE 5—/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or

- MPE 5205/Camerata or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5440/String Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MTH 5-/Music theory/analysis elective/ 2 credits

Spring: 11 credits

- MPE 5-/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
MPE 5205/Camerata or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5440/String Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5-/Music Performance elective or
- MTH 5-/Music theory/analysis elective/ 2 credits
- MPE 5991/Master's Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Music Artist Diploma Requirements:

This diploma is intended for graduate students in music who have completed the master's degree requirements for their areas of study.

To earn the Artist Diploma in strings, students must meet the following conservatory requirements (18 credits for the one-year program; 36 credits for the two-year program):

First Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5-/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
MPE 5205/Camerata or

- MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
- MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5440/String Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5995/Artist Diploma Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5-/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
MPE 5205/Camerata or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MUS 5520/Trends in Music in Society or
MUS 5522/Establishing a Professional Musical Life/ 1 credit

Second Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5-/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
MPE 5205/Camerata or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5440/String Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5995/Artist Diploma Recital: Classical/1 credit

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5-/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits

- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
- MPE 5205/Camerata or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MUS 5520/Trends in Music in Society or
MUS 5522/Establishing a Professional Musical Life/ 1 credit
- MPE 5995/Artist Diploma Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Music Performers Certificate Requirements:

This is a postbaccalaureate program for students who have completed the undergraduate requirements for their areas of study and are entering into careers as performers in solo, ensemble, or studio settings.

To earn the Performers Certificate in strings, students must meet the following conservatory requirements (18 credits for the one-year program; 36 credits for the two-year program):

First Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5—/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
MPE 5205/Camerata or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5440/String Performance Class/1 credit
- MPE 5994/Performers Certificate Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5—/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or

- MPE 5205/Camerata or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MUS 5520/Trends in Music in Society or
MUS 5522/Establishing a Professional Musical Life/ 1 credit
- MPE 5994/Performers Certificate Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Second Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5-/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
- MPE 5205/Camerata or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5440/String Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5994/Performers Certificate Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5-/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
MPE 5205/Camerata or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MUS 5520/Trends in Music in Society or
MUS 5522/Establishing a Professional Musical Life/ 1 credit
- MPE 5994/Performers Certificate Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

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- MM, Juilliard School
- PhD, Manhattan School of Music

Woodwinds (Instrumental Performance)

Description:

The woodwind program accepts a select number of students, providing an intimate environment in which every student is recognized and encouraged.

With four world-renowned faculty members, each devoted to their small, individual, and selective studios, the woodwind program presents a balanced curriculum designed to prepare students for careers and lives in music. Opportunities include:

- orchestral studies and performance
- opera studies and performance
- solo training

- wind repertoire class
- intensive chamber music
- contemporary music
- early music
- composition
- collaborative opportunities between departments
- master classes with visiting artists
- performances with visiting resident ensembles
- faculty-student collaborations

The small student body in the conservatory gives every individual a wealth of opportunities to perform, explore, and grow. Our students have easy access to practice rooms, Steinway pianos, a vast collection of standard woodwinds, and superb performance spaces (find out more under [**Facilities**](#)).

At the college's [**Performing Arts Center**](#), located adjacent to the Music Building, an abundance of international artists perform each year, and our students have access to all of these performances. Through the generosity of the Performing Arts Center and in collaboration with the conservatory, many noted artists give master classes and open rehearsals specifically for our students.

Bachelor of Music Requirements:

In addition to meeting [**general degree requirements**](#), undergraduate music performance majors who concentrate in woodwinds must complete the following conservatory requirements (104 credits). Of the 104 credits, up to 8 credits of music history may be counted toward the liberal arts requirement (30 credits minimum) for the degree.

Freshman Year: 26 credits

Fall: 13.5 credits

- MPE 4 –/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 1010/Keyboard Studies I/ 1 credit
- MPE 1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1210/Woodwind Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MTH 1010/Music Theory I/ 2 credits
- MTH 1410/Solfège I/ 1.5 credits
- MUS 1040/Music First-Year Seminar/ 1 credit

Spring: 12.5 credits

- MPE 4 –/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 1020/Keyboard Studies II/ 1 credit
- MPE 1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1210/Woodwind Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MTH 1020/Music Theory II/ 2 credits
- MTH 1420/Solfège II/ 1.5 credits
- MPE 0200/Freshman Classical Jury/ 0 credit

Sophomore Year: 31 credits

Fall: 15.5 credits

- MPE 4 –/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1210/Woodwind Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 2010/Keyboard Studies III/ 1 credit
- MTH 2050/Music Theory III/ 2 credits
- MTH 2410/Solfège III/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 2510/Survey of Music History I/ 3 credits

Spring: 15.5 credits

- MPE 4 –/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1210/Woodwind Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 2020/Keyboard Studies IV/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 2420/Solfège IV/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 2520/Survey of Music History II/ 3 credits

- MTH 3050/Music Theory IV/ 2 credits
- MPE 0300/Sophomore Classical Jury/ 0 credit

Junior Year: 28 credits

Fall: 13.5 credits

- MPE 4 –/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1210/Woodwind Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MTH 3410/Solfège V/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 4050/Music Theory V/ 2 credits
- MTH –/Music history elective*/ 2 credits

Spring: 14.5 credits

- MPE 4 –/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1210/Woodwind Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MTH 3420/Solfège VI/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 4010/Seminar in Analysis/ 2 credits
- MTH –/Music history elective*/ 2 credits
- MPE 3991/Junior Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Senior Year: 19 credits

Fall: 10 credits

- MPE 4 –/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits

- MPE 1210/Woodwind Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MTH –/Music history elective*/ 2 credits

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 4 –/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 1110/Chamber Music/ 2 credits
- MPE 1201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 1210/Woodwind Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 4991/Senior Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

***Music History Electives (Effective Fall 2020)**

MUS 1060/Reflections Western Music

MTH 1560/Introduction to World Music

MTH 2130/Music and Politics, 1800-1950

MTH 3170/Techniques of Composition for Performers

MTH 3400/History of Jazz I

MTH 3450/History of Jazz II

MTH 3520/Disruption and Art Music

MTH 3575/Music from Antiquity

MTH 3576/Music of the Common Practice Era

MTH 3577/Expansion of Chromaticism

MTH 3578/Music Since 1945

MTH 3600/The Music of J. S. Bach

MTH 3620/Music of Beethoven

MTH 3630/Berlioz, Wagner, and Liszt

MTH 3670/Mahler and Strauss

MTH 3680/Shostakovich and The Soviet Era

MTH 4075/Post-Tonal Theory & Analysis

MTH 4120/History of Recorded Music I

MTH 4130/History of Recorded Music II

MTH 4235/Opera Queens: LGBTQ Representation in Opera Onstage and Off

MTH 4340/World Traditions in Music

MUS 4520/Trends in Music in Society

Master of Music requirements:

Graduate music majors who concentrate in woodwinds must meet the following conservatory requirements (42 credits) and earn a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA at Purchase College.

First Year: 22 credits

Fall: 10.5 credits

- MPE 5-/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
MPE 5205/Camerata or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5211/Woodwind Instrumental Lab/ .5 credits
- MPE 5450/Woodwind Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MTH 5000/Research and Writing for the Modern Musician/ 2 credits

Spring 11.5 credits

- MPE 5-/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
MPE 5205/Camerata or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5211/Woodwind Instrumental Lab/ .5 credits
- MTH 5-/Music theory/analysis elective/ 2 credits
- MPE 5450/Woodwind Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5991/Master's Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Second Year: 20 credits

Fall: 10.5 credits

- MPE 5-/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
MPE 5205/Camerata or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music
or MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5211/Woodwind Instrumental Lab/ .5 credits
- MTH 5-/Music theory/analysis elective/ 2 credits
- MPE 5450/Woodwind Performance Class/ 1 credit

Spring: 9.5 credits

- MPE 5-/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
MPE 5205/Camerata or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5211/Woodwind Instrumental Lab/ .5 credits
- MPE 5450/Woodwind Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5991/Master's Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Music Artist Diploma Requirements:

This diploma is for graduate students in music who have completed the master's degree requirements for their areas of study.

To earn the Artist Diploma in woodwinds, students must meet the following conservatory requirements (18 credits for the one-year program; 36 credits for the two-year program):

First Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5-/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits

- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
MPE 5205/Camerata or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5450/Wind Performance/ 1 credit
- MPE 5995/Diploma Recital Classical/ 1 credit

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5-/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
MPE 5205/Camerata or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MUS 5520 Trends in Music and Society or
MUS 5522 Establishing a Professional Life/ 1 credit
- MPE 5995/Artist Diploma Recital/ 1 credit

Second Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5-/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
MPE 5205/Camerata or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble / 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5450/Wind Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5995/Diploma Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5—/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
MPE 5205/Camerata or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MUS 5520 Trends in Music and Society or
MUS 5522 Establishing a Professional Life / 1 credit
- MPE 5995/Artist Diploma Recital/ 1 credit

Music Performers Certificate Requirements:

This is a postbaccalaureate program for students who have completed the undergraduate requirements for their areas of study and are entering into careers as performers in solo, ensemble, or studio settings.

To earn the Performers Certificate in woodwinds, students must meet the following conservatory requirements (18 credits for the one-year program; 36 credits for the two-year program):

First Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5—/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble or
MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5450/Wind Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5994/Performers Certificate Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5-/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble or
- MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MUS 5520/Trends in Music in Society or
MUS 5522/Establishing a Professional Musical Life/ 1 credit
- MPE 5994/Performers Certificate Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Second Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5-/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble or
MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
- MPE 5450/Wind Performance Class/ 1 credit
- MPE 5994/Performers Certificate Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5-/Private Study: Instrument/ 3 credits
- MPE 5140/Chamber Music or
MPE 5565/Purchase New Music or
MPE 5560/Contemporary Ensemble or
MPE 5205/Camerata/ 2 credits
- MPE 5201/Symphony Orchestra/ 2 credits
MUS 5520/Trends in Music in Society or
MUS 5522/Establishing a Professional Musical Life/ 1 credit
- MPE 5994/Performers Certificate Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

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Jazz Studies

Description:

The jazz studies program is a dynamic, intensive, professional training experience for the aspiring jazz performer.

The performance-driven curriculum strives to emphasize the practical, bringing "the street into the classroom." With world-class performance and rehearsal facilities, the program enjoys an acclaimed reputation among today's leading institutions.

Jazz majors are mentored by some of the leading jazz artists on the scene today, and performance opportunities abound on campus, locally in Westchester County and Connecticut, and in leading New York City venues.

Bachelor of Music Requirements:

In addition to meeting general degree requirements, undergraduate jazz studies majors must complete the following conservatory requirements (101 credits), as outlined below by semester and year. Of the 101 credits, up to 8 credits of music history may be counted toward the liberal arts requirement (30 credits minimum) for the degree.

Freshman: 29 credits

Fall: 15 credits

- MPE 4 –/Private Study: Instrument
or MPE 4880/Private Study: Jazz Voice/ 3 credits
- MCO 1015/Jazz Theory I/ 3 credits
- MPE 1015/Jazz Keyboard Studies* I/ 1 credit
- MPE 1700/Jazz Combos/ 2 credits
- MTH 1430/Jazz Ear Training I/ 1.5 credits
- MUS 1040/Music First-Year Seminar/ 1 credit
- MUS 1070/Jazz Repertoire I/ 2 credits
- MUS 2050/Jazz Improvisation I/ 1.5 credits

Spring: 14 credits

- MPE 4 –/Private Study: Instrument
or MPE 4880/Private Study: Jazz Voice/ 3 credits
- MCO 1025/Jazz Theory II/ 3 credits
- MPE 1025/Jazz Keyboard Studies II*/ 1 credit
- MPE 1700/Jazz Combos/ 2 credits
- MTH 1440/Jazz Ear Training II/ 1.5 credits
- MUS 2060/Jazz Improvisation II/1.5 credits
- MUS 2080/Jazz Repertoire II/ 2 credits
- MPE 0201/Freshman Jazz Jury/ 0 credit

Sophomore Year: 29 credits

Fall: 14.5 credits

- MPE 4 –/Private Study: Instrument
or MPE 4880/Private Study: Jazz Voice/ 3 credits
- MCO 2015/Jazz Harmony I/ 2 credits
- MPE 1700/Jazz Combos/ 2 credits
- MPE 2015/Jazz Keyboard Studies III*/ 1 credit
- MTH 2430/Jazz Ear Training III/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 2510/Survey of Music History I/ 3 credits
- MUS 3070/Jazz Repertoire III/ 2 credits

Spring: 14.5 credits

- MPE 4 –/Private Study: Instrument
or MPE 4880/Private Study: Jazz Voice/ 3 credits
- MCO 2025/Jazz Harmony II/ 2 credits
- MPE 1700/Jazz Combos/ 2 credits
- MPE 2025/Jazz Keyboard Studies IV*/ 1 credit
- MTH 2440/Jazz Ear Training IV/ 1 credit
- MTH 2520/Survey of Music History II/ 3 credits
- MUS 3080/Jazz Repertoire IV/ 2 credits
- MPE 0301/Sophomore Jazz Jury/ 0 credit

Junior Year: 26 credits

Fall: 13.5 credits

- MPE 4 –/Private Study: Instrument
or MPE 4880/Private Study: Jazz Voice/ 3 credits
- MPE 1700/Jazz Combos/ 2 credits
- MTH 3400/Jazz History I/ 3 credits
- MUS 3090/Jazz Repertoire V/ 2 credits
- MUS 4410/Jazz Arranging I/ 2.5 credits

- MPE 3992/Junior Recital: Jazz/ 1 credit

Spring: 12.5 credits

- MPE 4 –/Private Study: Instrument
or MPE 4880/Private Study: Jazz Voice/ 3 credits
- MPE 1700/Jazz Combos/ 2 credits
- MTH 3450/Jazz History II/ 3 credits
- MUS 3100/Jazz Repertoire VI/ 2 credits
- MUS 4420/Jazz Arranging II/ 2.5 credits

Senior Year: 17 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 4 –/Private Study: Instrument
or MPE 4880/Private Study: Jazz Voice/ 3 credits
- MPE 1700/Jazz Combos/ 2 credits
- MUS 4070/Jazz Repertoire VII/ 2 credits
- Music elective/ 2 credits

Spring: 8 credits

- MPE 4 –/Private Study: Instrument
or MPE 4880/Private Study: Jazz Voice/ 3 credits
- MPE 1700/Jazz Combos/ 2 credits
- MUS 4080/Jazz Repertoire VIII/2 credits
- MPE 4992/Senior Recital: Jazz/ 1 credit

- * Jazz Keyboard Studies (MPE1015, MPE1025, MPE2015, MPE2025) is not required for students who have a Jazz Piano Concentration.

Master of Music requirements:

Graduate music majors who concentrate in jazz studies must meet the following conservatory requirements (42 credits) and earn a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA at Purchase College.

First Year: 21 credits

Fall: 10 credits

- MPE 5 –/Private Study: Instrument
or MPE 5880/Private Study: Jazz Voice/ 3 credits
- MCO 5180/Contemporary Trends in Jazz Composition/ 2 credits
- MPE 5700/Jazz Combos/ 2 credits
- MUS 5350/Topics in Jazz Seminar/ 3 credits

Spring: 11 credits

- MPE 5 –/Private Study: Instrument
or MPE 5880/Private Study: Jazz Voice/ 3 credits
- MCO 5190/Jazz Composition Workshop/ 2 credits
- MPE 5700/Jazz Combos/ 2 credits
- MUS 5360/Seminar in Jazz Styles/ 3 credits
- MPE 5992/Master's Recital, Jazz/ 1 credit

Second Year: 21 credits

Fall: 10 credits

- MPE 5 –/Private Study: Instrument
or MPE 5880/Private Study: Jazz Voice/ 3 credits
- MPE 5700/Jazz Combos/ 2 credits
- Graduate music elective/ 2 credits
- MUS 5310/Advanced Jazz Arranging I/ 3 credits

Spring: 11 credits

- MPE 5 –/Private Study: Instrument
or MPE 5880/Private Study: Jazz Voice/ 3 credits
- MPE 5700/Jazz Combos/ 2 credits
- MUS 5320/Advanced Jazz Arranging II/ 3 credits
- Graduate music elective/ 2 credits
- MPE 5992/Master's Recital, Jazz/ 1 credit

Music Artist Diploma Requirements:

To earn the Artist Diploma in jazz studies, students must meet the following conservatory requirements (18 credits for the one-year program; 36 credits for the two-year program):

First Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5 –/Private Study: Instrument
or MPE 5880/Private Study: Jazz Voice/ 3 credits
- MPE 5700/Jazz Combos/ 2 credits
- MUS 5310/Advanced Jazz Arranging I or
MUS 5350/Topics in Jazz Seminar/ 3 credits
- MUS 5900/Independent Study/ 1 credit

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5 –/Private Study: Instrument
or MPE 5880/Private Study: Jazz Voice/ 3 credits
- MPE 5700/Jazz Combos/ 2 credits
- Graduate music elective/ 2 credits
- MUS 5455/Topics in Professional Development/ 1 credit
- MPE 5995/Artist Diploma Recital/ 1 credit

Second Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5 –/Private Study: Instrument or MPE 5880/Private Study: Jazz Voice/ 3 credits
- MPE 5700/Jazz Combos/ 2 credits
- MUS 5310/Advanced Jazz Arranging I or MUS 5350/Topics in Jazz Seminar/ 3 credits
- MUS 5900/Independent Study/ 1 credit

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5 –/Private Study: Instrument or MPE 5880/Private Study: Jazz Voice/ 3 credits
- MPE 5700/Jazz Combos/ 2 credits
- Graduate music elective/ 2 credits
- MUS 5455/Topics in Professional Development/ 1 credit
- MPE 5995/Artist Diploma Recital/ 1 credit

Music Performers Certificate Requirements:

To earn the Performers Certificate in jazz, students must meet the following conservatory requirements (18 credits for the one-year program; 36 credits for the two-year program):

First Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5 –/Private Study: Instrument or MPE 5880/Private Study: Jazz Voice/ 3 credits
- MPE 5700/Jazz Combos/ 2 credits
- MUS 5310/Advanced Jazz Arranging I or MUS 5350/Topics in Jazz Seminar/ 3 credits

- MUS 5900/Independent Study/ 1 credit

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5 –/Private Study: Instrument
or MPE 5880/Private Study: Jazz Voice/ 3 credits
- MPE 5700/Jazz Combos/ 2 credits
- Graduate music elective/ 2 credits
- MUS 5455/Topics in Professional Development/ 1 credit
- MPE 5994/Performers Certificate Recital/ 1 credit

Second Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5 –/Private Study: Instrument
or MPE 5880/Private Study: Jazz Voice/ 3 credits
- MPE 5700/Jazz Combos/ 2 credits
- MUS 5310/Advanced Jazz Arranging I or
MUS 5350/Topics in Jazz Seminar/ 3 credits
- MUS 5900/Independent Study/ 1 credit

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5 –/Private Study: Instrument
or MPE 5880/Private Study: Jazz Voice/ 3 credits
- MPE 5700/Jazz Combos/ 2 credits
- Graduate music elective/ 2 credits
- MUS 5455/Topics in Professional Development/ 1 credit
- MPE 5994/Performers Certificate Recital/ 1 credit

Faculty

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Studied with Rudy Collins

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- The Juilliard School, Artist Diploma, Jazz Studies
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Studio Composition

Description:

Studio composition at Purchase College began in 1986, on the 100th anniversary of the first viable sound recording.

The studio composition program provides talented and ambitious writers with intensive preparation in the craft of musical composition, especially in the recorded media. The hallmarks of this program are:

- hands-on studio experience
- thorough training in conventional and unconventional music
- small-group study with acclaimed professional writers
- a working community of artistic peers
- a tradition of alumni success

In sum, the studio composition program offers a friendly, artistic community whose tradition of excellence produces hundreds of new musical compositions every year.

All studio composers write and produce two significant original projects (undergraduate) or two master's recitals (graduate). These can be either recorded, reviewed in score form, or performed live. Many studio composition recitals feature multimedia collaboration with students in the other arts conservatories at Purchase College. Other recitals may occur at clubs and concert venues in New York City, as well as in professional recording studios. The program also functions closely with the studio production program, and collaborative accomplishment between these two programs is typical in classes, concerts, and recording sessions.

Three decades after the program's inception, studio composition alumni and former students are working in the music industry in New York City, Los Angeles, Berlin, Paris, and Tokyo and touring internationally. They are composers and recording artists, orchestrators and arrangers, producers and executives, DJs and MCs, interactive technology designers, authors and educators. They include (to name a few): Jay Azzolina, Sébastien Bardin, Susie Bench, David Bianciardi, Dan Castellani, Charlie B. Dahan, Jack D. Elliot, Lucy (DeJesus) Kalantari, Mitski Miyawaki, Jarrett Mumford (J-Zone), Dan Romer, Hanan Rubenstein, John Selway, Maya Solovéy, Regina Spektor, Bill Youngman, Jenny Owen Youngs, Jeremy Wall, Rich Westover, and Saundi Wilson.

Bachelor of Music Requirements:

In addition to meeting general degree requirements, undergraduate studio composition majors must complete the following conservatory requirements (97 credits). Of the 97 credits, up to 8 credits of music history may be counted toward the liberal arts requirement (30 credits minimum) for the degree.

Freshman Year: 28 credits

Fall: 14.5 credits

- MCO 1010/Models I/ 3 credits
- MCO 1310/Studio Composition I/ 2 credits
- MCO 1410/Studio Composition Seminar/ 1 credit
- MCO 4120/Studio Composition Master Class/ 3 credits
- MPE 1010/Keyboard Studies I/ 1 credit
- MTH 1415/Studio Ear Training I/ 1.5 credits
- MUS 1040/Music First-Year Seminar/ 1 credit
- MUS 1320/Songwriting I/ 2 credits

Spring: 13.5 credits

- MCO 1020/Models II/ 3 credits
- MCO 1320/Studio Composition II/ 2 credits
- MCO 1410/Studio Composition Seminar/ 1 credit
- MCO 4120/Studio Composition Master Class/ 3 credits
- MPE 1020/Keyboard Studies II/ 1 credit
- MTH 1425/Studio Ear Training II/ 1.5 credits
- MUS 1330/Songwriting II/ 2 credits
- MPE 0202/Freshman Studio Composition Jury/ 0 credit

Sophomore Year: 29 credits

Fall: 14.5 credits

- MCO 1410/Studio Composition Seminar/ 1 credit
- MCO 2010/Models III/ 3 credits
- MCO 4120/Studio Composition Master Class/ 3 credits
- MPE 2010/Keyboard Studies III/ 1 credit
- MTH 2415/Studio Ear Training III/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 2510/Survey of Music History I/ 3 credits

- MUS 1250/Chorus or
MPE –/Instrumental ensemble elective/ 2 credits

Spring: 14.5 credits

- MCO 1410/Studio Composition Seminar/ 1 credit
- MCO 2020/Models IV/ 3 credits
- MCO 4120/Studio Composition Master Class/ 3 credits
- MPE 2020/Keyboard Studies IV/ 1 credit
- MTH 2425/Studio Ear Training IV/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 2520/Survey of Music History II/ 3 credits
- MUS 1250/Chorus or
MPE –/Instrumental ensemble elective/ 2 credits
- MPE 0302/Sophomore Studio Composition Jury/ 0 credit

Junior Year: 25 credits

Fall: 12 credits

- MCO 3020/Models V/ 3 credits
- MCO 3550/Studio Arranging I/ 2 credits
- MCO 4120/Studio Composition Master Class/ 3 credits
- MTH 3180/Electroacoustic Music I/ 2 credits
- MTH 4120/History of Recorded Music I/ 2 credits

Spring: 13 credits

- MCO 3030/Models VI/ 3 credits
- MCO 3555/Studio Arranging II/ 2 credits
- MCO 4120/Studio Composition Master Class/ 3 credits
- MTH 3190/Electroacoustic Music II/ 2 credits
- MTH 4130/History of Recorded Music II/ 2 credits
- MPE 3993/Junior Recital: Studio Composition/ 1 credit

Senior Year: 15 credits

Fall: 7 credits

- MCO 4120/Studio Composition Master Class/ 3 credits
- MTH –/Music history elective*/ 2 credits
- Music elective/ 2 credits

Spring: 8 credits

- MCO 4120/Studio Composition Master Class/ 3 credits
- Music electives/ 4 credits
- MPE 4993/Senior Recital: Studio Composition/ 1 credit

***Music History Electives (Effective Fall 2020)**

MUS 1060/Reflections Western Music

MTH 1560/Introduction to World Music

MTH 2130/Music and Politics, 1800-1950

MTH 3170/Techniques of Composition for Performers

MTH 3400/History of Jazz I

MTH 3450/History of Jazz II

MTH 3520/Disruption and Art Music

MTH 3575/Music from Antiquity

MTH 3576/Music of the Common Practice Era

MTH 3577/Expansion of Chromaticism

MTH 3578/Music Since 1945

MTH 3600/The Music of J. S. Bach

MTH 3620/Music of Beethoven

MTH 3630/Berlioz, Wagner, and Liszt

MTH 3670/Mahler and Strauss

MTH 3680/Shostakovich and The Soviet Era

MTH 4075/Post-Tonal Theory & Analysis

MTH 4120/History of Recorded Music I

MTH 4130/History of Recorded Music II

MTH 4235/Opera Queens: LGBTQ Representation in Opera Onstage and Off

MTH 4340/World Traditions in Music

MUS 4520/Trends in Music in Society

Master of Music requirements:

Applicants to the conservatory's MM concentration in studio composition are expected to demonstrate significant professional accomplishment upon entry into the program.

Graduate music majors in this concentration must meet the following conservatory requirements (42 credits) and earn a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA at Purchase College.

First Year: 21 credits

Fall: 11 credits

- MPE 5110/Private Study: Composition/ 3 credits
- MCO, MTH, or MUS 5 –/Graduate seminar electives (two)/ 4 credits
- MTH 5180/Electroacoustic Music I/ 2 credits

Spring: 10 credits

- MPE 5110/Private Study: Composition/ 3 credits
- MCO, MTH, or MUS 5 –/Graduate seminar electives (two) / 4 credits
- MTH 5190/Electroacoustic Music II/ 2 credits
- MPE 5993/Master's Recital: Studio Composition/ 1 credit

Second Year: 21 credits

Fall: 11 credits

- MPE 5110/Private Study: Composition/ 3 credits
- MCO 5200/Writing and Production Seminar I/ 2 credits
- MCO 5200/Writing and Production Seminar I
- MCO 5430/Advanced Songwriting/ 2 credits
- MCO 5455/Seminar in Studio Design/ 2 credits

- MCO 5460/Seminar in Studio Arranging/ 2 credits

Spring: 10 credits

- MPE 5110/Private Study: Composition/ 3 credits
- MCO 5210/Writing and Production Seminar II/ 2 credits
- MCO 5445/Practical Techniques in Studio Composition/ 2 credits
- MCO, MTH, or MUS 5 –/Graduate seminar elective/ 2 credits
- MPE 5993/Master's Recital: Studio Composition/ 1 credit

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- MA, Academy of Music in Krakow (Poland)
- MM, The Juilliard School

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- MM New York University

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Visiting Affiliate Artist

- BA, New York University

Sloan Wainwright

Visiting Affiliate Artist

Studio Production

Description:

The undergraduate major in studio production is among the leading programs of its kind in the United States.

The program seeks a limited number of experienced producers and engineers who display advanced skills in recording, production, and associated technology. It is the quest of the studio production program and its faculty to develop producers who can ultimately work within a wide spectrum of musical genres with expertise, awareness, and understanding of each genre's subtleties and traditions and with sharply honed technological, musical, and business skills. The faculty and alumni alike are established artists and producers, and many studio production students are professionals before they graduate.

The hallmarks of the studio production program include:

- hands-on studio experience
- thorough training in most musical genres, from hip-hop to Mozart
- small-group study with professional producers
- music theory and musicianship for producers

The curriculum offers hands-on lessons in each of the state-of-the-art recording facilities housed in the Conservatory of Music, plus a thorough grounding in the business of music. Additionally, studio production students engineer dozens of recitals for their fellow students in the conservatory, creating a synergy that is virtually exclusive to Purchase College. The program also functions closely with the **studio composition** program, and collaborative accomplishment between these two programs is typical in classes, concerts, and recording sessions.

Bachelor of Music Requirements:

In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, undergraduate studio production majors must complete the following conservatory requirements (98 credits). Of the 98 credits, up to 8 credits of music history may be counted toward the liberal arts requirement (30 credits minimum) for the degree.

Freshman Year: 26 credits

Fall: 13.5 credits

- MCO 1010/Models I/ 3 credits
- MCO 1310/Studio Composition I/ 2 credits
- MCO 4125/Studio Production Master Class/ 3 credits
- MCO 4350/Digital Audio I/ 2 credits
- MPE 1010/Keyboard Studies I/ 1 credit
- MTH 1415/Studio Ear Training I/ 1.5 credits
- MUS 1040/Music First-Year Seminar/ 1 credit

Spring: 12.5 credits

- MCO 1020/Models II/ 3 credits
- MCO 1320/Studio Composition II/ 2 credits
- MCO 4125/Studio Production Master Class/ 3 credits

- MCO 4360/Digital Audio II/ 2 credits
- MPE 1020/Keyboard Studies II/ 1 credit
- MTH 1425/Studio Ear Training II/ 1.5 credits
- MPE 0203/Freshman Studio Production Jury/ 0 credit

Sophomore Year: 29 credits

Fall: 13.5 credits

- MCO 2010/Models III/ 3 credits
- MCO 3330/Studio Production I/ 2 credits
- MCO 4125/Studio Production Master Class/ 3 credits
- MPE 2010/Keyboard Studies III/ 1 credit
- MTH 2415/Studio Ear Training II/1.5 credits
- MTH 2510/Survey of Music History I/ 3 credits

Spring: 15.5 credits

- MCO 2020/Models IV/ 3 credits
- MCO 3340/Studio Production II/ 2 credits
- MCO 4125/Studio Production Master Class/ 3 credits
- MPE 2020/Keyboard Studies IV/ 1 credit
- MTH 2425/Studio Ear Training IV/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 2520/Survey of Music History II/ 3 credits
- MUS 1250/Chorus or
MPE –/Instrumental ensemble elective/ 2 credits
- MPE 0303/Sophomore Studio Production Jury/ 0 credit

Junior Year: 20 credits

Fall: 10.5 credits

- MCO 2310/MIDI Composition I/ 2 credits
- MCO 4125/Studio Production Master Class/ 3 credits
- MCO 4711/Creative Production Techniques I/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 4120/History of Recorded Music I/ 2 credits
- MUS 1250/Chorus or
MPE –/Instrumental ensemble elective/ 2 credits

Spring: 9.5 credits

- MCO 2320/MIDI Composition II/ 2 credits
- MCO 4125/Studio Production Master Class/ 3 credits
- MCO 4721/Creative Production Techniques II/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 4130/History of Recorded Music II/ 2 credits
- MPE 3995/Junior Production/ 1 credit

Senior Year: 23 credits

Fall: 11 credits

- MCO 3500/Film Scoring I/ 2 credits
- MCO 3712/Contracts, Copyrights, and Publishing/ 2 credits
- MCO 4125/Studio Production Master Class/ 3 credits
- MTH –/Music history elective*/ 2 credits
- MUS 3770/Studio Apprenticeship/ 2 credits

Spring: 12 credits

- MCO 3510/Film Scoring II/ 2 credits
- MCO 3722/Touring, Promotion, and Distribution/ 2 credits
- MCO 4125/Studio Production Master Class/ 3 credits
- MUS 3770/Studio Apprenticeship/ 2 credits
- Music elective/ 2 credits

- MPE 4950/Senior Production/ 1 credit

***Music History Electives (Effective Fall 2020)**

MUS 1060/Reflections Western Music

MTH 1560/Introduction to World Music

MTH 2130/Music and Politics, 1800-1950

MTH 3170/Techniques of Composition for Performers

MTH 3400/History of Jazz I

MTH 3450/History of Jazz II

MTH 3520/Disruption and Art Music

MTH 3575/Music from Antiquity

MTH 3576/Music of the Common Practice Era

MTH 3577/Expansion of Chromaticism

MTH 3578/Music Since 1945

MTH 3600/The Music of J. S. Bach

MTH 3620/Music of Beethoven

MTH 3630/Berlioz, Wagner, and Liszt

MTH 3670/Mahler and Strauss

MTH 3680/Shostakovich and The Soviet Era

MTH 4075/Post-Tonal Theory & Analysis

MTH 4120/History of Recorded Music I

MTH 4130/History of Recorded Music II

MTH 4235/Opera Queens: LGBTQ Representation in Opera Onstage and Off

MTH 4340/World Traditions in Music

MUS 4520/Trends in Music in Society

Faculty

Pablo Arraya

Visiting Affiliate Artist

- BM, Middle Tennessee State University

Peter Denenberg

Associate Professor of Music

- BPS, Empire State College, SUNY

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Phil Moffa

Lecturer of Music

- BM, Purchase College, SUNY
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Michael Umile

Lecturer of Music

- MusB, Purchase College, SUNY
- MS, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Silas Brown

Assistant Professor of Music

- MusB, Purchase College, SUNY

Christopher Greco

Visiting Affiliate Artist

- Diploma, DeVry University

Phil Joly

Visiting Affiliate Artist

- MusB, Purchase College, SUNY

Mark Schwartz

Lecturer of Music

- BA, Cornell University
- JD, University of California, Los Angeles

Voice and Opera Studies

Description:

Vocal performance at Purchase College is a small, highly selective program designed to train and mentor serious students in their pursuit of a career in professional classical singing and opera.

This is achieved through a highly disciplined and completely integrated curriculum taught by a talented, committed, and caring faculty, all of whom were or are active, first-class performing artists.

Our working mantra is “learning to perform requires performing to learn.” To that end, every class has a performing component whenever possible. In particular, the program is noted for its

excellent instruction of vocal technique, stage technique, movement, language studies, and musical styles.

The program's operas, which are performed primarily by undergraduates, are routinely praised for their inventiveness and professionalism and have won several annual National Opera Association awards.

Bachelor of Music Requirements:

In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, undergraduate vocal performance majors must complete the following conservatory requirements (116 credits).

Of the 116 credits, up to 8 credits of music history may be counted toward the liberal arts requirement (30 credits minimum) for the degree. Language courses (FRE, GER, ITA) may also be applied toward this requirement.

Freshman Year: 29 credits

Fall: 15 credits

- MPE 4300/Private Study: Voice/ 3 credits
- ITA 1010/Beginning Italian I/ 4 credits
- MPE 1010/Keyboard Studies I/ 1 credit
- MPE 1370/Italian Art Song Literature I/ 1.5 credits
- MPE 1380/Italian Diction I/ 1 credit
- MTH 1010/Music Theory I/ 2 credits
- MTH 1436/Vocal Ear Training I/ 1.5 credits
- MUS 1040/Music First-Year Seminar/ 1 credit

Spring: 14 credits

- MPE 4300/Private Study: Voice/ 3 credits
- ITA 1020/Beginning Italian II/ 4 credits
- MPE 1020/Keyboard Studies II/ 1 credit
- MPE 1375/Italian Art Song Literature II/ 1.5 credits
- MPE 1390/Italian Diction II/ 1 credit
- MTH 1020/Music Theory II/ 2 credits
- MTH 1446/Vocal Ear Training II/ 1.5 credits

- MPE 0200/Freshman Classical Jury/ 0 credit

Sophomore Year: 40 credits

Fall: 20 credits

- MPE 4300/Private Study: Voice/ 3 credits
- GER 1010/Beginning German I/ 4 credits
- MPE 2010/Keyboard Studies III/ 1 credit
- MPE 2230/Movement Styles/ 1 credit
- MPE 2260/Stage Techniques for Singers/ 2 credits
- MPE 2370/German Art Song Literature I/ 1.5 credits
- MPE 2380/German Diction I/ 1 credit
- MTH 2050/Music Theory III/ 2 credits
- MTH 2436/Vocal Ear Training III/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 2510/Survey of Music History I/ 3 credits

Spring: 20 credits

- MPE 4300/Private Study: Voice/ 3 credits
- GER 1020/Beginning German II/ 4 credits
- MPE 2020/Keyboard Studies IV/ 1 credit
- MPE 2230/Movement Styles/ 1 credit
- MPE 2260/Stage Techniques for Singers/ 2 credits
- MPE 2375/German Art Song Literature II/ 1.5 credits
- MPE 2390/German Diction II/ 1 credit
- MTH 2446/Vocal Ear Training IV/ 1.5 credits
- MTH 2520/Survey of Music History II/ 3 credits
- MTH 3050/Music Theory IV/ 2 credits
- MPE 0300/Sophomore Classical Jury/ 0 credit

Junior Year: 29 credits

Fall: 14 credits

- MPE 4300/Private Study: Voice/ 3 credits
- FRE 1010/Beginning French I/ 4 credits
- MPE 3260/Opera Coaching/ 0.5 credit
- MPE 3350/Opera Workshop/ 2 credits
- MPE 3370/French Art Song Literature I/ 1.5 credits
- MPE 3380/French Diction I/ 1 credit
- MTH 4050/Music Theory V/ 2 credits

Spring: 15 credits

- MPE 4300/Private Study: Voice/ 3 credits
- FRE 1020/Beginning French II/ 4 credits
- MPE 3260/Opera Coaching/ .5 credits
- MPE 3350/Opera Workshop/ 2 credits
- MPE 3375/French Art Song Literature II/ 1.5 credits
- MPE 3390/French Diction II/ 1 credit
- MTH 4010/Seminar in Analysis/ 2 credits
- MPE 3991/Junior Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Senior Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 4300/Private Study: Voice/ 3 credits
- MPE 3260/Opera Coaching/ .5 credits
- MPE 3350/Opera Workshop/ 2 credits
- MTH 4211/Opera History I/ 2 credits
- MTH 4213/Opera Literature I/ 1.5 credits

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 4300/Private Study: Voice/ 3 credits
- MPE 3260/Opera Coaching/.5 credits
- MPE 3350/Opera Workshop/ 2 credits
- MTH 4212/Opera History II/ 1 credit
- MTH 4214/Opera Literature II/ 1.5 credits
- MPE 4991/Senior Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Master of Music requirements:

Graduate music majors who concentrate in voice and opera studies must meet the following conservatory requirements (45 credits) and earn a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA at Purchase College.

First Year: 22 credits

Fall: 11 credits

- MPE 5300/Private Study: Voice/ 3 credits
- MPE 5250/Opera Workshop/ 2 credits
- MPE 5253/Opera Workshop Lab/ 1 credit
- MPE 5260/Opera Coaching/ 1 credit
- MPE 5275/Teaching Techniques for Voice or
MUS 5250/Chorus/ 2 credits
- MTH 5000/Research and Writing for the Modern Musician/ 2 credits

Spring: 11 credits

- MPE 5300/Private Study: Voice/ 3 credits
- MPE 5250/Opera Workshop/ 2 credits
- MPE 5253/Opera Workshop Lab/ 1 credit
- MPE 5255/Operatic Styles I/ 2 credits
- MPE 5260/Opera Coaching/ 1 credit
- MUS 5250/Chorus/ 2 credits

Second Year: 23 credits

Fall: 11 credits

- MPE 5300/Private Study: Voice/ 3 credits
- MPE 5250/Opera Workshop/ 2 credits
- MPE 5253/Opera Workshop Lab/ 1 credit
- MPE 5256/Operatic Styles II/ 2 credits
- MPE 5260/Opera Coaching/ 1 credit
- MPE 5275/Teaching Techniques for Voice or
MUS 5250/Chorus/ 2 credits

Spring: 12 credits

- MPE 5300/Private Study: Voice/ 3 credits
- MPE 5250/Opera Workshop/ 2 credits
- MPE 5253/Opera Workshop Lab/ 1 credit
- MPE 5257/Operatic Styles III/ 2 credits
- MPE 5260/Opera Coaching/ 1 credit
- MPE 5276/Teaching Techniques for the Stage/ 2 credits
- MPE 5991/Master's Recital: Classical/ 1 credit

Music Artist Diploma Requirements:

This diploma is intended for graduate students in music who have completed the master's degree requirements for their areas of study.

To earn the Artist Diploma in opera studies, students must meet the following conservatory requirements (18 credits for the one-year program; 36 credits for the two-year program):

First Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5300/Private Study: Voice/ 3 credits

- MPE 5250/Opera Workshop/ 2 credits
- MTH 5 –/Music theory/analysis elective/ 2 credits
- Graduate music elective/ 2 credits

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5300/Private Study: Voice/ 3 credits
- MPE 5250/Opera Workshop/ 2 credits
- MPE 5255/Operatic Styles I/ 2 credits
- MUS 5455/Topics in Professional Development/ 1 credit
- MPE 5995/Artist Diploma Recital/ 1 credit

Second Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5300/Private Study: Voice/ 3 credits
- MPE 5250/Opera Workshop/ 2 credits
- MPE 5256/Operatic Styles II/ 2 credits
- Graduate music elective/ 2 credits

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5300/Private Study: Voice/ 3 credits
- MPE 5250/Opera Workshop/ 2 credits
- MPE 5257/Operatic Styles III/ 2 credits
- MUS 5455/Topics in Professional Development/ 1 credit
- MPE 5995/Artist Diploma Recital/ 1 credit

Music Performers Certificate Requirements:

This is a postbaccalaureate program for students who have completed the undergraduate requirements for their areas of study and are entering into careers as performers in solo, ensemble, or studio settings.

To earn the Performers Certificate in opera studies, students must meet the following conservatory requirements (18 credits for the one-year program; 36 credits for the two-year program):

First Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5300/Private Study: Voice/ 3 credits
- MPE 5250/Opera Workshop/ 2 credits
- MTH 5 –/Music theory/analysis elective/ 2 credits
- Graduate music elective/ 2 credits

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5300/Private Study: Voice/ 3 credits
- MPE 5250/Opera Workshop/ 2 credits
- MPE 5255/Operatic Styles I/ 2 credits
- MUS 5455/Topics in Professional Development/ 1 credit
- MPE 5994/Performers Certificate Recital/ 1 credit

Second Year: 18 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- MPE 5300/Private Study: Voice/ 3 credits
- MPE 5250/Opera Workshop/ 2 credits
- MPE 5256/Operatic Styles II/ 2 credits
- Graduate music elective/ 2 credits

Spring: 9 credits

- MPE 5300/Private Study: Voice/ 3 credits
- MPE 5250/Opera Workshop/ 2 credits
- MPE 5257/Operatic Styles III/ 2 credits
- MUS 5455/Topics in Professional Development/ 1 credit
- MPE 5994/Performers Certificate Recital/ 1 credit

Faculty

Thomas Baird

Lecturer of Dance; Lecturer of Music

- BA, Empire State College, SUNY

Hugh Murphy

Associate Professor of Music

- BM, MM, Peabody Conservatory of Music, Johns Hopkins University

Sherry Overholt

Assistant Professor of Music

- BM, University of Miami
- MM, MMA, DMA, Yale University

David Recca

Lecturer

Chorus Director

- MusB, Performers Certificate, Purchase College, SUNY
- MM, Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester
- MMA, Yale University
- DMA, Yale University

Jacque Trussel

Professor of Music

- BS, MM, Ball State University

Bonnie Hamilton

Assistant Professor of Music

- BA, Florida State University

Djordje Nesic

Lecturer

- BM, Belgrade University of the Arts

Tara Helen O'Connor

Associate Professor of Music, Flute

- BA, MM, DMA, Stony Brook University, SUNY

Kaori Sato

Assistant Professor of Music

- BM, Miyagi Gakuin Women's University (Japan)
- MM, Mannes College of Music

Margaret Vignola

Lecturer

- MusB, Purchase College, SUNY

Conservatory of Theatre Arts

Undergraduate Courses

Acting

Description:

The professional actor training program is a four-year sequential course of study in acting—voice, speech, movement for actors, dramatic structure, and history of the theatre, supplemented by offerings in stage combat, performance improvisation, mask work, acting for camera, makeup, and audition technique.

The schedule is rigorous; in a typical week, a student works directly with faculty members for 27 to 40 hours and spends a comparable amount of time in preparation.

- **The first two years** of training focus on the development of the actor's imagination and an exploration of his or her inner resources as they relate to the external demands and skills of the craft.
- **During the third and fourth years**, classroom work continues, and the principles learned in the first two years are applied rigorously in rehearsal and performance. Purchase Repertory Theatre

productions provide a wide range of experience, from the contemporary to the classic, and are directed by visiting professionals as well as experienced resident faculty.

The acting BFA program is one of five in the nation that meets the standards of the Consortium of Conservatory Theatre Training Programs. In the fourth year, graduating seniors are presented to an invited audience of agents, producers, and casting directors in New York City and Los Angeles.

Please note: The acting BFA program does not offer training in musical theatre.

Requirements:

In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, all acting majors must successfully complete the following requirements (110 credits).

Of the 110 credits, up to 8 credits of theatre history (ACT 1250 and 2100) may be counted toward the liberal arts requirement (30 credits minimum) for the degree.

Freshman Year: 26 credits

Fall: 16 credits

- ACT 1010/Acting I/3 credits
- ACT 1030/Script Analysis /2 credits
- ACT 1160/Speech I/ 2 credits
- ACT 1210/Voice I/ 2 credits
- ACT 1250/Dramatic Structure/ 4 credits
- ACT 1310/Movement I/ 2 credits
- ACT 1355/Stage Combat I/ 1 credit

Spring: 10 credits

- ACT 1020/Acting I*/3 credits
- ACT 1170/Speech I*/ 2 credits
- ACT 1220/Voice I*/ 2 credits
- ACT 1320/Movement I*/ 2 credits
- ACT 1670/Improvisation I/ 1 credit

*Part Two

Sophomore Year: 27 credits

Fall: 11 credits

- ACT 1410/Physical Comedy I/ 1 credit
- ACT 2010/Acting II/ 3 credits
- ACT 2160/Speech II/ 2 credits
- ACT 2210/Voice II/ 2 credits
- ACT 2310/Movement II/ 2 credits
- ACT 2610/Stage Makeup/ 1 credit

Spring: 16 credits

- ACT 2020/Acting II*/ 3 credits
- ACT 2100/History of the Theatre/ 4 credits
- ACT 2170/Speech II*/ 2 credits
- ACT 2220/Voice II*/ 2 credits
- ACT 2320/Movement II*/ 2 credits
- ACT 2410/Physical Comedy II/ 1 credit
- ACT 2620/Stage Makeup*/ 1 credit
- ACT 2700/Introduction to Rehearsal and Performance/ 1 credit

*Part Two

Junior Year: 29 credits

Fall: 16 credits

- ACT 3010/Acting III/ 3 credits
- ACT 3160/Speech III/ 2 credits
- ACT 3210/Voice III/ 2 credits
- ACT 3310/Movement III/ 2 credits
- ACT 3365/Stage Combat II/ 1 credit

- ACT 3700/Rehearsal and Performance I/ 3 credits
- ACT 3710/Rehearsal and Performance I*/ 3 credits

*Part Two

Spring: 13 credits

- ACT 3020/Acting III*/ 3 credits
- ACT 3170/Speech III*/ 2 credits
- ACT 3220/Voice III*/ 2 credits
- ACT 3320/Movement III*/ 2 credits
- ACT 3670/Improvisation II/ 1 credit
- ACT 3720/Rehearsal and Performance I (Part Three)/ 3 credits

*Part Two

Senior Year: 28 credits

Fall: 14 credits

- ACT 4010/Acting IV/ 3 credits
- ACT 4250/Voice and Speech IV/ 2 credits
- ACT 4310/Movement IV/ 2 credits
- ACT 4550/Acting for Camera/ 1 credit
- ACT 4700/Rehearsal and Performance II/3 credits
- ACT 4710/Rehearsal and Performance II*/ 3 credits

*Part Two

Spring: 14 credits

- ACT 4020/Acting IV*/ 3 credits
- ACT 4255/Voice and Speech IV*/ 2 credits
- ACT 4320/Movement IV*/ 2 credits

- ACT 4500/The Business of Acting/ 1 credit
- ACT 4720/Rehearsal and Performance II (Part Three)/ 3 credits
- ACT 4730/Rehearsal and Performance II (Part Four)/ 3 credits

*Part Two

Policy on Casting and Production

All students work in productions as cast. Because of the rigorous nature of the acting program, all coursework and extracurricular work or projects must be approved in advance by the student's faculty advisor. If a student becomes involved with such a project or work without the knowledge and consent of the student's faculty advisor, the student may be subject to probation and/or dismissal.

Faculty

Liam Joynt

Lecturer of Acting

Co-Chair of Acting

- MFA, Rutgers University
- BA Union College

Trazana Beverley

Lecturer of Acting

- BFA, New York University

Jill Echo

Lecturer of Acting

- BFA, MFA, Purchase College, SUNY

A. Dean Irby

Associate Professor of Acting

- BA, Dillard University
- MFA, New York University

Ed Malone

Lecturer of Acting

- Licentiate Acting Diploma, London College of Music and Media
- Ecole Jacques Lecoq, France
- Ecole Philippe Gaulier, France

Mitchell McCoy

Lecturer in Theatre Design/Technology

- BFA, New York University

Sarah Petersiel

Lecturer of Acting

- BA, Brown University

Jeana Scotti

Lecturer, Theatre and Performance

- MFA, Rutgers Mason Gross
- BA Theatre and Performance, Purchase College

Ronni Stewart

Associate Professor of Acting

- BA, New York University

Rosalyn Coleman Williams

Lecturer of Acting

- BFA, Howard University
- MFA, Yale School of Drama

David Bassuk

Professor of Acting

- BA, Purchase College, SUNY
- MFA, Southern Methodist University

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Lecturer of Acting

BFA, University of North Carolina School of the Arts

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Lecturer of Acting

- BA, University of Michigan

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Lecturer of Acting

BFA, State University of New York, Purchase College

Christopher McCann

Visiting Assistant Professor

- BFA, New York University

Scott McCREA

Lecturer of Acting

- BA, Duke University
- MFA, Columbia University

Pamela Prather

Associate Professor of Acting

- BA, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
- MFA, University of California, Los Angeles

Susan Shopmaker

Lecturer of Acting

- BA, Hamilton College

Maggie Surovell

Lecturer of Acting

Co-Chair of Acting

- BA, Temple University
- MFA, University of Georgia

Contributing Faculty

James Dunn

Lecturer of Acting

Lecturer of Theatre and Performance (Part Time)

- BA, Middlebury College
- MFA, L'Ecole Internationale de Theatre Jacque Lecoq

Peggy Stafford

Assistant Professor of Playwriting

- BA, Seattle University
- MFA, Bennington College

David Recca

Lecturer

Chorus Director

- MusB, Performers Certificate, Purchase College, SUNY
- MM, Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester
- MMA, Yale University
- DMA, Yale University

Jack Tamburri

Visiting Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts

Director, Conservatory of Theatre Arts

- AB, University of Chicago
- MFA, Yale School of Drama

Theatre Design/Technology

Description:

The professional BFA training program in theatre design/technology places major emphasis on studio/classroom training under the guidance of established working professionals. Students learn every aspect of theatre design and technology.

Professional training requires a logical and sequential conservatory program. The freshman year is an exploratory common program that stresses fundamental coursework and assigned tasks on actual productions. After the freshman year, the following concentrations are available:

1. **scenic design**
2. **costume design**
3. **lighting design**
4. **costume technology**
5. **stage management**
6. **technical direction/production management**

Advanced study and practice in one or more of these areas occupies the second, third, and fourth years. Concurrent with these studies, a balance of liberal arts courses is also available to equip the candidate to function as a mature theatre professional.

Professional Training Facilities

The unparalleled technical and design resources of the **Performing Arts Center**—and its busy schedule of dance, musical, and dramatic productions—provide students with professional experiences few commercial theatres can match. Classes are conducted in modern design studios,

where students have their own workspace and personal drawing tables. Private and semiprivate design studios are often provided for juniors, seniors, and graduate students. Opportunities for apprenticeships in professional studios and shops in New York City and throughout the country provide valuable career-related experience and contacts.

About Our Alumni

More than 86 percent of theatre design/technology graduates are working in their chosen profession. Many alumni are now members of USA local 829, IATSE, and AEA and have received Tony, Emmy, Obie, and Drama Desk Awards, among other honors. Their extensive design credits include Broadway, Off Broadway, dance, film, television, industrials, and Las Vegas.

Requirements:

In addition to meeting general degree requirements, all undergraduate theatre design/technology majors must complete the following requirements. Up to 8 credits of theatre history (ACT 1250 and 2100) may be counted toward the liberal arts requirement (30 credits minimum) for the degree.

Freshman Year: (all students): 25 credits

Fall: 13 credits

- ACT 1250/Dramatic Structure/ 4 credits
- TDT 1100/Stagecraft*/ 3 credits
- TDT 1120/Production I*/ 3 credits
- TDT 1200/Design Fundamentals*/ 3 credits

*Prerequisite for all courses above the 1000 level

Spring: 12 credits

- TDT 1080/Drafting/ 3 credits
- TDT 1110/Stagecraft*/ 3 credits
- TDT 1130/Production I*/ 3 credits
- TDT 1210/Design Fundamentals*/ 3 credits

**Part Two*

Sophomore through Senior Year: Academic Requirements by Concentration

Scenic Design

Costume Design

Lighting Design

Costume Technology

Stage Management

Technical Direction/Production Management

Faculty

Evan Adamson

Lecturer in Theatre Design/Technology

- BFA, Purchase College, SUNY

Tracy Christensen

Lecturer in Theatre Design/Technology

- BS, Northwestern University
- MFA, Rutgers University

Joe Dotts

Lecturer in Theatre Design/Technology (part-time)

Prop Shop Supervisor

- BFA, West Virginia University

Maruti Evans

Lecturer in Theatre Design/Technology

- BFA, University of Miami

Lana Fritz

Assistant Professor Emerita of Theatre Design/Technology

- BFA, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
- MFA, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

David Grill

Associate Professor of Theatre Design/Technology

- BFA, Purchase College, SUNY

Dan Hanessian

Associate Professor of Theatre Design/Technology

Director of Productions and Faculty Presiding Officer, Faculty at Large

- BA, St. Mary's College of Maryland
- MFA, Purchase College, SUNY

Arnold Levine

Lecturer in Theatre Design/Technology
• BFA, MFA, Carnegie Mellon University

Ina Mayhew

Lecturer in Theatre Design/Technology
• BFA, Purchase College, SUNY

Hochi Ortega-Asiatico

Lecturer in Theatre Design/Technology
• BA, Parsons School of Design

Dennis Parichy

Lecturer in Theatre Design/Technology
• BS, Northwestern University

Kristen Robinson

Assistant Professor in Theatre Design/Technology
BA, Centre College
MFA, Yale School of Drama

Matthew Stern

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• BA, University of California, San Diego

Mark Viola

Lecturer in Theatre Design/Technology
• BFA, Purchase College, SUNY

Grant Wilcoxon

Lecturer in Theatre Design/Technology
• BFA, Purchase College, SUNY

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Courses

TDT 1010: Design/Technical Practicum

First-year acting majors are given crew assignments on conservatory productions.

Credits: 1

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 1080: Drafting

Basic drafting skills for professional theatrical applications. Lettering, line weight, measuring, drawing with accuracy and clarity, drafting conventions, dimensioning, and drafting simple units and theatre plans and sections. Ground plans and elevations of each flat with details of door and panel moldings, all with descriptive cross-sections showing dimensions. Students must purchase their own supplies.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 1100: Stagecraft

An introduction to the basic materials and techniques used in scene, costume, and lighting production, presented in lecture and studio situations. Intended to equip the student with the skills required to work on productions.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 1110: Stagecraft

An introduction to the basic materials and techniques used in scene, costume, and lighting production, presented in lecture and studio situations. Intended to equip the student with the skills required to work on productions.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 1120: Production I

A studio course in which freshmen are assigned to the scene, prop, costume, electric, and paint crews on a rotating basis. Intended as a reinforcement of the methodologies taught in TDT 1100 and 1110.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 1130: Production I

A studio course in which freshmen are assigned to the scene, prop, costume, electric, and paint crews on a rotating basis. Intended as a reinforcement of the methodologies taught in TDT 1100 and 1110.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 1200: Design Fundamentals

An introduction to the process of theatrical design in which a broad spectrum of plays is assigned. Includes script and character analysis, the development of visual concepts, sketches, and renderings, and the use of color and motif.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 1210: Design Fundamentals

An introduction to the process of theatrical design in which a broad spectrum of plays is assigned. Includes script and character analysis, the development of visual concepts, sketches, and renderings, and the use of color and motif.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 2045: Music Reading for Stage Managers

A practical introduction to score reading for theatrical stage managers and designers. Existing musical scores of varying levels of difficulty are used to teach musical vocabulary, tempo, and dynamic markings, and instrumental names and notation in their traditional Italian, French, and German languages. *Required for and limited to theatre design/technology majors concentrating in stage management.*

Credits: 1

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 2080: Theatre Technology I

An introduction to theories of technical production, methods, and planning, with emphasis on advanced technical drafting of scenery and safety practices.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT1110

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 2090: Theatre Technology II

An introduction to theories of technical production, methods, and planning, with emphasis on advanced technical drafting of scenery and safety practices.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT1110

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 2120: Production II

An intensive studio course in which sophomores are assigned to crew head or other crew positions. Intended as a reinforcement of methodologies taught in TDT 1100, 1110, 1120, and 1130.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT1130

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 2130: Production II

An intensive studio course in which sophomores are assigned to crew head or other crew positions. Intended as a reinforcement of methodologies taught in TDT 1100, 1110, 1120, and 1130.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT1130

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 2140: Scene Painting I

An exploration of the techniques of large-scale, realistic painting through a series of critiqued exercises in the rendering of various materials and textures.

Credits: 2

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 2150: Scene Painting I

An exploration of the techniques of large-scale, realistic painting through a series of critiqued exercises in the rendering of various materials and textures.

Credits: 2

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 2160: Costume Construction I

Training in costume construction: hand-sewing techniques, machine operations, pattern layout, and fabric identifications.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 2170: Costume Construction I

Training in costume construction: hand-sewing techniques, machine operations, pattern layout, and fabric identifications.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 2180: Properties Construction I

Craft training in the construction of stage properties: learning basic approaches to upholstery and drapery, learning different sculpturing techniques, and creating prop lists with an emphasis on research, both historical and pictorial. Visual resources are used to push students out of their comfort zone in the ways they approach projects (both independently and in groups, depending on the project). (This is not a two-semester sequence: TDT 2180, offered in the fall, is the same course as TDT 2190, offered in the spring.)

Credits: 2

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 2190: Properties Construction I

Craft training in the construction of stage properties: learning basic approaches to upholstery and drapery, learning different sculpturing techniques, and creating prop lists with an emphasis on research, both historical and pictorial. Visual resources are used to push students out of their comfort zone in the ways they approach projects (both independently and in groups, depending on the project). (This is not a two-semester sequence: TDT 2180, offered in the fall, is the same course as TDT 2190, offered in the spring.)

Credits: 2

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 2200: Scene Design I

Basic principles and practice of scene design, including script analysis. Composition and focus in scene design, developing acting areas, entrances, exits, and movement patterns. Research period architecture, art, and dress while refining drafting skills: complete ground plans and sections with masking, fully drafted elevations, color sketches, and a white model. All of these areas have preliminary, refined, and finished stages. Fall: Greek play with classical elements in period and Molière play with limitations of period style. Spring: Modern plays, one with exterior and one with period interior box set with ceiling.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT1080 And TDT1210

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 2210: Scene Design II

Basic principles and practice of scene design, including script analysis. Composition and focus in scene design, developing acting areas, entrances, exits, and movement patterns. Research period architecture, art, and dress while refining drafting skills: complete ground plans and sections with masking, fully drafted elevations, color

sketches, and a white model. All of these areas have preliminary, refined, and finished stages. Fall: Greek play with classical elements in period and Molière play with limitations of period style. Spring: Modern plays, one with exterior and one with period interior box set with ceiling.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT1080 And TDT1210

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 2250: Stage Carpentry

An expansion of the theories and practices of stagecraft in a studio setting. Includes standard practices involved in stagecraft and accepted construction techniques.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: TDT1110

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 2300: Costume Design I

An introduction to concept, costume rendering, character extension, and historical research.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT1210

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 2310: Costume Design I

An introduction to concept, costume rendering, character extension, and historical research.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT1210

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 2400: Lighting Design I

An introduction to concept-based lighting design in the theatre. Through play analysis and practical lab exercises, students begin to comprehend the connections between color, equipment, angles of light, etc. and how these are used to support their ideas and feelings on stage. Students also obtain a basic knowledge of lighting rendering, equipment, history, theory, drafting, etc., and have the opportunity to observe working professionals during technical and dress rehearsals of outside productions.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT1210

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 2410: Lighting Design I

An introduction to concept-based lighting design in the theatre. Through play analysis and practical lab exercises, students begin to comprehend the connections between color, equipment, angles of light, etc. and how these are used to support their ideas and feelings on stage. Students also obtain a basic knowledge of lighting rendering, equipment, history, theory, drafting, etc., and have the opportunity to observe working professionals during technical and dress rehearsals of outside productions.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT1210

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 2440: Rendering and Graphic Techniques

Focuses on the development of painting and sketching techniques in all categories of theatre design. The primary goal is to assist student designers and technicians in pictorial explanations of their ideas.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: TDT1080 And TDT1210

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 2460: Rendering and Graphic Techniques

Focuses on the development of painting and sketching techniques in all categories of theatre design. The primary goal is to assist student designers and technicians in pictorial explanations of their ideas.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: TDT1080 And TDT1210

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 2500: Introduction to Sound Design

An introduction to audio for the theatre, covering the basic principles of sound design, reinforcement, equipment and technology, live recording, editing, and show control.

Credits: 2

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 2540: Sources of Stage Design

Lectures and research assignments in historical modes of decorative art and ornamentation (Greek through 18th century).

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 2600: Introduction to Stage Management

An introduction to the fundamental skills of stage management through each phase of the production process: preproduction, first rehearsal, rehearsal period, preparing for the tech, technical rehearsals, previews, opening, running of the show, and closing.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 2610: Introduction to Stage Management

An introduction to the fundamental skills of stage management through each phase of the production process: preproduction, first rehearsal, rehearsal period, preparing for the tech, technical rehearsals, previews, opening, running of the show, and closing.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 3008: Costume Design Seen Through Film

A survey of costume design that covers the creation of icons and myths as well as attempts to reinvent history by exploring self-definitions as individuals and groups, and by looking at people's need to express their subconscious and define themselves in historical context. R-rated films may contain some adult material (hard language, intense or persistent violence, sexually oriented nudity, drug abuse or other elements).

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 3080: Theatre Technology II

Focuses on the advanced technologies needed to understand and build complete structures. Topics include live load and structural computations, wood vs. steel structures, and rigging practices for large loads. An intensive research/drafting project is required.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT2090

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 3090: Theatre Technology II

Focuses on the advanced technologies needed to understand and build complete structures. Topics include live load and structural computations, wood vs. steel structures, and rigging practices for large loads. An intensive research/drafting project is required.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT2090

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 3120: Production III

An intensive studio course in which juniors are assigned to designer/technical director, crew head, and/or other crew positions.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT2130

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 3130: Production III

An intensive studio course in which juniors are assigned to designer/technical director, crew head, and/or other crew positions.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT2130

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 3160: Costume Construction II

Familiarizes students who are interested in a career in costume construction and/or design with the basics of textiles and related crafts. Focuses on textile identification, fiber classifications and painting, distressing/aging, and other related textile crafts.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 3170: Costume Construction II

Familiarizes students who are interested in a career in costume construction and/or design with the basics of textiles and related crafts. Focuses on textile identification, fiber classifications and painting, distressing/aging, and other related textile crafts.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 3200: Scene Design II

Students learn to develop a cohesive, unified design for a multiset show. Topics include finding design elements that flow through each set to give the sense of style and unity, working out ground plans and scene changes to assure speed and practicality, and using historical plays from several periods to evoke a sense for period style. Full drafting and model building with intensive work on sketching and rendering techniques to develop presentation-quality sketches.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT2210

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 3210: Scene Design II

Students learn to develop a cohesive, unified design for a multiset show. Topics include finding design elements that flow through each set to give the sense of style and unity, working out ground plans and scene changes to assure speed and practicality, and using historical plays from several periods to evoke a sense for period style. Full drafting and model building with intensive work on sketching and rendering techniques to develop presentation-quality sketches.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT2210

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 3300: Costume Design II

A continuation of TDT 2310, with emphasis on character and script analysis and on developing skills in color, line, proportion, scale, movement, and rhythm. Study involves historical reality and stylization with projects that address design theory and practical problems, research and chart making, as well as conceptualizing designs for dance, drama, and opera. Rendering technique workshops are included.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT2310

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 3310: Costume Design II

A continuation of TDT 2310, with emphasis on character and script analysis and on developing skills in color, line, proportion, scale, movement, and rhythm. Study involves historical reality and stylization with projects that address design theory and practical problems, research and chart making, as well as conceptualizing designs for dance, drama, and opera. Rendering technique workshops are included.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT2310

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 3350: Stage Combat for Stage Managers

A course in the foundation skills necessary for safe and dramatically effective techniques of staged combat.

Credits: 1

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 3400: Lighting Design II

A course in the foundation skills necessary for safe and dramatically effective techniques of staged combat.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT2410

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 3410: Lighting Design II

Continued study of lighting design principles, with emphasis on drafting and design of full-scale, concept-based light plots for the theatre.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT2410

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 3490: Model-Making Seminar

Focuses on the materials and methods used to construct scenic models for the designer. Students learn techniques that allow them to build accurate presentation models and work safely with various materials.

Credits: 1

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 3520: Vector Works

Covers the computer-aided drafting and graphic standards for lighting design used in the industry. Extensive out-of-class work is required. *Required for design/technology majors who are concentrating in lighting design.*

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT1080

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 3550: Directing for Stage Managers

The problems, requirements, and relationship of the stage manager to the director. This seminar deals with script analysis and technique of the designer, as well as the position of the actor as an instrument of the director and the play.

Credits: 2

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 3600: Advanced Stage Management

Thinking like a stage manager; the psychology of management; critical thinking, collaboration, conflict resolution, problem solving, principled negotiation, and leadership tools. Advanced stage management skills, e.g., calling a show, public speaking, scheduling, theatrical unions and contracts, preparing a Broadway musical, and the ins and outs of working as a professional freelance stage manager.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT2610

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 3610: Advanced Stage Management

Thinking like a stage manager; the psychology of management; critical thinking, collaboration, conflict resolution, problem solving, principled negotiation, and

leadership tools. Advanced stage management skills, e.g., calling a show, public speaking, scheduling, theatrical unions and contracts, preparing a Broadway musical, and the ins and outs of working as a professional freelance stage manager.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT2610

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 3620: Company Management

Examines the fundamental techniques and information needed for managing commercial and nonprofit theatrical productions. Students gain a working knowledge of union contracts, pricing, human resources, new media, publicity, and the rise of demand pricing, as well as contract negotiation and conflict resolution. The working relationships between the stage manager and producer(s) are also explored.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 3660: Production Management

This detailed look at the position of a production manager on Broadway takes students from the design process to the load-out of a show and introduces them to the inner workings of a Broadway musical and play.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 3700: CAD for the Theatre

An introduction to the theories and practices of computer-aided drafting for theatrical productions, including how to draw and organize DWG files so that a designer can express his or her designs to anyone working in the field. Emphasis is also placed on communication skills to help students become comfortable discussing projects with directors, other designers, and future employers. Includes in-class

participation, lectures, practical exercises, and critiques. (This is not a two-semester sequence: TDT 3700, offered in the fall, is the same course as TDT 3710, offered in the spring.)

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT1080

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 3710: CAD for the Theatre

An introduction to the theories and practices of computer-aided drafting for theatrical productions, including how to draw and organize DWG files so that a designer can express his or her designs to anyone working in the field. Emphasis is also placed on communication skills to help students become comfortable discussing projects with directors, other designers, and future employers. Includes in-class participation, lectures, practical exercises, and critiques. (This is not a two-semester sequence: TDT 3700, offered in the fall, is the same course as TDT 3710, offered in the spring.)

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT1080

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 3720: Computer Graphics and Techniques

Focuses on creating the skill sets necessary to adapt students' existing manual drawing and painting talents to the realm of computer-assisted media.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 4080: Theatre Technology III

A seminar covering a mixture of advanced scenery construction techniques and the set of managerial skills required to be a working professional in the industry.

Typically includes field trips to production venues in New York City, including shops, theatres, and studios, together with mock interviews and production/shop scenarios.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT3090

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 4090: Theatre Technology III

A seminar covering a mixture of advanced scenery construction techniques and the set of managerial skills required to be a working professional in the industry.

Typically includes field trips to production venues in New York City, including shops, theatres, and studios, together with mock interviews and production/shop scenarios.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT3090

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 4120: Production IV

An intensive studio course in which seniors are assigned to design, technical direct, assist, and hold crew head and/or crew positions.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT3130

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 4130: Production IV

An intensive studio course in which seniors are assigned to design, technical direct, assist, and hold crew head and/or crew positions.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT3130

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 4140: Stage Management/Tech/Design Production

An intensive studio course in which senior stage management and tech students staff conservatory productions on a supervisory level.

Credits: 6

PREREQ: TDT3130

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 4150: Stage Management/Tech/Design Production

An intensive studio course in which senior stage management and tech students staff conservatory productions on a supervisory level.

Credits: 6

PREREQ: TDT3130

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 4160: Costume Construction III

Fall: Construction techniques for dance costumes using stretch fabrics, including patterning, cutting, sewing, and fitting techniques. Also basic principles and construction of tutus and other classical dance costumes. Spring: Tailoring with an overview of the development of the three-piece suit (style details and construction). Basic techniques used in traditional tailoring and an exploration of theatrical methods of tailoring. Alteration techniques and some pattern making are included.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT3170

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 4170: Costume Construction III

Fall: Construction techniques for dance costumes using stretch fabrics, including patterning, cutting, sewing, and fitting techniques. Also basic principles and construction of tutus and other classical dance costumes. Spring: Tailoring with an overview of the development of the three-piece suit (style details and construction). Basic techniques used in traditional tailoring and an exploration of theatrical methods of tailoring. Alteration techniques and some pattern making are included.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT3170

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 4200: Scene Design III

Design projects developed to meet the needs of each student. Furthers the skill sets needed to become a working professional in the many mediums of scenic design.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT3210

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 4210: Scene Design III

Design projects developed to meet the needs of each student. Furthers the skill sets needed to become a working professional in the many mediums of scenic design.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT3210

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 4300: Costume Design III

Advanced design projects developed to meet the needs of each student. Furthers the skill sets needed to become a working professional in the many mediums of costume design.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT3310

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 4310: Costume Design III

Advanced design projects developed to meet the needs of each student. Furthers the skill sets needed to become a working professional in the many mediums of costume design.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT3310

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 4400: Lighting Design III

Advanced work in concept-based lighting design, preparing students to enter the professional community. Through class projects, lab exercises, guest lectures, and field trips, students master a wide range of lighting design mediums (e.g., theatre, opera, dance, television, video, corporate theatre, architectural). Students are exposed to automated and advanced lighting equipment, control consoles, channel assignment theory, the business of lighting, and industry leaders.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT3410

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 4410: Lighting Design III

Advanced work in concept-based lighting design, preparing students to enter the professional community. Through class projects, lab exercises, guest lectures, and field trips, students master a wide range of lighting design mediums (e.g., theatre, opera, dance, television, video, corporate theatre, architectural). Students are exposed to automated and advanced lighting equipment, control consoles, channel assignment theory, the business of lighting, and industry leaders.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT3410

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 4460: Collaborative Process

An analysis of current theatrical practices and the interaction of designer, technician, stage manager, actor, and director. Guest lecturers include leading industry figures who stress the various methods of collaboration.

Credits: 2

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 4605: Stage Management Seminar

Focuses on methods, practices, theory, and organizational structures specific to Broadway and other commercial production environments.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT3610

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 4615: Stage Management Seminar

Focuses on methods, practices, theory, and organizational structures specific to Broadway and other commercial production environments.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: TDT3610

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 4770: Seminar in Production Design/Art Direction

Advanced studies in the art of scenery for film and television. Explores similarities to and differences from the theatrical model involved in the creation of the changing frame with varying camera angles.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

TDT 4880: Portfolio

Discussion of the skill sets, techniques, and requirements needed to enter the professional community.

Credits: 1

Department: Theatre Design/Technology

Costume Design (Theatre Design/Technology)

Description:

The costume designers' primary responsibility is to be part of the design team that transforms the words of a play into visual imageries.

They are involved in developing conceptual and artistic ideas that will be used to guide the imageries for a production. The conservatory encourages its students to discover their own processes of formulating design ideas and to develop a discriminating standard for their own endeavors. Above all, it prepares them for creative and meaningful professional lives in the broad range of theatre activities.

Designers learn to visualize the world of plays through the garments and clothing the actors wear while collaborating with directors, actors, other designers and technicians, and the professional staff and students in the costume shop. Students learn from a distinguished faculty of professional

designers and artists, both in the classroom and through individual guidance and advising during production work.

Students receive formal and informal feedback from faculty through portfolio presentations of their work each year. In addition, classes in costume technology are also available—the costume technology artisan takes the costume designer’s vision and physically creates them. The four-year curriculum in many ways simulates a costume designer’s and a costume technician’s professional experience and process.

Requirements:

In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, all undergraduate theatre design/technology majors concentrating in costume design must complete the following requirements (101 credits). ACT 1250 (freshman year) and ACT 2100 may be counted toward the liberal arts requirement (30 credits minimum) for the BFA.

Freshman Year: 25 credits

The **freshman year requirements** are the same for all undergraduate theatre design/technology majors.

Sophomore Year: 32 credits

Fall: 17 credits

- TDT 2120/Production II*/ 3 credits
- TDT 2160/Costume Construction I*/ 3 credits
- TDT 2200/Scene Design I/ 3 credits
- TDT 2300/Costume Design I*/ 3 credits
- TDT 2440/Rendering and Graphic Techniques*/ 2 credits
- TDT 2540/Sources of Stage Design/ 3 credits

Spring: 15 credits

- ACT 2100/History of the Theatre/ 4 credits
- TDT 2130/Production II*/ 3 credits
- TDT 2170/Costume Construction I*/ 3 credits
- TDT 2310/Costume Design I*/ 3 credits
- TDT 2460/Rendering and Graphic Techniques*/ 2 credits

**Part One and Two (two-semester course)*

Junior Year: 25 credits

Fall: 10 credits

- ACT 2610/Stage Makeup*/ 1 credit
- TDT 3120/Production III*/ 3 credits
- TDT 3160/Costume Construction II*/ 3 credits
- TDT 3300/Costume Design II*/ 3 credits

Spring: 15 credits

- ACT 2620/Stage Makeup*/ 1 credit
- TDT 3130/Production III*/ 3 credits
- TDT 3170/Costume Construction II*/ 3 credits
- TDT 3310/Costume Design II*/ 3 credits
- TDT 3720/Computer Graphics and Techniques/ 3 credits
- TDT 4460/Collaborative Process/ 2 credits

**Part One and Two (two-semester course)*

Senior Year: 19 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- TDT 2400/Lighting Design I/ 3 credits
- TDT 4120/Production IV/ 3 credits
- TDT 4300/Costume Design III*/3 credits

Spring: 10 credits

- TDT 4150/Stage Management/Tech/Design Production/ 6 credits
- TDT 4310/Costume Design III*/ 3 credits
- TDT 4880/Portfolio/ 1 credit

Costume Technology (Theatre Design/Technology)

Description:

The costume technician's primary responsibility is to take the costume designer's vision and physically create it.

They are involved in developing conceptual and artistic ideas that will be used to guide the imageries for a production. The conservatory encourages its students to discover their own processes of formulating design ideas and to develop a discriminating standard for their own endeavors. Above all, it prepares them for creative and meaningful professional lives in the broad range of theatre activities.

Designers learn to visualize the world of plays through the garments and clothing the actors wear while collaborating with directors, actors, other designers and technicians, and the professional staff and students in the costume shop. Students learn from a distinguished faculty of professional designers and artists, both in the classroom and through individual guidance and advising during production work.

Students receive formal and informal feedback from faculty through portfolio presentations of their work each year. The four-year curriculum in many ways simulates a costume designer's and a costume technician's professional experience and process.

Requirements:

In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, all undergraduate theatre design/technology majors concentrating in costume technology must complete the following requirements (99 credits). ACT 1250 (freshman year) and ACT 2100 may be counted toward the liberal arts requirement (30 credits minimum) for the BFA.

Freshman Year: 25 credits

*The **freshman year requirements** are the same for all undergraduate theatre design/technology majors.*

Sophomore Year: 29 credits

Fall: 14 credits

- TDT 2120/Production II*/ 3 credits
- TDT 2160/Costume Construction I*/ 3 credits
- TDT 2300/Costume Design I*/ 3 credits
- TDT 2440/Rendering and Graphic Techniques*/ 2 credits
- TDT 2540/Sources of Stage Design/ 3 credits

Spring: 15 credits

- ACT 2100/History of the Theatre/ 4 credits
- TDT 2130/Production II*/ 3 credits
- TDT 2170/Costume Construction I*/ 3 credits
- TDT 2310/Costume Design I*/ 3 credits
- TDT 2460/Rendering and Graphic Techniques*/ 2 credits

*Part One and Two (two-semester course)

Junior Year: 25 credits

Fall: 12 credits

- TDT 2200/Scene Design I/ 3 credits
- TDT 3120/Production III*/ 3 credits
- TDT 3160/Costume Construction II*/ 3 credits
- TDT 3300/Costume Design II*/ 3 credits

Spring: 13 credits

- TDT 2190/Properties Construction I/ 2 credits
- TDT 3310/Costume Design II/ 3 credits
- TDT 3130/Production III*/ 3 credits

- TDT 3170/Costume Construction II*/ 3 credits
- TDT 4460/Collaborative Process/ 2 credits

*Part One and Two (two-semester course)

Senior Year: 20 credits

Fall: 10 credits

- ACT 2610/Stage Makeup/ 1 credit
- TDT 2400/Lighting Design I/ 3 credits
- TDT 4120/Production IV/ 3 credits
- TDT 4160/Costume Construction III*/ 3 credits

Spring: 10 credits

- TDT 4150/Stage Management/Tech/Design Production/ 6 credits
- TDT 4170/Costume Construction III*/ 3 credits
- TDT 4880/Portfolio/ 1 credit

*Part One and Two (two-semester course)

Lighting Design (Theatre Design/Technology)

Description:

The lighting designer's primary responsibility is to develop conceptual and artistic ideas that will be used to guide the design of the lighting for a production.

As a member of the design team, the lighting designer has a significant impact on the visual unity of a production and is responsible for producing the light plot and all related paperwork. Working with the director, the other designers, and other members of the production staff, the lighting designer develops a cohesive design that supports the other aspects of design for the production and helps to create and define the environment of the production.

Requirements:

In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, all undergraduate theatre design/technology majors concentrating in lighting design must complete the following requirements (98 credits). ACT 1250 (freshman year) and ACT 2100 may be counted toward the liberal arts requirement (30 credits minimum) for the BFA.

Freshman Year: 25 credits

The **freshman year requirements** are the same for all undergraduate theatre design/technology majors.

Sophomore Year: 31 credits

Fall: 17 credits

- TDT 2080/Theatre Technology I/ 3 credits
- TDT 2120/Production II*/ 3 credits
- TDT 2400/Lighting Design I*/ 3 credits
- TDT 2440/Rendering and Graphic Techniques*/ 2 credits
- TDT 2540/Sources of Stage Design/ 3 credits
- TDT 3700/CAD for the Theatre/ 3 credits

Spring: 14 credits

- ACT 2100/History of the Theatre/ 4 credits
- TDT 2130/Production II*/ 3 credits
- TDT 2410/Lighting Design I*/ 3 credits
- TDT 2460/Rendering and Graphic Techniques*/ 2 credits
- TDT 2500/Introduction to Sound Design/ 2 credits

*Part One and Two (two-semester course)

Junior Year: 23 credits

Fall: 12 credits

- TDT 2200/Scene Design I/ 3 credits

- TDT 3120/Production III*/ 3 credits
- TDT 3400/Lighting Design II*/ 3 credits
- TDT 3520/Vector Works/ 3 credits

Spring: 11 credits

- TDT 3130/Production III*/ 3 credits
- TDT 3410/Lighting Design II*/ 3 credits
- TDT 3720/Computer Graphics and Techniques/ 3 credits
- TDT 4460/Collaborative Process/ 2 credits

*Part One and Two (two-semester course)

Senior Year: 19 credits

Fall: 12 credits

- TDT 2300/Costume Design I/ 3 credits
- TDT 2600/Introduction to Stage Management/ 3 credits
- TDT 4120/Production IV*/ 3 credits
- TDT 4400/Lighting Design III*/ 3 credits

Spring: 7 credits

- TDT 4130/Production IV*/ 3 credits
- TDT 4410/Lighting Design III*/ 3 credits
- TDT 4880/Portfolio/ 1 credit

*Part One and Two (two-semester course)

Scenic Design (Theatre Design/Technology)

Description:

It is the responsibility of the scenic designer to collaborate with the director and develop the conceptual ideas that will inform the look and functionality of the scenic design.

The scenic designer must work closely with other members of the design team and communicate clearly—through technical drawings, color elevations, scale models, color renderings, and research—all the information necessary to realize the scenic design. Working with the director, the other designers, the technical director, and other members of the production staff, the scenic designer must develop a cohesive design that provides an effective setting for the production.

Requirements:

In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, all undergraduate theatre design/technology majors concentrating in scenic design must complete the following requirements (99 credits). ACT 1250 (freshman year) and ACT 2100 may be counted toward the liberal arts requirement (30 credits minimum) for the BFA.

Freshman Year: 25 credits

*The **freshman year requirements** are the same for all undergraduate theatre design/technology majors.*

Sophomore Year: 30 credits

Fall: 16 credits

- TDT 2120/Production II*/ 3 credits
- TDT 2180/Properties Construction I/ 2 credits
- TDT 2200/Scene Design I*/ 3 credits
- TDT 2440/Rendering and Graphic Techniques*/ 2 credits
- TDT 2540/Sources of Stage Design/3 credits
- TDT 3700/CAD for the Theatre/3 credits

Spring: 14 credits

- ACT 2100/History of the Theatre/ 4 credits
- TDT 2130/Production II*/ 3 credits

- TDT 2150/Scene Painting/ 2 credits
- TDT 2210/Scene Design I*/ 3 credits
- TDT 2460/Rendering and Graphic Techniques*/ 2 credits

*Part One and Two (two-semester course)

Junior Year: 25 credits

Fall: 14 credits

- TDT 2080/Theatre Technology I/ 3 credits
- TDT 2140/Scene Painting / 2 credits
- TDT 3120/Production III*/ 3 credits
- TDT 3200/Scene Design II* 3 credits
- TDT 4770/Seminar in Production Design/Art Direction / 3 credits

Spring: 11 credits

- TDT 3130/Production III*/ 3 credits
- TDT 3210/Scene Design II*/ 3 credits
- TDT 3720/Computer Graphics and Techniques / 3 credits
- TDT 4460/Collaborative Process / 2 credits

*Part One and Two (two-semester course)

Senior Year: 19 credits

Fall: 12 credits

- TDT 2300/Costume Design I/ 3 credits
- TDT 2400/Lighting Design I / 3 credits
- TDT 4120/Production IV*/ 3 credits
- TDT 4200/Scene Design III*/ 3 credits

Spring: 7 credits

- TDT 4130/Production IV*/ 3 credits
- TDT 4210/Scene Design III*/ 3 credits
- TDT 4880/Portfolio/ 1 credit

*Part One and Two (two-semester course)

Stage Management (Theatre Design/Technology)

Description:

The stage manager is responsible for managing the rehearsal process of a production and acting as the liaison between the rehearsal process and the members of the production team.

In many cases, the stage manager is the one person working on a production who is responsible for coordination between all areas of a production. The stage manager is responsible for scheduling rehearsals and production meetings; tracking of blocking, props, scenic, and lighting changes; and a lengthy list of other duties. Working with the director, designers, and other members of the production, the stage manager plays a significant role in bringing a production together as a whole.

Requirements:

In addition to meeting general degree requirements, all undergraduate theatre design/technology majors concentrating in stage management must complete the following requirements (96.5 credits). ACT 1250 (freshman year) and ACT 2100 may be counted toward the liberal arts requirement (30 credits minimum) for the BFA.

Freshman Year: 25 credits

The freshman year requirements are the same for all undergraduate theatre design/technology majors.

Sophomore Year: 27 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- TDT 2120/Production II*/ 3 credits

- TDT 2400/Lighting Design I/ 3 credits
- TDT 2600/Introduction to Stage Management/ 3 credits

Spring: 18 credits

- ACT 2100/History of the Theatre/ 4 credits
- TDT 2045/Music Reading for Stage Managers/ 1 credit
- TDT 2130/Production II*/ 3 credits
- TDT 2170/Costume Construction I/ 3 credits
- TDT 2190/Properties Construction I/ 2 credits
- TDT 2500/Introduction to Sound Design/ 2 credits
- TDT 2610/Introduction to Stage Management/ 3 credits

**Part One and Two (two-semester course)*

Junior Year: 23 credits

Fall: 11.5 credits

- TDT 2080/Theatre Technology I/ 3 credits
- TDT 3120/Production III*/ 3 credits
- TDT 3350/Stage Combat for Stage Managers/ 1 credit
- TDT 3550/Directing for Stage Managers/ 2 credits
- TDT 3600/Advanced Stage Management*/ 3 credits

Spring: 11 credits

- TDT 3130/Production III*/ 3 credits
- TDT 3610/Advanced Stage Management*/ 3 credits
- TDT 3660/Production Management/ 3 credits
- TDT 4460/Collaborative Process/ 2 credits

**Part One and Two (two-semester course)*

Senior Year: 22 credits

Fall: 12 credits

- TDT 3620/Company Management/ 3 credits
- TDT 4140/Stage Management/Tech/Design Production*/ 6 credits
- TDT 4605/Stage Management Seminar*/ 3 credits

Spring: 10 credits

- TDT 4150/Stage Management/Tech/Design Production*/ 6 credits
- TDT 4615/Stage Management Seminar*/ 3 credits
- TDT 4880/Portfolio/ 1 credit

*Part One and Two (two-semester course)

Technical Direction / Production Management (Theatre Design/Technology)

Description:

The technical director, working collaboratively with the scenic designer and others, is responsible for the execution of the scenic elements of a production.

This process includes bidding, scheduling, developing technical elevations, supervising crews, budget management, and coordinating with the other departments that are working on the production. Additionally, the technical director is responsible for supervising and coordinating the load-in of scenery and other physical elements of the production into the theatre, helping to organize scene changes that involve moving scenery, and supervising the load-out of the production when the run is over.

The production manager does for the entire production much of what the technical director does for the scenic elements. Collaborating and working with the director, stage managers, designers, shop heads, and others, the production manager helps to ensure that the production as a whole is realized in the best possible way.

Requirements:

In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, all undergraduate theatre design/technology majors concentrating in technical direction/production management must complete the following requirements (103 credits). ACT 1250 (freshman year) and ACT 2100 may be counted toward the liberal arts requirement (30 credits minimum) for the BFA.

Freshman Year: 25 credits

The **freshman year requirements** are the same for all undergraduate theatre design/technology majors.

Sophomore Year: 31 credits

Fall: 14 credits

- TDT 2080/Theatre Technology I*/ 3 credits
- TDT 2120/Production II*/ 3 credits
- TDT 2250/Stage Carpentry/ 2 credits
- TDT 2400/Lighting Design I/ 3 credits
- TDT 2600/Introduction to Stage Management. 3 credits

Spring: 17 credits

- ACT 2100/History of the Theatre/ 4 credits
- TDT 2090/Theatre Technology I*/ 3 credits
- TDT 2130/Production II*/ 3 credits
- TDT 2190/Properties Construction I/ 2 credits
- TDT 2500/Introduction to Sound Design/ 2 credits
- TDT 3710/CAD for the Theatre/ 3 credits

*Part One and Two (two-semester course)

Junior Year: 25 credits

Fall: 9 credits

- TDT 2200/Scene Design I/ 3 credits

- TDT 3080/Theatre Technology II*/ 3 credits
- TDT 3120/Production III*/ 3 credits

Spring: 16 credits

- TDT 2150/Scene Painting/ 2 credits
- TDT 2170/Costume Construction I/ 3 credits
- TDT 3090/Theatre Technology II*/ 3 credits
- TDT 3130/Production III*/ 3 credits
- TDT 3660/Production Management/ 3 credits
- TDT 4460/Collaborative Process/ 2 credits

*Part One and Two (two-semester course)

Senior Year: 22 credits

Fall: 12 credits

- TDT 2540/Sources of Stage Design/ 3 credits
- TDT 4080/Theatre Technology III*/ 3 credits
- TDT 4140/Stage Management/Tech/Design Production*/ 6 credits

Spring: 10 credits

- TDT 4090/Theatre Technology III*/ 3 credits
- TDT 4150/Stage Management/Tech/Design Production*/ 6 credits
- TDT 4880/Portfolio/ 1 credit

*Part One and Two (two-semester course)

Theatre and Performance

Description:

The BA major in Theatre and Performance is designed for intellectually curious, adventurous, and bold theatre makers and thinkers.

The program provides a solid liberal arts education in the theatre, combining academic scholarship and artistic practice, with particular emphasis on theatre as a forum for collaboration, experimentation, and social engagement.

Academic Excellence

Students in Theatre and Performance engage equally in “thinking” and “doing,” with foundational courses in theatre history and dramatic literature, electives in multiple theatrical cultures and innovative modes of creation, and practical courses in the art of making theatre. Majors have numerous opportunities to gain experience in a variety of creative roles, including acting, design, directing, dramaturgy, playwriting, production, and stage management. They are also encouraged to enhance their education with courses in disciplines across the college, as well as in study abroad programs.

Artistic Exploration

The BA in Theatre and Performance produces a vibrant theatre season, consisting of professionally directed Mainstage productions, focusing on new and innovative plays, as well as student-created projects that have run the gamut from devised ensemble pieces to solo performances to reinterpreted classics. The new and state-of-the-art Center for Media, Film, and Theatre (CMFT), with two flexible black box spaces, is the principal venue for the program’s performances.

Whether witnessing world-renowned performers at the Performing Arts Center, learning from invited guest artists, or taking sponsored trips to such venues as the Brooklyn Academy of Music, Playwright’s Horizons, New York Theatre Workshop, and Theatre for a New Audience, students will experience the best of contemporary theatre—and participate in creating the theatre of the future.

Social Engagement

The BA Program in Theatre and Performance is designed for students who understand theatre as a means of engaging with the world, and they are encouraged to pursue projects that express their own perspectives and concerns. In Applied Theatre, students have further opportunities to engage in social justice movements through the art of theatre. Graduates of the program, whether working in the professional theatre, education, or other fields, bring their experience of creativity, collaboration, and community into their careers.

Please note: Admission to the Theatre and Performance BA program is separate from and has no bearing on admission to the Acting BFA program.

Requirements:

In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, all theatre and performance majors must meet the following requirements (45–49 credits).

Students who declare this major must earn a grade of C or higher in all courses required for the major, excluding the senior project. To progress in the major, students who do not meet this minimum grade standard must repeat the course(s).

Six foundation courses: 18 credits

- THP 2020/Introduction to Theatre and Performance Studies: 3 credits
- THP 2200/Theatre and Performance Production: 2 credits*
- THP 2205/Shakespeare Then and Now: 3 credits
- THP 2885/Theatre Histories I: 3 credits
- THP 2890/Theatre Histories II: 3 credits
- THP 2895/Production Practicum: 4 credits

*THP 2200 is a 1-credit course that must be taken twice (2 credits total). Transfer students need to take it only one time (1 credit).

Five elective courses: 16–20 credits

Students choose five electives in consultation with their faculty advisor. Independent studies and internships cannot be used to satisfy this requirement. At least three of these electives must be upper level (3000 or 4000), including at least one in dramatic literature or theory. In most cases, courses taken to fulfill this upper-level electives requirement also fulfill the senior project prerequisites.

Synthesis courses: 11 credits

- THP 3890/Junior Seminar: 3 credits
- SPJ 4990/Senior Project I: 4 credits
- SPJ 4991/Senior Project II: 4 credits

Internships and study abroad are highly recommended. Courses in other disciplines (outside the major) may count toward requirements for the major if approved in advance by the department chair.

Transfer students may meet some requirements for the major with courses taken elsewhere, subject to approval by the department chair and the registrar.

Junior Seminar and Senior Project

Students normally take the junior seminar (THP 3890) in the spring of their junior year, during which they develop and submit their senior project proposal for approval. The senior project is normally completed during the fall and spring of the senior year in one of the following areas (or a combination of these areas):

- Directing
- Writing for the stage or performance composition
- Production (including stage managing or designing and executing the design for a production)
- Performance practice (including acting a major role in a faculty-supervised student production or a faculty-directed production)
- Alternative performance practices (e.g., solo or devised performance)
- Theatre history, theory, or criticism (an academic essay)
- Dramaturgy
- Applied Theatre

All creative senior projects (in acting, directing, solo performance, design and writing for the stage) require a statement of artistic aims, a contextual research essay, and technical essay evaluating the process and results of the creative project.

Specific elective courses are prerequisites for each of these types of senior projects, as listed below. Students should consult closely with their faculty advisor to ensure that these courses have been completed by the end of the junior year.

In most cases, students must receive formal approval of their senior project proposal by the end of the junior seminar. Acceptance of proposals is not automatic—it is dependent on adequate student preparation and fulfillment of required courses, as well as faculty availability and expertise. Students may be asked to submit an alternate proposal or take additional courses before proceeding. The number of students pursuing a particular type of senior project may be limited, subject to approval by the theatre and performance faculty.

Advanced students who plan to explore the intersections of two or more areas in their senior project should consult with their faculty advisor well in advance to shape an acceptable course of study and senior project.

The following elective courses are prerequisites for the senior project, and must be completed prior to enrolling in Senior Project I.

Directing

Prerequisites (12 credits):

1. THP 3680/Directing I (4 credits)
2. THP 3681/Directing II (4 credits)

3. Choose (1) of the following- may be taken concurrently with Senior Project I
- THP 3115/Immersive Storyworlds (4 credits)
 - THP 3640/Theatre Design for Directors (4 credits)
 - THP 3730/Collaborative Directing and Devising (3 credits)
 - THP 3735/Embodied Images: Directing as Composition (4 credits)
 - THP 4150/Directing Chekhov (4 credits)

Recommended:

Internship, dramaturge, or assistant director experience with productions in the Conservatory of Theatre Arts (junior or senior year)

Writing for the stage

Prerequisites (12 credits):

- 1. PSW 1000/Playwriting I (4 credits)
- 2. PSW 2010/Playwriting II (4 credits)
 - or an alternative, approved course in performance composition
- 3. PSW3155/The Art of Rewriting (4 credits) or an approved alternative course in performance composition may be taken concurrently with Senior Project I.

Production

Prerequisites (10 credits):

- 1. THP 2800/Managing the Production (3 credits)
- 2. THP 3640/Theatre Design for Directors (4 credits)
- 3. An additional design or management course (3 credits) †

† Students who successfully complete THP 2895 and 3640 may be allowed to enroll in one or more of the following theatre design/technology courses:

- TDT 2080/Theatre Technology I
- TDT 2200/Scene Design I
- TDT 2300/Costume Design I
- TDT 2400/Lighting Design I

† Students who successfully complete THP 2800 may be allowed to enroll in the following theatre design/technology course:

- TDT 2600/Introduction to Stage Management

Performance practice

Prerequisites (15 credits):

1. THP 1055/Fundamentals of Acting (3 credits)
2. THP 2500/Movement for Performers I (2 credits) **or** THP 3150 / Introduction to Lecoq and Physical Performance (3 credits) **or** THP 2770/ Movement: The Physical Instrument (2 credits)
3. THP 3050/Voice and Speech Essentials (3 credits)
4. THP 3070/Acting Scene Study (3 credits)
5. One course in performance composition, directing, or writing for the stage (4 credits)

Alternative performance practices

Prerequisites (11–12 credits):

1. THP1055/Fundamentals of Acting (3 credits)
2. THP 2500/Movement for Performers I (2 credits) **or** THP 3150 / Introduction to Lecoq and Physical Performance (3 credits) **or** THP 2770/ Movement: The Physical Instrument (2 credits)
3. THP 3050/Voice and Speech Essentials (3 credits)
4. THP –/One alternative performance-practices course in performance composition; for example:
THP 3510/Solo Performance: Performing the Self in Society (4 credits) or
THP 3685/Ensemble Creation (3 credits)

Theatre history, theory, or criticism

Prerequisites (8 credits):

1. THP 3250/Theories of Drama and Performance (4 credits)
2. An upper-level course in dramatic literature (4 credits)

Students who are planning a senior project in performance studies should consult with their faculty advisor about additional course options.

Dramaturgy

Prerequisites (8 credits):

1. THP 3000/Dramaturgy (4 credits)
2. THP 3500/Documentary Theatre: Performing Real Life (4 credits) or PSW 1000/Playwriting I (4 credits) or THP 3680/Directing I (4 credits)

Applied Theatre

Prerequisites: (10-11 credits)

1. THP 2050/Introduction to Applied Theatre, 3 credits
2. Two Electives
 - THP 3500/Documentary Theatre, 4 credits
 - SCP 3356/ Theatre of the Oppressed, 3 credits
 - THP 3270/Theatre, Truth and Reconciliation, 4 credits
 - Internship with applied Theatre Ensemble, 4 credits
 - Study Abroad, THP3405/ Indigenous Rights and Performing Arts in Guatemala, 3 credits
 - THP 3660/Theatre and the Climate Crises, 4 credits
 - THP 3660/Theatre and the Climate Crises, 4 credits
 - THP 3400/Theatre in Prague, 6 credits

Minor requirements:

The minor in theatre and performance provides students with the opportunity to pursue an interest in the discipline without committing to the full array of requirements for the major.

Students interested in the minor should consult with a member of the [theatre and performance faculty](#), then submit a completed [Application for a Program of Minor Study](#). Upon admission to the minor, the student will be assigned a minor advisor from the theatre and performance faculty.

Academic Requirements for the Minor in Theatre and Performance

Five courses, to include:

- Three of the following lower-level foundation courses:
THP 2020/Introduction to Theatre and Performance Studies (3 credits)

- THP 2205/Shakespeare Then and Now (3 credits)
- THP 2885/Theatre Histories I (3 credits)
- THP 2890/Theatre Histories II (3 credits)
- THP 2895/Production Practicum (4 credits)
- Plus two upper-level (3000–4000) electives in theatre and performance

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Courses

ANT 3350: Myth, Ritual, and Performance

How have myth, ritual, and performance functioned as ways to comprehend, organize, and even generate the world around us? What are the values and constraints of symbolic structures as they shape and influence bodies and

environments? Students consider both structural and poststructural approaches to performance as a medium for exploring, but also transgressing, structures of everyday life.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: ANT1500 Or THP2020 Or MSA1050 Or MSA1050

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JOU 3780: Criticism/Reviewing Workshop

An introduction to styles of criticism and a practical course in writing short, critical essays (reviews) on the performing and visual arts. On-campus plays and films are assigned; students write about theatre, film, music, dance, painting, and other art forms.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: JOU2515

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JST 3709: Theatrical Representations of the Holocaust

Critics agree that the world of the concentration camps and ghettos is impossible to duplicate on stage. Despite serious aesthetic and practical constraints, playwrights in Europe, Israel, and America have, for the last five decades, created a diverse group of plays dealing with this unprecedented 20th-century event. Works examined in class include documentary dramas, realistic reenactments, absurdist plays, a comedy, and a standup routine.

Credits: 4

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LIT 3532: Body, Race, Performance

How does embodiment reveal shifting notions of race, gender, sexuality, and ability? Students read performance theory and explore contemporary representations of

bodies as sites of display, resistance, and re-construction in literature, performance, and everyday practices in transnational and intersectional contexts. Authors include Ntozake Shange, NourbeSe Philip, Jackie Sibblies Drury, Branden Jacob-Jenkins, and David Henry Hwang.

Credits: 4

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PHI 3205: Shakespeare and Philosophy

Explores what the French philosopher Emmanuel Levinas might have meant when he wrote that “all of philosophy may be found in the plays of Shakespeare.” The focus is on a close study of selected works, together with commentary by such thinkers as Hegel, Nietzsche, Freud, Derrida, Cavell, and Critchley. Plays include *Hamlet*, *Richard II*, *Coriolanus*, *As You Like It*, *Measure for Measure*, *The Tempest*, and *King Lear*.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: THP2205 Or PHI1515 Or PHI2110

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PSW 3155: The Art of Rewriting: Killing Our Darlings

An exploration of revision techniques and strategies in a workshop environment. Students revise existing material through examinations of character, dialogue, and structure; text analysis; and other tools. First drafts and production drafts of contemporary American plays are also studied and discussed.

Credits: 4

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PSW 3310: Book Writing: Story Structure in Musical Theatre

Examines the history and craft of storytelling in musical theatre. Students consider song topic and placement to structure a short original musical. The ability to read and write music is not required.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: PSW1000 And PSW1010

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SCP 3356: Theatre of the Oppressed: Process to Action

Exploring techniques of Augusto Boal's Theatre of the Oppressed, this course uses the arsenal of Theatre of the Oppressed exercises as a process to further understand self, each other, and surrounding social systems. Individual project forms may vary (sculpture, writing, etc.). In addition, the class makes a forum theatre piece to be performed with the campus community.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre and Performance

SPA 3715: Modern Hispanic Theatre

In this examination of the modern theatre of Spain and Latin America, students read and analyze plays from Spanish-speaking countries in their aesthetic and cultural contexts. When possible, students perform scenes from some of the plays.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 1055: Fundamentals of Acting

Students work on basic acting skills, e.g., developing the ability to produce free, imaginative, and purposeful behavior in relation to environments, objects, and other persons; individual silent exercises; and group exercises. This work leads to in-class performances of selected scenes from a variety of American contemporary plays, with special focus on the sensory requirements in the text. *No previous experience required.*

Credits: 3

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THP 1100: Theatre Games

Explore improvisation and performance techniques through the practical study of theatre games as developed by Viola Spolin in her seminal book, "Improvisation for the Theater." Students study this text and practice Spolin's games and those in her lineage as an introduction to improvisation, leading to longer-form exercises which culminate in an improvised performance at the end of the semester.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 2000: Acting the Classics

Integrates discussions, readings, presentations, viewings, and exercises to teach students an appreciation of the elements of both classical and contemporary theatre and performing arts. The acting techniques of Stanislavsky and Uta Hagen, among others, are used to analyze and understand classic modern drama. Students develop dramatic tools for creating new realities via acting and directing in both solo and group performances. Readings include works by Chekhov, Ibsen, Lorca, and Havel.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 2020: Introduction to Theatre and Performance Studies

An introduction to dramatic literature and theory and to seeing, writing about, and participating in theatre and performance.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 2050: Introduction to Applied Theatre

An introduction to the methods and goals of Applied Theatre, which generates theatre as a participatory community practice, often in non-traditional settings and

with marginalized groups, focusing on issues of social justice, education, and human rights.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 2200: Theatre and Performance Production

Students work in a variety of capacities in productions within the theatre and performance program. *Graded on a pass/fail basis.*

Credits: 1

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 2205: Shakespeare Then and Now

Selected plays spanning Shakespeare's entire career. In addition to close reading and textual interpretation, students address questions and problems of performing, directing, lighting, costuming, and set designing Shakespeare's plays. The course examines past and current trends in Shakespearean criticism, as well as the social and theatrical contexts in which the plays were first produced.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 2210: Consent in Performance

This class introduces students to the language, process, and best practices of intimacy direction and coordination for consent in the creation and realization of performance. Students engage in discussions of terms and theory, learning the fundamentals of approaching material that is intimate in nature, and creating artistic settings where best practices can be enacted and assessed.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 2350: A Live Art Investigation of Benin and West African Culture

Learning from west African dancers, musicians, religious practitioners, and theater performers, students will dance daily, explore traditional/ritual based movement/music of indigenous religions/customs, and create sketches of daily life to explore and reflect on the customs and traditions of Beninese culture. Service learning will extend civic engagement for the same purposes.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 2380: Performing Oral History and Poetry

Students learn to transform poetry and personal stories into short plays and performance pieces. Poetry and movement are used to create choreopoems. Students also develop interview theatre pieces. Readings and/or video viewings include works by Ntozake Shange, Eve Ensler, and Anna Deavere Smith.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 2500: Movement for Performers I

An introduction to dramatic movement for the stage. Technique, improvisation, repertoire, and composition are explored, using physical language. Students work on solos, duets, and in groups with text, objects, and music. Assignments include classroom presentations, readings, and papers. Videotapes are reviewed and discussed.

Credits: 2

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 2520: Unarmed Stage Combat and Intimacy

Students learn skills involving unarmed staged fighting for theater and film, incorporating spatial awareness, body language and expression, and working with a

partner in a physical capacity, with an emphasis on safety protocols and body autonomy.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 2600: American Drama: 1916-1964

American drama considered primarily as a critique of American society, values, and life. Covers the period from 1916 to 1964, including plays by Susan Glaspell, Eugene O'Neill, Clifford Odets, Lillian Hellman, Gertrude Stein, Thornton Wilder, Tennessee Williams, Arthur Miller, Lorraine Hansberry, Adrienne Kennedy, and Edward Albee.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 2770: Movement: The Physical Instrument

Explores anatomical and kinesthetic awareness of the body, developing concepts such as strength, alignment, mobility, gesture, and physical relationship. Applying modern dance technique, students engage in physical storytelling, improvisational movement, and emotional authenticity.

Credits: 2

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 2800: Managing the Production

An introduction to stage management, production, and company management. Students who successfully complete this course may be allowed to take TDT 2600.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 2885: Theatre Histories I

Western and world theatre from ancient Greece to 1642, when the theatres of Shakespeare's time were finally closed. What would now be called actors, playwrights, producers, directors, designers, and theatre architects are all considered.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 2890: Theatre Histories II

Western and world theatre from the 17th to the 20th centuries. Playwrights, actors, directors, producers, and designers; neoclassicism, romanticism, realism, naturalism, expressionism. This course begins where THP 2885 leaves off, but either can be taken independently.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 2895: Production Practicum

Students receive training in lighting (hanging, focusing, and maintaining), the use of power tools, and basic set construction. Elements of lighting and set design are also discussed. Requirements include work on a minimum of two productions in the Humanities Theatre as crew and board operators.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3000: Dramaturgy

Focuses on the relationships among text, social context, production history, and directorial concept in staging a production. Includes play analysis, theoretical readings, research, student presentations, and analysis and discussion of campus productions. Research, writing, and oral presentations required.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: THP2885 Or THP2890

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3004: Creative Expression

Students create original stories from various sources of inspiration and gain the theatrical tools to tell them. The course focuses on ensemble creation and covers such areas as mime, heightened character, tréteaux, soundscapes, and object manipulation. Requirements include performing, directing, writing, and making props. Designed to help students get in touch with their creative side in a supportive group atmosphere. A background in performance/high school theatre is beneficial but not required.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3040: Creative Collaboration I for Actors and Directors

Offers film and television directors and actors the opportunity to develop their skills in communicating with each other. In a workshop environment, students rehearse short scenes, working alternately as actors and directors, and learn to communicate, give and take direction, and integrate feedback.

Credits: 2

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3041: Creative Collaboration II for Actors, Directors & Directors of Photography

Offers film/television directors, actors and directors of photography the opportunity to develop their skills in communicating with each other in a workshop environment. Students rehearse short scenes, working alternately as actors and directors, learning to communicate, give and take direction, and integrate feedback. DP's will become competent in building, operating and troubleshooting industry standard HD camera packages and accessories.

Credits: 2

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3050: Voice and Speech Essentials

Explores the fundamental connection between voice and text, based on Linklater technique. Using technical and imagistic exercises, students find a free connection to breath, develop resonance and range, release jaw, tongue, and throat tensions, and build vocal strength.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3070: Acting Scene Study

Focuses on characterization and motivation, with emphasis on interpretation, finding interesting choices for the actor, and the “truth of the moment.” Different contemporary plays and screenplays are used by students. Scenes are used to deepen the actor’s ability to execute honest and purposeful stage acting and communication.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: ACT1055 Or THP1055

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3110: Commedia and Pantomime

An introduction to the history and contemporary practice of physical theatre and to the traditions of commedia and pantomime. Includes lectures, mask making, scenario creation, and instruction in and physical practice of the form.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: ACT1055 Or THP1055 Or ACT%

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3115: Immersive Storyworlds

Explores immersive design in both live and digital performance, combining practical experience with insight into emerging trends, including environmental, locative, and GPS related narratives and games. Through a mixture of lectures, collaborative design exercises, and guest speakers, the course provides a detailed overview of what it takes to produce projects that combine story and tech.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3120: Gameplay and Performance

Explores the genre of alternate reality or pervasive gaming currently used as an alternative to traditional performance by contemporary theatrical and visual artists, dancers, and musicians. The blurring distinctions between game and narrative are examined, opening new possibilities for performance. Students design and stage their own live alternate-reality game as a means of storytelling or extend an existing narrative through transmedia.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3125: Performing Black Theatre

Explore the unique aesthetics of Black Theatre via analysis and performance of plays by such writers as Baraka, Cleage, Nottage, and Morisseau. Participants direct and perform scenes with attention to the impact of social and historical contexts on our understanding of genre, style, and language in performance.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3130: Transmedia and Performance

Transmedia narrative can be described as storytelling across multiple forms of media, with each element making distinctive contributions to a user's understanding of the story world. The course combines this with a study of immersive performance environments that wrap around viewers and production practices that blend video, photography, games, and music to extend the project's meaning and theatricality.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3140: Medieval and Renaissance English Drama

A study of the mystery plays, morality plays, interludes, masques, and entertainments of the 14th, 15th, and 16th centuries. Analysis of texts is combined with consideration of theatrical production in light of the ideological, religious, and historical contexts of the plays.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3150: Introduction to Lecoq and Physical Performance

An introduction to the Lecoq method of performance, focusing on physical approach to character, the notion of actor as creator, and the importance of mask work.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: ACT1055 Or THP1055

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3180: Revolutionary Laughter: Satire and Social Dialogue

Satire uses humor and ridicule to address fundamental moral, social and political questions. Students will analyze satirical works and practice techniques of "creative criticism" by making satire of their own. We'll investigate how laughter gets people to let their guard down in order to challenge closed minds, provoke discussion where there was none, and plant the seeds of social change.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3190: Asian American Theatre and Performance

An introduction to the diversity of Asian American theatre and performance, from the late 19th century to the contemporary moment, with an emphasis on 21st century work and current issues. Through an exploration of archival collections, plays, multimedia performances and critical race theory, students analyze the intersections of Asian American histories, aesthetics, politics and identities.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3210: Story Futures

Students explore the bridge between traditional narratives and the emerging narrative demands of the metaverse. Course will introduce the employment of virtuality and augmented design alongside real-world immersive environments. The use of multiple mediums and immersive narrative design principles is leading to a reinvention storytelling, a reinvention that is opened doors to new opportunities in the many fields of entertainment.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3230: Live Performance and Interactive Media

Students explore narrative designs that endeavor to extend live immersive performance using interactive media. An introduction to a 21st century toolset for audience immersion and interactivity, the course will take a design-based approach developing a proficiency in developing methodologies of creation techniques. Students will reach audiences with performances that are designed as both live and digitally immersive.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3250: Theories of Drama and Performance

Focuses on postmodern theory and performance. Historical and cross-cultural study of how theatre artists and critical thinkers have addressed issues of aesthetics, representation, style, space, and time.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: THP2020 And (THP2885 Or THP2890)

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3260: Theatre and Asia

Introduces Asian theatre within a global context and explores the social, religious, historical, aesthetic, and political circumstances of traditional performance genres, including ritual, masked/painted face and puppetry, and contemporary intercultural drama and theatre. Training, audience involvement, transformation, authenticity, and theory are highlighted. Field trips are taken when possible.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3270: Theatre, Truth, and Reconciliation

Truth Commissions responding to genocides and other conflicts have often involved theatre, in formal collaboration, as in Peru's Yuyachkani, or informally, as with Serbia's DAH Teatret. Examining case studies, students write critical and artistic responses, culminating in the creation of an original theatrical piece that fosters truth and reconciliation for a contemporary conflict.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3300: Women in Performance

This course considers 20th- and 21st-century performance work by women in dance, theatre, and the visual art world (performance art) from a historical and theoretical perspective. Critical and theoretical feminist essays and other writings are assigned. Students read original texts, view documentation, and analyze contemporary works by women writers, choreographers, performance artists, and theatre directors.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3310: Masks and Movement

Explores the neutral mask and commedia dell'arte, as informed by Lecoq technique. The neutral mask focuses on finding a bodily sense of calm and openness, helps build the actor's presence on stage, and highlights physical habits that can hinder expression. Commedia dell'arte calls on the actor's timing, ability to improvise, and humor, and requires big physical choices and delving into the idiosyncrasies of type.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3320: Concepts in Costuming

An introduction to the fundamentals of designing costumes for theatre and dance productions. As they examine the design process, students explore how and why a designer makes certain choices. Emphasis is placed on how ideas are generated and communicated within the flux of the production process.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3330: Advanced Movement for Performers

Continued sensory-actualization technique to increase the physical awareness needed to create authentic theatre and characters. Classes include warm-up, technical exercises, improvisations, and monologues.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: THP2760

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3340: The Great Broadway Songwriters

Come taste the finest sampling of the great Broadway songwriters. Each class examines a particular songwriter (Cole Porter, Stephen Sondheim), idea (the subversives: Weill and Bernstein), or era (contemporary voices on Broadway). Students savor recordings, investigate the dramatic qualities of the songs, and analyze lyrics, melody, and song form.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3350: Speaking Shakespeare

Designed to assist the actor in interpreting William Shakespeare's stage directions and in reading clues within his verse in order to make informed performance choices. Classroom exercises assist in developing techniques of Shakespearean performance and enhanced understanding of Shakespeare's sometimes daunting speeches.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: THP2205 And THP3315

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3370: Contemporary Italian Drama and Street Theatre

An introduction to adaptation and ensemble creation, using texts by major authors of Italian literature (Pirandello, Fo, and Calvino.) Students explore non-naturalistic acting, mask, and puppet work as they devise a culminating performance in a medieval piazza. This course also introduces the genre of street theatre, including Bread and Puppet Theatre-style pageants, placing performance in the context of community and public space.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3375: Devising the Now: Current Events in Performance

Using physical theatre techniques, students work in ensembles with each student functioning as actor, director, writer, and designer to develop performances that address issues relevant to contemporary society. Coursework includes readings in pertinent genres (e.g., tragedy, melodrama, and documentary theatre), research into dramatically resonant current events, and a culminating performance of ensemble-devised work.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: ACT1055 Or THP1055

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3400: Theatre in Prague

Meeting at the Academy of Drama in Prague, students study and perform plays by Václav Havel, the dissident playwright imprisoned during the Communist era who became president of the Czech Republic. Students explore political and cultural contexts of theatrical performance, enhanced by meetings with theatre professionals and visits to sites relevant to the intersection of artistic creation and political revolution.

Credits: 6

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3405: Indigenous Rights and Performing Arts in Guatemala

Spend three weeks studying with Mayan artists and scholars to learn about the intersections of human rights and performing arts in Guatemala. Lectures and workshops cover ancient and modern Guatemalan history, Mayan cosmology, Mayan language, and local ecology. Artistic workshops focus on Mayan performance techniques. Create original works in collaboration with Mayan students, and present them in communities.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3410: Adapting Virginia Woolf

Virginia Woolf captures sensory detail and internal thought like few other writers. This dramatization of perception makes her work ripe for adaptation. Students will read selections of Woolf's essays, short stories, and novels, and study theatrical adaptations of her work. Students will explore translating Woolf's iconic vision into theatrical shape by creating immersive stage adaptations of her work

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3450: Stage Management

An in-depth exploration of fundamental stage-management skills in each phase of the production process: preproduction, first rehearsal, rehearsal period, preparing for the tech, technical rehearsals, previews, opening, running of the show, and closing.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3495: Black American Drama

Examines the history of 20th-century black American theatre. Major representative plays are read as literature; playwrights include Richard Wright, James Baldwin, Amiri Baraka, Alice Childress, Adrienne Kennedy, August Wilson, Robert O'Hara, Suzan-Lori Parks, Lynn Nottage, Kia Corthron, and Lorraine Hansberry.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3500: Documentary Theatre: Performing Real Life

Students collect, assemble, and perform scripts based on "lore" (oral history, personal narratives). History is seen as a performative way to construct identity. Includes readings by documentary playwrights like Brecht, Emily Mann, and Caryl Churchill.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3510: Solo Performance: Performing the Self in Society

Considers the history of performance art and offers a creative process for developing solo and group performances from memory, personal material, and issues in contemporary society. Requirements include both academic and creative projects.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3525: LGBTQ Drama

Explores how LGBTQ identities and issues are represented in diverse dramatic forms, performance styles, and cultural venues. Through discussions, presentations, and writing assignments, students analyze queer theatre in relation to production history, theories of sexuality, and cultural and political contexts (both past and present).

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3530: Black and Gay in Performance

Students analyze film, television and stage performances that depict Black gay men. Students synthesize historical and political context, artistic perspectives, and the unique intersectional realities of Black and gay identity towards a deeper understanding of these artistic and cultural perspectives. Works studied include both mainstream hits that permeate the zeitgeist, and niche, yet culturally significant works that shift the narrative.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3555: Michael Chekhov Technique: A Psycho-Physical Approach to Acting

The historical importance of Michael Chekhov lay in bringing revised Stanislavsky acting methods to America, emphasizing responses to psychological impulses via movement in harmony with the character's thoughts, emotions, and desires. Students infuse tangible actions of body and voice with intangible feelings, sensations, and images from the actor's imagination, using techniques such as archetypal/psychological gestures and "centers" in character development.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: ACT1055 Or THP1055

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3592: Devising/Performance Workshop

Collaborate on creating site-specific work culminating in a performance. Students maintain journals of discoveries and observations and participate in writing exercises and structured improvisations. Readings, excursions, experiences, and individuals encountered in Benin will inform the performance. A goal is to discover how setting and surroundings can help shape and enrich expression and imagination.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3610: Contemporary Performance

Students study, attend, and create contemporary performance works.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: THP2020

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3620: Shakespeare and Film

Shakespeare goes to celluloid, Hollywood, Japan, TV, and elsewhere. On the one hand, this is a Shakespeare seminar, with emphasis on discussions of the plays themselves. On the other, it becomes a film course, focusing on analyses of screen adaptations.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: THP2205 Or LIT2205

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3640: Theatre Design for Directors

An introduction to scenic, costume, and lighting design aimed at stage directors and stage managers. Students review the basics of designing for the stage and learn how directors and designers communicate fruitfully in realizing a given theatrical production.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: THP2895

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3645: Projection Design for Performance

An immersion in project-based study of projection design for theater and contemporary performance. Students will develop designs based on script analysis, visual interpretation and collaboration with other designers and directors. Alongside learning principles of video projection and techniques for image editing and visualization, students will be introduced to software applications used in professional theatre.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3650: Contemporary U.S. Latino Theatre

Engaging with a wide variety of plays and performances, students explore U.S. Latino theatre as a site of personal, cultural, and political intervention. Readings reflect the aesthetics, narratives, historical contexts, and systems of theatrical production pertinent to Latino culture in the U.S.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3660: Theatre and the Climate Crisis

Deepen our knowledge of the science, politics, and history around climate change, studying companies and artists who have used theatre to incite societal change, and interfacing with contemporary theatre artists addressing the climate crisis. Create theatrical actions and interventions designed to push public dialogue and action around this most crucial of issues.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3675: Theatres of Dis/ability

Examine the social construction of dis/ability, primarily in the US, with a focus on the role of theatre and performance in shaping and challenging dis/ability narratives. Through interdisciplinary, intersectional and interpersonal analyses, students explore issues and identities (as well as solidarities) related to physical, sensory, intellectual and psychological differences and variabilities.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3680: Directing I

Introduction to staging. After a brief overview of directing history, students are introduced to elements of directing (including the Viewpoints) and strategies for working with actors, staging short scenes, and using a minimum of technical

elements in a final scene. *Required for students with a directing concentration; open to other majors with junior standing.*

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3681: Directing II

Theory and practice of directing, with lectures and practical focus on exercises.

Required for theatre and performance majors who are considering production senior projects.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: THP3680

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3685: Ensemble Creation

In this introduction to strategies of collective creation, students are engaged in a process that culminates in an end-of-semester performance.

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3690: American Theatre in Our Time

American theatre and society during the last 50 years. Plays by Jones (Baraka), Mamet, Shepard, Hwang, Kushner, Fornes, Marsha Norman, Sarah Ruhl, and August Wilson. Some knowledge of the American drama of O'Neill, Williams, and Miller is required.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3700: Theatre and Revolutions

A study of revolutions in theatre, and theatre at the time of historic revolutions. Students study plays (Beaumarchais's *Marriage of Figaro*, Buchner's *Danton's Death*, Peter Brook's *Marat/Sade*), and movements (guerrilla street theatre, Chicano theatre, Bread and Puppet, Living Theatre), focusing on theatre as an active, participatory art and on drama as a literary form.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3725: Adapting Literature for Performance

A writing workshop on how to develop performance scripts from poetry, prose fiction, and nonfiction. Requires a background in literature, interest in theatrical form, and commitment to the scripting process.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3730: Collaborative Devising and Directing

For the ensemble director and actor/creator, a course in creating devised theatre. Using a range of source materials, including short stories, news articles, and interviews, students learn tools and strategies for company-created works. This is a rigorous immersion in building a collaborative vision through structured improvisation, space, character, narrative arc, and mise-en-scène.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: THP3680 Or THP3685

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3735: Embodied Images: Directing as Composition

Examines major artists who work visually, experientially, and sonically across multiple performance platforms of theatre, opera, dance and installation, including William Kentridge, Ariane Mnouchkine, Simon McBurney, Bill T. Jones, Janet Cardiff,

Kara Walker among others. Students create their own projects inspired by these artists' experiments in order to explore new compositional approaches to theatrical form as directors and creators.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: THP3680

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3750: European Drama in Our Time

Malaise, futility, despair, and, sometimes, hope in the plays of Pirandello, Brecht, Giraudoux, Beckett, Ionesco, Genet, Osborne, Pinter, Churchill, and others, from World War I to somewhere short of tomorrow.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3760: Poetry in Performance

Study and dramatic interpretation of 20th-century lyric poetry, including Eliot, Roethke, Sexton, Plath, Olds, Ginsberg, Rich, Stafford, and Giovanni. Workshop atmosphere; solo and group techniques of performance and script making; written analyses.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3890: Junior Seminar

Focuses on the relation between text and production in the theatre through play analysis, theoretical readings, research, student presentations, and discussion of campus productions. A substantial research paper and senior project proposal with annotated bibliography are required. *Required for all junior theatre and performance majors, and normally open only to them.*

Credits: 3

PREREQ: THP2020 And THP2205 And THP2885 And THP2890

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 3895: Performance Practicum

Students rehearse and perform a role or work on the production of a main-stage show directed by a faculty member or other professional director. *Students may enroll only after they have been cast or assigned to the production.*

Credits: 3

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 4100: Hits: Broadway's Popular Plays

Rather than focusing on the critically acclaimed plays that make up the canon of American drama, this course examines plays that were the most popular and commercially successful of their time. Combining historical research, textual analysis, and cultural theory, students discuss the long-running Broadway hit plays of the past 100 years from artistic, commercial, and ideological perspectives.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: (THP2600 Or LIT2600) Or THP2890

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 4120: Collaborative Producing

Examines and develops skills in theatrical production including stage management, fundraising, marketing, and artistic producing. Studies production models in the recent history of the field and applies acquired knowledge and skills to the production of the cohort's individual senior projects.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: THP3890

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 4170: Contemporary Queer Performance

Examines multiple modes of queer performance beyond traditional drama and theatre, including performance art, dance, drag shows, stand-up comedy, poetry slams, political protests, and live music. Using queer theory and performance methodologies to support aesthetic analyses, students explore the ways in which queer performance engages with current struggles surrounding issues of queer identity, community, and representation.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 4200: Approaches to Shakespeare

Explores the variety of ways in which readers, critics, actors, and directors have interpreted, and can interpret, Shakespeare's plays and poetry. While written work and some research are required, there are also opportunities for oral presentations and performance.

Credits: 4

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 4250: The Decade in Theatre

This course offers a deep dive into the theatrical culture of a specific decade, examining a wide range of works: Broadway musicals and popular plays, innovative and experimental theatre, and significant plays from across the globe. Theatre is studied within the context of its particular socio-political era and put in conversation with film, music, and visual art within its decade.

Credits: 4

PREREQ: THP2890

Department: Theatre and Performance

THP 4316: Advanced Vocal Exploration for the Performer

An advanced course that deepens the performer's work with voice and introduces Fitzmaurice Voicework, along with the work of other leaders in the field. Students continue building on previous vocal work to achieve expanded release, vocal range, resonance, and strength in their voices and bodies.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: THP3050 Or THP3315

Department: Theatre and Performance

School of Art+Design

Undergraduate Courses

Graphic Design

Description:

The graphic design area offers a distinctive program in the art and practice of print- and digitally based graphic design and experimental publishing.

The program approaches graphic design as a vital field of professional art practice that gives shape to culture through a variety of media, including:

- print and digital books, magazines, brochures, posters, billboards
- motion graphics
- web and interactive design
- type design
- exhibition design
- packaging
- other two-, three-, and four-dimensional manifestations

While graphic design usually solves visual communication problems through words, symbols, and images, its applications can be commercial, political, educational, literary, subversive, personal, and experimental.

To prepare for the range of options in the graphic design field, the program provides a hands-on studio environment with emphasis on the marriage of formal and conceptual skills. After the freshman foundation studies, a three-year sequence of courses begins with training in fundamental principles, skills, theory, and history and progresses toward more advanced and applied applications. Experienced, professional faculty members help students find their own

voice and approach to design in a facility that encompasses a broad array of print and digital technologies. The program challenges students to consider the role of the artist/designer as creative collaborator, if not the originator of project ideas.

In collaboration with the **printmaking** program, courses in the art of the book and experimental publishing are offered in the facilities of the School of Art+Design's Center for Editions. The graphic design major is rigorous yet flexible and encourages overlaps with other areas in the school.

Requirements:

In addition to fulfilling **general degree requirements**, undergraduate students majoring in graphic design must complete the following requirements (84–86 credits):

Please Note: All students are expected to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 to remain in good academic standing. All required studio arts classes must be completed with a grade of C or higher in order to advance within the degree. Any required studio arts grade of C- or below must be repeated.

Foundation Courses: 16-17 credits

VIS 1050/ComX: 2 credits

or VIS 2150/Key Class: 1 credit

VIS 1060/Foundation Drawing: 3 credits

VIS 1070/Extended Media: 3 credits

VIS 1080/Visual Language: 3 credits

VIS 1260/3-D Processes: 3 credits

VIS 1330/Lens and Time: 3 credits

Art History Courses: 12 credits

ARH 1020/History of Art Survey II: 3 credits

ARH 1021/History of Art Survey II Discussion: 1 credit

ARH –/One course in the history of art before 1800 (lower-level)

ARH 3405/Design History and Theory: 1750–Today: 4 credits or

DES 3300/History of Graphic Design Survey: 4 credits

Graphic Design Studio Courses: 27 credits

DES 2450/Digital Media for Designers I: 3 credits

DES 2460/Digital Media for Designers II: 3 credits

DES 2500/Word and Image I: 3 credits

DES 2600/Word and Image II: 3 credits

DES 3200/Advanced Typography: 3 credits

DES 3510/Word and Image III: 3 credits

DES 3610/Word and Image IV: 3 credits

DES 4100/Community Design: 3 credits
DES –/Graphic design elective: 3 credits

Visual Arts Studio Electives: 17-18 credits

Graphic Design Theory Elective: 3–4 credits

One of the following courses:
ARH 3285/Design and Culture: 4 credits
DES 3240/Design Issues: 3 credits
NME 3265/Social Design: 3 credits

Synthesis Courses: 9 credits

DES 3550/Junior Seminar: 3 credits
DES 4990/Senior Project I: 3 credits
DES 4991/Senior Project II: 3 credits

Mid-Program Review

Students who choose to major in graphic design are required to complete a mid-program review. Students will be notified by the department with specific guidelines on the review process and timeline. Students who do not successfully pass the review are encouraged to work with the School of Art+Design administration and faculty to find another major that will better fit their educational goals.

Internship Credits

Students majoring in graphic design may count a maximum of 4 hours of internship credit toward graduation.

Students are also expected to abide by the policies and procedures laid out in the [**A+D Student Handbook**](#).

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Courses

DES 2400: Letterpress Workshop

Students become familiar with hot-type technology and relief printing, together with their contemporary aesthetic possibilities in both the applied and fine arts. Hands-on experience with handset, moveable type is provided, and traditional and experimental techniques are explored. No previous typographic experience is required.

Credits: 3

Department: Graphic Design

DES 2450: Digital Media for Designers I

Focuses on developing technical and practical skills in digital typesetting, image making, composition, and layout. Students are introduced to software applications (InDesign, Photoshop, and Illustrator), digital fonts, and techniques for creating print output. Topics include digital literacy and the influence of digital tools on contemporary graphic design. Required for graphic design majors.

Credits: 3

Department: Graphic Design

DES 2460: Digital Media for Designers II

This continuation of DES 2450 introduces students to digitally delivered, time-based, and interactive media. Software applications (Adobe Dreamweaver, After Effects) are used to expand upon the work of DES 2450. Required for graphic design majors.

Credits: 3

COREQ: DES2600

PREREQ: DES2450

Department: Graphic Design

DES 2500: Word and Image I

An introduction to the professional program in graphic design and visual communications. Emphasis is on skill development in controlling the performance of elements within a field; generation, refinement, and analysis of graphic forms and representations through a variety of drawing techniques; development of symbols and icons; and composition, variation, and discovery of word/image relationships through experimentation and play. Historical typographic distinctions are also explored. Required for graphic design majors.

Credits: 3

COREQ: DES2450

Department: Graphic Design

DES 2600: Word and Image II

This continuation of DES 2500 examines the representation of ideas through typography and images, with intensive explorations of typographic and type/image hierarchy (through placement, scale, weight, juxtaposition), theme and variation, and problem-solving techniques. Students also explore a range of image-making techniques as a means of expressing ideas. Projects evolve from theory-based exercises to applied campaigns (brochures, posters, on-screen messaging). Required for graphic design majors.

Credits: 3

COREQ: DES2460

PREREQ: DES2500

Department: Graphic Design

DES 2750: Book Structures

This hands-on intensive bookbinding workshop investigates the relationship between content and book structures. Students follow the development of the book

from scrolls to case-bound sewn books from the perspective that the way a book is made structures what it communicates.

Credits: 3

Department: Graphic Design

DES 3090: Interactive and Experience Design

A focused inquiry into the process of designing for, and the creation of, interactive platforms for the purposes of entertainment, persuasion, recreation, and/or human enrichment where the viewer is an active participant. This course is an intensive investigation into considerations surrounding interactive, or experience-oriented, design spaces, and samples supplemental readings from sociology, anthropology, and game theory. You will be required to work collaboratively to pursue concepts through a series of physical and digital investigations.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: (DES2460 And DES3510) And DES3200

Department: Graphic Design

DES 3190: Motion Graphics for Designers

Builds on the principles and skills of time-based and interactive design introduced in DES 2460. Technique, theory, and practice are further explored through projects using time, on-screen spatiality, transition, kinetic typography, narrative, and sound. Projects address linear and nonlinear environments such as film and television titling, DVD menus, web splash pages, and graphics for mobile devices.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: DES2460

Department: Graphic Design

DES 3200: Advanced Typography

Students are encouraged to further explore and develop individualized approaches to typographic problems, with emphasis on experimentation, communication, and advanced application of typography. Projects focus on letterforms as image, typographic metaphor, and text typography. Areas of investigation include the shape, texture, and division of text; typographic grid, layout, and systems; book design and advanced problems of word/image relationships. Required for graphic design majors.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: DES2600

Department: Graphic Design

DES 3240: Design Issues

Current issues of theory, methodology, and practice confronting graphic designers are explored through readings, discussions, and designed responses. Topics include modernist and postmodernist manifestos; semiotics, deconstructionism, and feminism; the role of the graphic designer in society; branding and visualizing data; copyright law; sustainability; and designing for a digital world and local and global economies. Students produce a final research project. Open to students interested in design; highly recommended for graphic design majors.

Credits: 3

Department: Graphic Design

DES 3265: Social Design

A combined lecture/studio course that examines ethical and social issues in contemporary artistic production and design. The goal is to develop active research about such urgent issues as ecology, body politics and gender, race and urban justice, and human rights, with respect to new futures. Projects incorporate art installations, visualizations, websites, performances, and public campaigns by focusing on creative public engagement.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: NME2100 Or (DES2600 And DES2460)

Department: Graphic Design

DES 3300: History of Graphic Design Survey

Focuses on print communication, primarily graphic design, in the Western world from the late 19th century to the present. A brief summary of important historical precedents launches a chronological series of lectures on significant movements and individuals and the economic, political, and technological developments that have influenced modern and contemporary print communication.

Credits: 4

Department: Graphic Design

DES 3440: Typographic Investigations

An introduction to type design. Topics include manipulation of pre-existing letterforms, proportional systems, legibility, critical theory, information design, and developments in technology. Participants learn about decisions inherent in developing typefaces for print and screen and analyze historical and contemporary examples of typographic innovation. Software includes Fontlab.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: DES3200

Department: Graphic Design

DES 3510: Word and Image III

Emphasizes the development and evaluation of word and image through advanced studies and pragmatic applications. Development of an identity system, applied printed and electronic matter, issues of imagery, relationship to audience, ethics, information theory, and research methods are explored. Students are encouraged to explore the balance between individualized approaches, vision, and appropriateness. Required for graphic design majors.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: DES2600

Department: Graphic Design

DES 3550: Junior Seminar

Explores the possibilities and realities of design practice. Students develop a portfolio and a personalized identity package, including a website, modular digital portfolio, letterhead, cover letter, and résumé. Discussions revolve around current issues in the field, professional options, the business of design, and freelancing. Includes guest speakers and field trips to design studios, museums, and related events. Required for graphic design majors.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: DES3510

Department: Graphic Design

DES 3610: Word and Image IV

Focusing on applications of 3-D visual communications (e.g., packaging, exhibition, signage design), students explore problems of human and environmental scale, display typography, interactivity, object containment and reflection, visual systems, and color through a variety of applied projects. Construction techniques, model making, and familiarity with materials are balanced with concerns for relationship of form, function, and idea. Required for graphic design majors.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: DES3510

Department: Graphic Design

DES 3800: Design for the Web and Screens

An introduction to the considerations surrounding screen-mediated design spaces. This course includes industry standard research methodologies, as well as an introduction to the conceptual and technical issues involved in the design and production of dynamic documents and environments. This course focuses on how to research, map, visualize, share, and play with self-generated content, while

investigating how current technology, software, and hardware can assist (and hinder) the way in which this self-generated content is communicated.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: DES2460 And DES3510 And DES3200

Department: Graphic Design

DES 3950: Studio Assistant (Graphic Design)

Students gain technical professional experience by helping provide a safe and well-functioning studio environment for their fellow students. Studio assistants are expected to have advanced standing in their media area and a thorough understanding of current professional practices. Duties include basic maintenance and demonstrations of equipment, independent or group tutorials and workshops, weekly meetings, and other responsibilities assigned by the sponsoring instructional technician. A maximum of 4 credits in DES 3950 (or a combined maximum of 6 credits in VIS 3998 and DES 3950) may be applied toward the BFA.

Credits: 2

Department: Graphic Design

DES 4100: Community Design

Brings senior graphic design students together in a collaborative design studio, simulating a “real world” professional studio situation. Students work directly with on-campus and nonprofit off-campus clients. Under the supervision of the faculty member, the students assume complete responsibility for the concept and development of multiple design solutions, production, printing, scheduling, maintaining client relationships, billing, etc. Required for graphic design majors.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: DES3200 And DES3510

Department: Graphic Design

DES 4600: Experimental Book

Students are encouraged to reconsider what a book is and expand the boundaries of the traditional codex book through workshops in experimental formats, integration of word and image, form and content, sequencing, and physical structure. This may include a variety of projects and the study of video and film structure, historical and contemporary artists' books, and innovative trade books.

Credits: 3

Department: Graphic Design

DES 4790: Artist/Writer Workshop

The ideas and skills inherent in visual arts and literature are combined toward an integrated expression in this interdisciplinary course. Students confront issues of physical format, word and image relationships, sequence, storytelling, semiotics, visual/experimental literature and publishing as an artistic practice. Skills are developed through examining the workings of narrative and story, modes of writing (continuous, automatic, multiple points of view); titling objects; building a visual narrative; graphic and compositional story development; typographic settings of original and found text; and writing and designing for the visual book, performance, and other time-based media. Students choose the medium for their final projects; collaborations are encouraged.

Credits: 3

Department: Graphic Design

VIS 2120: Crossover I

Juxtaposes art and science as inquiring and creative pursuits. Exchanging knowledge of the materials and processes used in their creative endeavors, students collaborate on three innovative projects that focus on perceived relationships between science and art. Visiting professionals, at work in studios and labs, provide insight into thinking and doing through and across the disciplines of art and science.

Credits: 3

Department: Graphic Design

VIS 3120: Crossover II

Juxtaposes art and science as inquiring and creative pursuits. Exchanging knowledge of the materials and processes used in their creative endeavors, students collaborate on three innovative projects that focus on perceived relationships between science and art. Visiting professionals, at work in studios and labs, provide insight into thinking and doing through and across the disciplines of art and science.

Credits: 3

Department: Graphic Design

Painting and Drawing

Description:

Students in painting and drawing benefit from the variety of views of faculty members who are all practicing and exhibiting artists.

Studio work is complemented by trips to New York City to visit galleries, museums, and artists' studios. Students pursuing the BFA major in painting/drawing take part in sophomore, junior, and senior reviews; all students participate in critique and review sessions conducted by the resident faculty, as well as by visiting artists and critics.

Students have access to nine studio classrooms specifically designed for painting and drawing, with large north-facing windows that provide excellent natural light. In the junior and senior years, selected students are assigned semiprivate studios.

Requirements:

In addition to fulfilling **general degree requirements**, undergraduate students majoring in painting/drawing must complete the following requirements (82 credits):

Please Note: All students are expected to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 to remain in good academic standing. All required studio arts classes must be completed with a grade of C or higher in order to advance within the degree. Any required studio arts grade of C- or below must be repeated.

Foundation Courses: 16-17 credits

VIS 1050/ComX: 2 credits

or VIS 2150/Key Class: 1 credit

VIS 1060/Foundation Drawing: 3 credits

VIS 1070/Extended Media: 3 credits

VIS 1080/Visual Language: 3 credits

VIS 1260/3-D Processes: 3 credits

VIS 1330/Lens and Time: 3 credits

Art History Courses: 12 credits

ARH 1020/History of Art Survey II: 3 credits

ARH 1021/History of Art Survey II: Discussion, 1 credit

ARH –/One course in the history of art before 1800 (lower-level)

ARH –/Art history elective (modern/contemporary)

Painting/Drawing Studio Courses: 27 credits

PAD 1000/Painting I: 3 credits

PAD 2000/Painting II: 3 credits

PAD 2050/Painting III or PAD 2350/Intermediate Drawing: 3 credits

VIS 2100/Color or VIS 2110/Color Seminar: 3 credits

PAD 3000/Junior Studio I or PAD 3001/Junior Studio II: 3 credits

PAD 3500/Materials and Techniques: 3 credits

VIS 4470/Field Trips: 3 credits

PAD –/Drawing elective: 3 credits

PAD –/Painting or drawing elective: 3 credits

Visual Arts Studio Electives: 9-10 credits

Synthesis Courses: 17 credits

PAD 2010/Sophomore Seminar: 3 credits

PAD 3010/Junior Seminar: 3 credits

PAD 4010/Senior Seminar and Critique: 3 credits

PAD 4990/Senior Project I: 4 credits

PAD 4991/Senior Project II: 4 credits

Mid-Program Review

Students who choose to major in painting/drawing are required to participate in a mid-program review, conducted in the semester prior to taking Junior Studio. This allows students to be reviewed by full-time faculty and to present their work in a group critique format. Students should contact the board-of-study coordinator for specific information on the review process and timeline. Students who do not successfully pass sophomore-level coursework are encouraged to work with the School of Art+Design administration and faculty to find a path to successful study or another major that will better fit their educational goals.

Students are also expected to abide by the policies and procedures laid out in the [**A+D Student Handbook**](#).

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Courses

PAD 1000: Painting I

In this introduction to oil painting, students are presented with a variety of attitudes toward making paintings, with emphasis on composition and color. Some assignments involve painting from direct observation while others involve transforming and abstracting from a given motif. Students develop color equivalents for observed relationships by translating their experience into color choices of hue, value, intensity, and temperature.

Credits: 3

Department: Painting and Drawing

PAD 1210: Introduction to Drawing

A basic introduction to drawing for students from other disciplines. Focus is placed on becoming familiar with the elements of 2-D design and on strengthening observational skills. A variety of drawing techniques and materials are used to explore both representational and nonrepresentational image making.

Credits: 3

Department: Painting and Drawing

PAD 2000: Painting II

A continuation of PAD 1000. Emphasis is on the role of technique, style, color, and composition in painting. Students' work is based on art historical models, concepts, and direct observation. Students develop a range of skills, including alla prima, underpainting, transparency, divided color, and various approaches to color mixing.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: PAD1000

Department: Painting and Drawing

PAD 2010: Sophomore Seminar

A survey of contemporary artists, ideas, and texts in which basic research skills are taught. A combination of slide lectures, discussions of readings, and museum/gallery visits familiarize students with contemporary art discourse and many of its important figures. Contemporary issues are understood to originate in modernist traditions.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: VIS1060

Department: Painting and Drawing

PAD 2050: Painting III

A continuation of PAD 2000, with emphasis on choices of color, scale, size, composition, and subject. Projects may include interiors and figures in the environment, as well as narrative, conceptual, and thematic approaches.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: PAD2000

Department: Painting and Drawing

PAD 2100: Figure Drawing I

Observational drawing of the figure is a vehicle to comprehend drawing as visual language. Drawing fundamentals are employed as tools in intense observation of the human form. Such elements as gesture, contour, line, mass, and movement are introduced in critiques and slide presentations. Materials include pencil, charcoal, wash, and various wet and dry media.

Credits: 3

Department: Painting and Drawing

PAD 2300: On-site Drawing

Students work outside the studio from direct observation and experience. Invention and unique responses are encouraged. Sites have included the Museum of the City of New York, Flushing Meadows–Corona Park, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the World Trade Center, the Museum of Natural History, and various locations on campus.

Credits: 3

Department: Painting and Drawing

PAD 2350: Intermediate Drawing

Explores themes and a variety of approaches to style, form, and content. Themes are subject to change; examples include science and art; ornament, pattern, and decoration; and politics and cultural identity. Classroom work, lectures, critiques, readings, and illustrated discussions augment the thematic research. A range of drawing materials and approaches are encouraged.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: PAD2000

Department: Painting and Drawing

PAD 2510: Narrative Wet Media

How do people recount events in the silent and still realm of visual art, specifically the painted image? Students explore issues of conception, construction, and reception of narrative, and formal strategies for its visual conveyance. The primary media are watercolor and acrylic, and final projects may range from paintings to books and beyond.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: VIS1060

Department: Painting and Drawing

PAD 3000: Junior Studio I

Focuses on the synthesis of observational skills, a visual vocabulary, and individual vision. Students identify their sensibilities and interests through increasingly self-directed assignments and further their visual, technical, conceptual, and verbal abilities.

Credits: 3

COREQ: PAD3010

PREREQ: PAD2000

Department: Painting and Drawing

PAD 3001: Junior Studio II

Focuses on the synthesis of observational skills, a visual vocabulary, and individual vision. Students identify their sensibilities and interests through increasingly self-directed assignments and further their visual, technical, conceptual, and verbal abilities.

Credits: 3

Department: Painting and Drawing

PAD 3002: Handmade Animation

Students explore two-dimensional, handmade processes in order to make digital animations. Stop-motion methods are covered with a focus on using analog means to create four-dimensional effects. Through screenings, lectures, and independent research, students become familiar with the history of hand processes in animation. They also learn many methods, including narrative sequencing, still photography, and digital editing, used in transforming handmade work into digital animations.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: VIS1060

Department: Painting and Drawing

PAD 3010: Junior Seminar

Helps expand students' knowledge of art and theory. Students learn new ideas and perspectives through research, presentations, and discussion of modernist and contemporary art. They also research artists and identify their individual affinities with contemporary and modernist traditions. This seminar is tailored to junior-level painting/drawing majors who are beginning a self-motivated course of study.

Credits: 3

COREQ: PAD3000

Department: Painting and Drawing

PAD 3020: Advanced Painting I

Students work independently, choosing their subjects and approach to painting under the guidance of a faculty member. Critical thinking is promoted in critiques and discussion of readings. Students' work is considered in the context of contemporary painting as they attempt to define their individual sensibility and concerns in preparation for (or in complement to) the senior project.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: PAD2050

Department: Painting and Drawing

PAD 3040: Experimental Drawing

This course encourages nontraditional approaches to drawing. Students explore a more innovative and interpretive response to their visual and intellectual experiences, both through a wide-ranging use of tools and materials and through complex and unconventional concepts, ideas, and subject matter. Assumptions about technique, subject, author, environment, audience, and historical classifications are interrogated.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: VIS1060

Department: Painting and Drawing

PAD 3100: Large-Scale Figure Drawing

This course involves drawing the figure on a large scale from direct observation of the model and various sculptural, two-dimensional, or digitally based sources. Form, gesture, and composition are stressed in large-scale, fast-to-slow drawing. Assignments in anatomy, photography, narrative, memory, and art history are used to develop concepts for representation of the figure. Analysis, critique, and experimentation are components of the course.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: VIS1060

Department: Painting and Drawing

PAD 3150: Outrageous/Outscale

Students experiment with ideas for making a series of work that is extreme in content, scale, color, and visual impact, and may choose to work independently or collaboratively.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: VIS1060

Department: Painting and Drawing

PAD 3201: On-site Painting

Students work outside the studio from direct observation. Invention and unique responses are encouraged. Sites have included Grand Central Station, the Rockefeller Estate, the Westchester County Airport, and various locations on campus.

Credits: 3

Department: Painting and Drawing

PAD 3410: The Generated Image

Students make paintings and drawings based on generated images. Various strategies, including appropriating imagery from cultural media (print, photography, the Web) and manipulating imagery through mechanical and electronic processes (photocopy, Photoshop), are explored. Other approaches (e.g., layering, de/constructing, morphing) may also be used to generate imagery for narrative, ironic, or abstract works.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: VIS1060

Department: Painting and Drawing

PAD 3420: People and Places

Issues are figure/ground, identity/context, and the diverse roles of the figure in art. Using varied methods and approaches, students explore the wide-ranging possibilities of figuration, drawing from the model and other sources. The history and traditions of figurative art are examined in slide presentations and gallery visits.

Credits: 3

Department: Painting and Drawing

PAD 3500: Materials and Techniques

Contemporary and more traditional approaches to painting materials and techniques are examined. Topics include pigments, solvents, supports, media, and their technical applications.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: VIS1060

Department: Painting and Drawing

PAD 3950: Studio Assistant (Painting and Drawing)

Students gain technical professional experience by helping provide a safe and well-functioning studio environment for their fellow students. Studio assistants are expected to have advanced standing in their media area and a thorough understanding of current professional practices. Duties include basic maintenance and demonstrations of equipment, independent or group tutorials and workshops, weekly meetings, and other responsibilities assigned by the sponsoring instructional technician. A maximum of 4 credits in PAD 3950 (or a combined maximum of 6 credits in VIS 3998 and PAD 3950) may be applied toward the BFA.

Credits: 2

Department: Painting and Drawing

PAD 4010: Senior Seminar and Critique

Commitment and professional practice are the focus of this seminar. Students are encouraged to articulate and clarify the intentions of their work through lectures, critiques, discussions, and readings. Required for all painting/drawing majors who are undertaking a senior project.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: PAD3000 Or PAD3001

Department: Painting and Drawing

PAD 4040: Special Topics in Painting

An extensive study of a particular topic or technique in painting. Topics vary each semester.

Credits: 3

Department: Painting and Drawing

PAD 4050: Special Topics in Drawing

An extensive study of a particular topic or technique in drawing. Topics vary each semester.

Credits: 3

Department: Painting and Drawing

PAD 5150: Advanced Painting

Students work independently, choosing their subjects and approach to painting under the guidance of a faculty member. Critical thinking is promoted in critiques and discussion of readings. Students' work is considered in the context of contemporary painting as they attempt to define their individual sensibility and concerns in preparation for (or in complement to) the MFA graduate project.

Credits: 3

Department: Painting and Drawing

Photography

Description:

The photography program provides an in-depth curriculum that is focused specifically on fine art photography through the study of traditional film, nonsilver, and new digital processes. Because our focus expands beyond making photographs into a deep understanding of how photographs function, our graduates are working in all fields of the photographic spectrum.

Students begin with courses in darkroom printing and continue with practical courses selected from an array of technical and conceptual electives. Formats range from 35mm to 8x10, and advanced technical courses are offered in silver, color, view camera, nonsilver, and digital scanning, editing, and printing techniques; and in video. Various thematic courses, offered on a rotating basis, encourage the integration of conceptual thinking with the materials and technical processes.

Facilities

The facilities include group darkrooms with more than 50 4x5 enlargers, an 8x10 enlarger, 20 private darkrooms, a nonsilver darkroom, and a digital facility capable of high-end scanning and file preparation for inkjet and digital C-printing, and enlarged negative creation for nonsilver print.

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Requirements:

In addition to fulfilling **general degree requirements**, undergraduate students majoring in photography must complete the following requirements:

Requirements (85 credits-87 credits).

Note: All students are expected to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 to remain in good academic standing.

All required studio arts classes must be completed with a grade of C or higher in order to advance within the degree. Any required studio arts grade of C- or below must be repeated.

Foundation Courses: 16-17 credits

VIS 1050/ComX: 2 credits
or VIS 2150/Key Class: 1 credit
VIS 1060/Foundation Drawing: 3 credits
VIS 1070/Extended Media: 3 credits
VIS 1080/Visual Language: 3 credits
VIS 1260/3-D Processes: 3 credits
VIS 1330/Lens and Time: 3 credits

Art History Courses: 12 credits

ARH 1020/History of Art Survey II: 3 credits
ARH 1021/History of Art Survey II Discussion: 1 credit
ARH –/One course in the history of art before 1800 (lower-level) 4 credits
PHO 2511/Social History of Photography I: 2 credits
PHO 2512/Social History of Photography II: 2 credits

Photography Studio Courses: 24 credits

PHO 1010/ Darkroom Photography : 3 credits
PHO 2660/Digital Photography I: 3 credits
PHO 3250/View Camera: 3 credits
PHO3440/Advanced Silver Processes: 3 credits
PHO 3660/Digital Photography II: 3 credits
PHO –/Photography electives: 9 credits

Visual Arts Studio Electives: 15-16 credits

Synthesis Courses: 18 credits

PHO 2880/Sophomore Review: 3 credits
PHO 3690/Junior Seminar and Critique: 3 credits
PHO 4401/Senior Seminar I: 2 credits
PHO 4402/Senior Seminar II: 2 credits

PHO 4990/Senior Project I: 4 credits

PHO 4991/Senior Project II: 4 credits

Students are also expected to abide by the policies and procedures laid out in the [**A+D Student Handbook**](#).

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Courses

PHO 1010: Photography I: Camera to Darkroom

This introduction to the basic techniques and concepts of analog black-and-white photography covers the mechanics of light and exposure, film development, silver printing, and critique.

Credits: 3

Department: Photography

PHO 2030: Photography II: Darkroom to Digital

A continuation of PHO 1010, with a continued emphasis on the basic concepts of photography, the mechanics of light, silver darkroom printing, black-and-white scanning and printing, basic theory, practice, and critique. Assignments alternate between technical and creative concerns.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: PHO1010

Department: Photography

PHO 2100: Introduction to Color Photography

An introduction to the creative use of color in digital photography, beginning with image capture using a digital camera and ending with the production of inkjet prints using Adobe Photoshop. Students create original work with a digital camera in response to a series of lectures and assignments. Includes hands-on work and an introduction to the history of color photography. Students must own a digital camera.

Credits: 3

Department: Photography

PHO 2330: Contemplative Photography

Explores the nature of photography's capacity to look so precisely and to view not just the object but also the act of looking itself. Students examine how belief systems inform what is seen. This course uses photography and the practice of meditation to understand how and why the world is seen through the lens of one's own narrative.

Credits: 3

Department: Photography

PHO 2511: A Social History of Photography I

Examine the multiple uses and histories of the photographic image across various geographies, focusing on its links to cultural life in the broad sense. Locate elements of photography's art history within the socio-political context of its various uses. Consists of lectures, screenings and field trips. Students will be evaluated in discussion, as well as via essays and in an exam.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: PHO1010

Department: Photography

PHO 2512: A Social History of Photography II

Continuing from Social History of Photography I, examine the multiple uses and histories of the photographic image across various geographies, focusing on its links to cultural life in the broad sense. Locate elements of photography's art history within the socio-political context of its various uses. Consists of lectures, screenings and field trips. Students will be evaluated in discussion, as well as via essays and in an exam.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: PHO2511

Department: Photography

PHO 2660: Digital Photography: Color in the Digital Realm

An exploration of color and the digital photographic image. Students are introduced to digital RAW capture, color film scanning, and inkjet printing. Adobe software is used for image editing. Includes hands-on work, theory, and the history of both color photography and photo-image manipulation. *Students must own a digital SLR camera; please contact the School of Art+Design for specifications.*

Credits: 3

PREREQ: PHO2030

Department: Photography

PHO 2880: Sophomore Review

A survey of contemporary artists, ideas, and texts in which basic research skills are taught. A combination of slide lectures, discussions of readings, and museum/gallery visits familiarize students with contemporary art discourse and many of its important figures.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: PHO2030

Department: Photography

PHO 3160: Nonsilver

Nonsilver photo processes involve the use of alternatives to traditional photographic paper. Students work with collotype, a continuous-tone printing process that is one of the earliest photographic processes. Other nonsilver photographic processes (e.g., cyanotype, platinum/palladium printing, photogravure, Iris prints, Polaroid transfer) are also studied.

Credits: 3

Department: Photography

PHO 3210: Portrait/Self-Portrait

A seminar and critique in which visual and conceptual notions of photographic imagery are filtered through philosophical, psychological, and cultural interpretations of dream and reality. The seminar includes readings, discussion, visual exercises, and group critique.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: PHO2880

Department: Photography

PHO 3220: Dream and Reality

In this visual and conceptual investigation of photographic imagery, visual narrative strategies and literary methods like memoir, diary, confession, and autobiography are used.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: PHO2880

Department: Photography

PHO 3250: View Camera

The basic concepts and techniques concerning field and view cameras, including the use of swings, tilts, shifts, and rises, are covered. Assignments deal with portraits, still life, architecture, and landscapes and the particular problems and opportunities each presents.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: PHO1010

Department: Photography

PHO 3300: Studio Photography

Technical and creative photographic experiences are put to practical use. Assignments explore artificial and natural lighting, their diverse properties, and uses of tungsten and electronic flash lamps.

Credits: 3

Department: Photography

PHO 3320: Still Motion

Photographs and the moving image have been deeply intertwined since the advent of the photography. In order to understand what photographs really are we must look at what they are not. With an emphasis on contemporary art practices students explore the space between the photograph and the moving image. Class will be a combination screenings, lectures and critiques looking at how the moving image changes our understanding of photography.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: PHO2030

Department: Photography

PHO 3355: Landscape Photography: Creating a Personal Vision

Students explore the effect of landscapes and surroundings in Pisciotta, Italy, and develop their personal vision by observing and leveraging those landscapes and translating their experiences into powerful images. Working with digital cameras (a simple one is fine), students create a personal photographic essay, depicting what they see through the lens of their surroundings.

Credits: 4

Department: Photography

PHO 3390: Photo/Narrative

A practical investigation of narrative strategies as a predominant aspect of still photography and photo-related imagery. Sequence, series, the grid, linear and nonlinear approaches, and literary models are explored as the deep structure of subject. In addition to assigned readings and visual exercises, students complete a self-directed project in consultation with the instructor, resulting in a portfolio of images, a book, and/or a photographic installation.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: PHO2880 Or PHO2880

Department: Photography

PHO 3440: Advanced Silver Processes

Students learn to embrace the potential of the black-and-white silver print as a unique and richly expressive vehicle for their visual ideas. Advanced exposure and development controls for a variety of film types and papers are explored, including push and pull processing, the Zone System, bleaching and toning, and mural printing.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: PHO2030 And PHO2320

Department: Photography

PHO 3660: Digital Photography II: Advanced Imaging and Printing

In this continuation of PHO 2660, larger work as well as more complex editing and printing methods are explored. Techniques covered include advanced film scanning and sharpening, noise reduction, compositing, and masks. Students are challenged to find ways in which their technical decisions can clarify their artistic intentions. Includes hands-on work, theory, and the history of conceptual photography. Students must own a digital SLR camera; contact the School of Art+Design for specifications.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: PHO2660

Department: Photography

PHO 3690: Junior Seminar and Critique

A special preparatory course required for juniors who intend to complete a senior project in photography. Coursework includes intensive critiques, weekly written exercises, and both assigned and self-directed projects—all directed toward making, knowing, and judging each individual’s work.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: PHO2880

Department: Photography

PHO 3740: Professional Practices

Technical and professional information is provided to help students in their transition to the world of professional photography and related fields. Students concentrate on developing a portfolio, artist statement, résumé, and publicity materials, and on learning how to present and exhibit their work.

Credits: 3

Department: Photography

PHO 3950: Studio Assistant (Photography)

Students gain technical professional experience by helping provide a safe and well-functioning studio environment for their fellow students. Studio assistants are expected to have advanced standing in their media area and a thorough understanding of current professional practices. Duties include basic maintenance and demonstrations of equipment, independent or group tutorials and workshops, weekly meetings, and other responsibilities assigned by the sponsoring instructional technician. A maximum of 4 credits in PAD 3950 (or a combined maximum of 6 credits in VIS 3998 and PAD 3950) may be applied toward the BFA.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: PHO1010

Department: Photography

PHO 4005: The Photo Book

Students investigate the history and practical construction of the photo book. Numerous narrative strategies are explored as predominant vehicles for still photography and photo-related imagery. Students work toward self-publishing their own book over the semester. This course is best suited for students who have a body of images that they would like to explore in book form.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: PHO2660

Department: Photography

PHO 4010: Concerning Violence

Examines representations of violence, as well as the inherent violence(s) of representation. Consists of close readings and discussions of photographs, photobooks, moving image media, and key texts from a variety of fields including theory, criticism and poetry. Involves regular viewing of controversial and emotive imagery, and is thus well suited to students willing to engage in frank and principled debate.

Credits: 3

Department: Photography

PHO 4401: Senior Seminar and Critique I

An intensive seminar and critique required for students during their senior year. Students work on self-directed projects and make an oral presentation on their work, attempting to place it within a context of cultural factors.

Credits: 2

PREREQ: PHO3690

Department: Photography

PHO 4470: Field Trips to Museums and Galleries: A Practical Course for Working Photographers

A practical course for working photographers that meets regularly in New York City and beyond to view photographic exhibitions and collections. Emphasis is placed on the complex nature of influence, with special consideration given to translating viewing experiences into practice.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: PHO2880

Department: Photography

PHO 4500: Special Topics in Photography

Extensive study of a particular topic or technique in photography; topics vary each semester. May be taken a second time for credit.

Credits: 3

Department: Photography

Printmaking

Description:

The printmaking program provides scope and flexibility through both its faculty and one of the finest and most comprehensive facilities in the country.

Students gain mastery in traditional printmaking processes while pursuing their interdisciplinary interests, including painting, drawing, photography, mixed media, digital media, and book arts. The studio is equipped for work in all of the major media: lithography, silkscreen, intaglio, woodcut, paper making, and fiber casting.

The extraordinary facilities of the school's Center for Editions and computer labs provide students with an unusually wide array of technologies for both print and electronic media, ranging from traditional hand tools, letterpress, offset lithography, photomechanical processes, and bookbinding to computer graphics and multimedia. It is the expectation of the printmaking faculty that the rigorous interaction of ideas and tools will promote experimentation and invention among students.

Requirements:

In addition to fulfilling **general degree requirements**, undergraduate students majoring in printmaking must complete the following requirements (81 credits):

Please Note: All students are expected to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 to remain in good academic standing. All required studio arts classes must be completed with a grade of C or higher in order to advance within the degree. Any required studio arts grade of C- or below must be repeated.

Foundation Courses: 16-17 credits

VIS 1050/ComX: 2 credits

or VIS 2150/Key Class: 1 credit

VIS 1060/Foundation Drawing: 3 credits

VIS 1070/Extended Media: 3 credits

VIS 1080/Visual Language: 3 credits

VIS 1260/3-D Processes: 3 credits

VIS 1330/Lens and Time: 3 credits

Art History Courses: 14 credits

ARH 1020/History of Art Survey II: 3 credits

ARH 1021/History of Art Survey II Discussion: 1 credit

ARH –/One course in the history of art before 1800 (lower-level)

PRT 2500/The History of Printmaking: 3 credits

PRT 3330/Printmaking Now: 3 credits

Printmaking Studio Courses: 27 credits

PRT 2225/Lithography: 3 credits

PRT 2230/Woodcut: 3 credits

PRT 2240/Screen Print: 3 credits

PRT 2320/Intaglio: 3 credits

PRT 3010/Digital Tools for Printmakers: 3 credits

PRT 3335/Printmaking Studio I: 3 credits

PRT 4725/Printmaking Studio II: 3 credits

PRT –/Printmaking electives (two): 6 credits

Visual Arts Studio Electives: 11-12 credits

Synthesis Courses: 12 credits

PRT 3225/Concepts in Print Media: 3 credits

PRT 4850/Professional Practice: 3 credits

PRT 4990/Senior Project I: 3 credits

PRT 4991/Senior Project II: 3 credits

Students are also expected to abide by the policies and procedures laid out in the [**A+D Student Handbook**](#).

Effective Fall 2022 for new students entering the program:

PRT3010/*Digital Tools for Printmakers* is now required. (3 credits)

Visual Arts Electives are 11-12 credits total.

Faculty

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Visiting Associate Professor of Art+Design

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Sculpture

Description:

An inclusive ever changing discipline, Sculpture engages traditional and new genre practices. Our wood, metal, ceramic and bronze casting facilities are state of the art and support studies in performance, digital technology and social practice. We seek to produce artists who are socially engaged global citizens.

Updated 10-2-20

Requirements:

In addition to fulfilling **general degree requirements**, undergraduate students majoring in sculpture must complete the following requirements (81 credits):

Please Note: All students are expected to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 to remain in good academic standing. All required studio arts classes must be completed with a grade of C or higher in order to advance within the degree. Any required studio arts grade of C- or below must be repeated.

Foundation Courses: 16-17 credits

VIS 1050/ComX: 2 credits

or VIS 2150/Key Class: 1 credit

VIS 1060/Foundation Drawing: 3 credits

VIS 1070/Extended Media: 3 credits

VIS 1080/Visual Language: 3 credits

VIS 1260/3-D Processes: 3 credits

VIS 1330/Lens and Time: 3 credits

Art History Courses: 12 credits

ARH 1020/History of Art Survey II: 3 credits

ARH 1021/History of Art Survey II: Discussion, 1 credit

ARH –/One course in the history of art before 1800 (lower-level)

ARH –/Art history elective (modern/contemporary)

Sculpture Studio Courses: 18 credits

SCP 2110/Thinking in Three Dimensions: 3 credits

SCP 2280/Digital Tools for Sculptors OR SCP 3310/Digital Dimensions: 3 credits

SCP –/Sculpture electives: 12 credits

Students must choose 6 credits from below:

SCP 2150/Intro to Wood

SCP 2080/Direct Metal

SCP 2270/Ceramics

SCP 3480/Multiples

SCP 3070/Bronze

Students must choose 6 credits from below:

SCP 3155/Performance

NME 2420/Video OR NME 3630/Sound

SCP 3356/Theater of Oppressed

VIS 3500/Arts for Social Change

Visual Arts Studio Electives: 11-12 credits

Synthesis Courses: 21 credits

SCP 2880/Sculpture Seminar: 3 credits

SCP 3550/Junior Sculpture Studio I: 3 credits

SCP 3560/Junior Sculpture Studio II: 3 credits

SCP 4800/Senior Seminar I: 3 credits

SCP 4810/Senior Seminar II: 3 credits

SCP 4990/Senior Project I: 3 credits

SCP 4991/Senior Project II: 3 credits

Students are also expected to abide by the policies and procedures laid out in the [**A+D Student Handbook**](#).

Faculty

Sonya Blesofsky

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MFA, State University of New York, Purchase College

Contributing Faculty

Jennifer Jones

Lecturer of Visual Arts

Courses

SCP 1500: Introduction to Sculpture

An introductory course in sculpture for students from other disciplines. Focus is placed on the development of 3-D design (form, space, object, composition) and on strengthening observational skills. A variety of materials and form-making processes are explored.

Credits: 3

Department: Sculpture

SCP 2080: Direct Metal I

Instruction in acetylene gas welding and all the tools required for direct metal fabrication of sculpture. The focus varies each semester (within the parameters of contemporary, nonfigurative sculpture) and includes the refining of technical form-making and welding skills.

Credits: 3

Department: Sculpture

SCP 2110: Thinking in Three Dimensions

Emphasizes the conceptual aspects of sculpture while continuing the development of technical skills in various processes and materials. The course is structured around assignments that develop individual industry, research skills, creative expressiveness, and class participation.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: VIS1260

Department: Sculpture

SCP 2150: Introduction to Wood

The specific visual and structural properties of wood are discussed with application to both functional and nonfunctional sculpture. Basic construction and forming techniques are introduced.

Credits: 3

Department: Sculpture

SCP 2200: Figure Modeling and Drawing

Clay modeling from the human figure. Drawing and 2-D media are used for support and insight into issues of figuration. Armature construction and relief sculpture are explored.

Credits: 3

Department: Sculpture

SCP 2270: Ceramic Sculpture

Focuses on clay as a sculptural medium with emphasis on process and the development of sculptural ideas. Various techniques are taught, including slab building, modeling, and some mold making for clay.

Credits: 3

Department: Sculpture

SCP 2280: Digital Tools for Sculptors

Provides students with a digital toolset for creating interactive sculpture today. Students explore the role of 2-D drawing tools and 3-D modeling software in the creation of sculptures and installations. The focus is on the potential of using virtual and physical tools together in the production of art works.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: VIS1260

Department: Sculpture

SCP 2420: Video Art I

An introduction to video as a creative visual, auditory, and spatial medium. Students learn the fundamentals of video production with the goal of making original work in the genres of single-channel tape, performance, and installation. At the same time, students are introduced to key works in the history of time-based arts in a weekly thematic program of viewing, listening, reading, and critique.

Credits: 3

Department: Sculpture

SCP 2880: Sculpture Seminar

A survey of contemporary artists and movements, ideas, and texts pertinent to current sculptural practice. A combination of lectures, reading-based discussions, workshops, and museum/gallery visits familiarize students with contemporary art discourse. Emphasis is on the evolving and expanding field of sculpture, including installation, performance, time-based media, and other object-making, material-based practices.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: VIS1260

Department: Sculpture

SCP 3006: Introduction to Video Art

In this introduction to the discipline of video art, students expand their knowledge of nonlinear editing as it pertains to the exhibition of video. Conceptual approaches may include non-narrative structures, installation art, and performance art as they relate to the moving image. Note: Students must have access to and be able to use a DV camcorder, webcam, camera phone, or other video-recording device that can capture moving images of decent quality and upload them to a computer for editing.

Credits: 3

Department: Sculpture

SCP 3025: Ceramic Sculpture II

A continuation of Ceramic Sculpture, further explorations in building large sculptures and making glazes. Designed for students focusing on clay as a medium for sculpture.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: SCP2270

Department: Sculpture

SCP 3070: Bronze Casting

Students produce forms in clay or wax and cast them in bronze. The traditional methods of lost-wax casting are explored, and students participate in all aspects of bronze foundry work.

Credits: 3

Department: Sculpture

SCP 3155: Performance Art

An introduction to performance art as a creative, visual, experiential, and time-based medium. Through structured projects, students learn ways to create and document performance pieces. Projects may include live performances, video and photo documentation of private actions, interactive pieces, and sculpture/installation works. Through presentation and lectures, students are introduced to significant historical and contemporary works. All mediums and backgrounds welcome.

Credits: 3

Department: Sculpture

SCP 3190: Shelters and Structures

In this project-based digital fabrication course, students investigate the idea of shelters and structures, both built and imaginary, as a source for 3-D work ranging from the miniature to the environmental, from the substantial to the ephemeral. *This course will utilize laser-cutters, CNC router and 3D printers.*

Credits: 3

Department: Sculpture

SCP 3280: Image/Object

Combines nontraditional photographic production with digital and hands-on fabrication techniques to investigate the fluid dynamic between image and form. Focusing on the politics, economics, and aesthetics of a data-driven culture, this course takes a critical project-based approach to bridging the virtual-physical divide. By exploring various imaging processes, students apply an additional layer of content in their sculpture.

Credits: 3

Department: Sculpture

SCP 3310: Digital Dimensions

In this digital fabrication course, students explore the relationship between the three-dimensional world and digital technology. In this creative new-media

environment, students are given a foundation for developing 3-D content and integrating it into their preferred field. Students generate digital objects, prepare them for real-world fabrication, and create virtual-reality simulations and photorealistic sculpture proposals. *This course will utilize laser-cutters, CNC router and 3D printers.*

Credits: 4

PREREQ: VIS1260 Or NME2100

Department: Sculpture

SCP 3350: Public Art: Making a Proposal

Takes advanced students through the process leading to the fabrication and installation of a public art commission. Students answer a call for proposals; create a professional-level response, including a written statement, model, drawings, budget, and fabrication schedule; and present to a committee of experts for appraisal. This course is especially recommended to any student considering making a public art proposal for the Purchase College campus.

Credits: 3

Department: Sculpture

SCP 3356: Theatre of the Oppressed: Process to Action

Exploring techniques of Augusto Boal's Theatre of the Oppressed, this course uses the arsenal of Theatre of the Oppressed exercises as a process to further understand self, each other, and surrounding social systems. Individual project forms may vary (sculpture, writing, etc.). In addition, the class makes a forum theatre piece to be performed with the campus community.

Credits: 3

Department: Sculpture

SCP 3410: Special Topics in Glass

Students explore various techniques using glass as an artistic medium. Demonstrations, image presentations, and critiques augment the work done in class.

Credits: 3

Department: Sculpture

SCP 3415: Special Topics in Sculpture

An extensive study of a particular topic or technique in sculpture. Topics vary each semester.

Credits: 3

Department: Sculpture

SCP 3480: Multiples: Methods for Making

Various methods used to make sculptural multiples are explored. Mold-making techniques are taught in clay, glass, paper, and mixed media. Assignments focus on achieving technical expertise and understanding the use of the multiple in contemporary sculpture.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: VIS1260

Department: Sculpture

SCP 3530: Animation

An introduction to and overview of the fundamentals of animation as a conceptual and technical medium. Students learn the historical and conceptual background of animation and create a series of works within the medium. In addition to digital video and still camera skills, the class explores stop motion, 2-D, and 3-D animation in combination with traditional practices, including painting, drawing, sculpture, and printmaking.

Credits: 3

Department: Sculpture

SCP 3550: Junior Sculpture Studio I

This first half of a two-semester course is intended to foster the discovery and sharpening of personal vision and the development of personal initiative and self-motivation. Students have the opportunity to work independently on self-generated projects, which are then presented for both group and individual critique. Required for sculpture majors.

Credits: 3

Department: Sculpture

SCP 3560: Junior Sculpture Studio II

This second half of a two-semester course is intended to foster the discovery and sharpening of personal vision and the development of personal initiative and self-motivation. Students have the opportunity to work independently on self-generated projects, which are then presented for both group and individual critique. Required for sculpture majors.

Credits: 3

Department: Sculpture

SCP 3570: Installation

This intensive exploration of installation art consists of a series of temporary projects that explore site-specific work, which may include a variety of media. Taking into account the range of sensory experience, space and time take on a greater importance than in object-based art works.

Credits: 3

Department: Sculpture

SCP 3630: Sound/Interactive Media I

Sound is explored as material in the context of the visual arts, using DAT recorders, sampling, synthesis, processing, computers, sensor control, and MIDI systems. Projects may include making sonic instruments, sounding objects, and experimental video; ambient, interactive, performative, and multimedia installations; and surround-sound DVDs. Advanced technological means enable uncharted explorations in the time-based arts.

Credits: 3

Department: Sculpture

SCP 3650: Immersive Sound Architectures

Students explore and create sound events and installations from a sculptural and an architectural perspective. This includes listening, recording, playing back, and simulating sound in space. Tools include multichannel systems, the KDFX processor, Ableton Live, Max, MIDI, Open Sound Control (OSC), and handmade instruments/circuits. Collaborations and workshops enable advanced students to plan, construct, budget, and document sonic events in public spaces. Students should have some experience with sound mixing and recording.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: SCP3630 Or MCO1310 Or MCO3330 Or NME1060

Department: Sculpture

SCP 3950: Studio Assistant (Sculpture)

Students gain technical professional experience by helping provide a safe and well-functioning studio environment for their fellow students. Studio assistants are expected to have advanced standing in their media area and a thorough understanding of current professional practices. Duties include basic maintenance and demonstrations of equipment, independent or group tutorials and workshops, weekly meetings, and other responsibilities assigned by the sponsoring instructional technician. A maximum of 4 credits in SCP 3950 (or a combined maximum of 6 credits in VIS 3998 and SCP 3950) may be applied toward the BFA.

Credits: 2

Department: Sculpture

SCP 4100: Special Topics in Metal

Students explore alternative or expanded practices in metal. These may include both processes and materials that do not overlap with currently offered classes. Materials may include aluminum, iron, and titanium. Processes may include furnace building, mold making, and metal casting. Demonstration, image presentation, and critique augment the actual work done in class.

Credits: 3

Department: Sculpture

SCP 4200: Advanced Video Workshop

A select group of advanced students focus on independent projects working within a specific video genre. Explorations may include video animation, installation, performance, documentary, or another specific video application. Lectures and presentations augment the students' hands-on work.

Credits: 3

Department: Sculpture

SCP 4800: Senior Seminar I

Focuses on commitment and professional practice. Students generate portfolios and documentation materials of their own work. Public speaking is emphasized as students learn to articulate and clarify their own work. Teaching methods include lectures, discussions, readings, and field trips. Required for all students undertaking a senior project in sculpture.

Credits: 3

Department: Sculpture

SCP 4810: Senior Seminar II

Extends the goals of SCP 4800, preparing students for the “real world” after graduation. Students research venues for their work, write grant proposals, investigate job possibilities, etc. Contemporary issues in sculpture are addressed through readings and discussions. Required for all students undertaking a senior project in sculpture.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: SCP4800

Department: Sculpture

Visual Arts, BSVA

Description:

Distinct from the more specialized BFA programs in the School of Art+Design, the BS major in visual arts provides an overview of contemporary art-based research methods and cultural theories, art history, and studio practice in a broad liberal arts context designed to introduce students to analytic and critical thinking.

The BS program combines the studio foundation program (required for all undergraduates in the School of Art+Design) with studio electives, courses in art history, and a synthesizing senior project. Students may choose from other art electives offered by the School of Art+Design, as long as they have taken the prerequisite courses. With half of their required credits earned outside the visual arts, many BSVA students complete a double major or a minor in the humanities, natural sciences, social sciences, or performing arts. This freedom offers students access to the full range of programs at Purchase College.

The [Neuberger Museum of Art](#) and [Performing Arts Center](#) on campus serve as active resources and integral components of the curriculum. [Study abroad](#) programs may provide enrichment and global perspectives to the course of study. [Internships](#) may also provide a practical connection between academic studies and potential career paths.

Academically engaged, visually attuned, and skillful students who wish to initiate this course of study will be admitted by portfolio review. Upon completion of the program, students may pursue careers in such cultural organizations as museums, galleries, and nonprofit organizations; art journalism and publishing, marketing and advertising; and other professions that require creative problem solving and inventive solutions. Graduates of this degree program will also be prepared to continue study in graduate and professional programs.

Requirements:

In addition to fulfilling **general degree requirements**, undergraduate students majoring in the visual arts BS program must complete the following requirements (57 credits), as outlined below:

Note: All students are expected to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 to remain in good academic standing. All required studio arts classes must be completed with a grade of C or higher in order to advance within the degree. Any required studio arts grade of C- or below must be repeated.

Foundation Courses: 16-17 credits

- VIS 1050/ComX: 2 credits or
- VIS 2150/Key Class: 1 credit
- VIS 1060/Foundation Drawing: 3 credits
- VIS 1070/Extended Media: 3 credits
- VIS 1080/Visual Language: 3 credits
- VIS 1260/3-D Processes: 3 credits
- VIS 1330/Lens and Time: 3 credits

Art History Courses: 12 credits

- ARH 1020/History of Art Survey II: 3 credits
- ARH1021/History of Art Survey II Discussion: 1 credit
- ARH –/One course in the history of art prior to 1800 (lower-level)
- ARH –/Art history elective (modern/contemporary)

Studio Electives: 17-18 credits

- V –/Visual arts studio electives: 5-6 credits
- V –/Visual arts studio electives (upper level): 12 credits

Synthesis Courses: 12 credits

- VIS 2880 or 3880/BSVA Seminar I or II: 3 credits
- SPJ 4990/Senior Project I: 4 credits
- SPJ 4991/Senior Project II: 4 credits

Students are also expected to abide by the policies and procedures laid out in the **A+D Student Handbook**.

Faculty

Stephen Maine

Lecturer of Art and Design

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Additional BSVA faculty include those teaching in the following Art+Design areas: **Foundations**, **Graphic Design**, **Painting and Drawing**, **Photography**, **Printmaking**, and **Sculpture**.

Visual Arts, Interdisciplinary

Description:

Working in close consultation with a faculty advisor, students in this BFA major design a course of study that bridges two or more traditional areas in the visual arts. This degree is designed for students whose natural interests and curiosities lead them beyond the borders of a single major. Students must identify a primary and secondary area of focus, such as Graphic Design and Printmaking or Sculpture and Photography. The course of study should direct the student along a path of exploration, experimentation and synthesis.

For more information on declaring this concentration, please refer to the **A+D Student Handbook**.

Updated 10-2-20

Requirements:

In addition to fulfilling **general degree requirements**, undergraduate students majoring in interdisciplinary visual arts must complete the following requirements (82 credits):

Note: All students are expected to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 to remain in good academic standing. All required studio arts classes must be completed with a grade of C or higher in order to advance within the degree. Any required studio arts grade of C- or below must be repeated.

Foundation Courses: 16-17 credits

- VIS 1050/ComX: 2 credits or
- VIS 2150/Key Class: 1 credit
- VIS 1060/Foundation Drawing: 3 credits
- VIS 1070/Extended Media: 3 credits
- VIS 1080/Visual Language: 3 credits
- VIS 1260/3-D Processes: 3 credits
- VIS 1330/Lens and Time: 3 credits

Art History Courses: 12 credits

- ARH 1020/History of Art Survey II: 3 credits

- ARH 1021/History of Art Survey II Discussion: 1 credit
- ARH –/One course in the history of art before 1800 (lower-level)
- ARH –/Art history elective (modern/contemporary)

Studio Art Courses: 30 credits

Students must find a faculty sponsor in each of the two areas (primary and secondary).

Primary area:

Studio art courses (lower level): 6 credits

Studio art courses (upper level): 12 credits

Secondary area:

Studio art courses (lower level): 6 credits

Studio art courses (upper level): 6 credits

Visual Arts Studio Electives: 12-13 credits

Synthesis Courses: 11 credits

Senior seminar or other synthesis course: 3 credits

VIS 4990/Senior Project I: 4 credits

VIS 4991/Senior Project II: 4 credits

Students are also expected to abide by the policies and procedures laid out in the [**A+D Student Handbook**](#).

Courses

VIS 1020: Introduction to Visual Communication

An introduction to digital visual communications and basic creative software applications used by professionals outside of the visual arts. The course focuses on building a digital and visual vocabulary and developing skills within the Mac iLife suite and Photoshop. Concepts include basic design principles, resolution, printing, scanning, optical media, and multimedia presentations. Digital literacy is promoted through observation, discussion, workshops, tutorials, exercises, collaborative work, reading, writing, and small projects. Coursework is designed to integrate the student's field of study with digital visual communications.

Credits: 2

Department: Art + Design

VIS 1050: ComX

This common experience brings freshmen in the School of Art+Design together as a community, allowing them to engage and draw links between the class activities and the rest of the foundation curriculum. Students experience happenings ranging from artist lectures, films, and readings to performances and field trips. *Includes required meetings each week with peer advisors outside the scheduled class time.*

Credits: 2

Department: Art + Design

VIS 1060: Foundation Drawing

Drawing is explored as a distinct practice inspired by particular media and traditions, as well as a fundamental tool for exploring ideas across disciplines. Observational skills are emphasized, but seeing extends beyond the visual, enriched by physical, intellectual, and personal experience. Analytical and intuitive approaches are developed toward the goal of communicating significant form and content.

Credits: 3

Department: Art + Design

VIS 1070: Extended Media

Working thematically toward a finished project (realized in an artist's book), students gain experience in traditional and alternative methods for art making. Digital media, printmaking, and photography are used as unique forms or in new combinations. Emphasis is on the process of making and the challenge of expressing ideas. Demonstrations, critiques, readings, slide lectures, visiting artists, and films are included.

Credits: 3

Department: Art + Design

VIS 1080: Visual Language

Introduces the fundamental theories and methodologies of visual communication that explore the relationship between form and content. Through observation, analysis, writing, exercises, and projects, students begin to develop work processes that involve articulation, visual research, concept generation, form making, and craft skills. Class time is spent generating ideas, establishing criteria, and making and refining form.

Credits: 3

Department: Art + Design

VIS 1240: Special Topics in Visual Arts: India/Tibet

Students explore various art-making processes through the unique lens of the cultures of India and Tibet. Readings, lectures, writing, and studio work are combined with locally developed research to form projects that focus on themes established by the instructor.

Credits: 4

Department: Art + Design

VIS 1260: 3-D Processes

A foundation studio course that introduces the fundamental skills and vocabulary needed to design and create three-dimensional works. Students explore areas of 3-D construction, sculpture, and design, ranging from object to installation and using a variety of processes, materials, and techniques, including wood, metal, plaster, clay, mixed media, and digital tools (e.g., vector and raster graphic programs).

Credits: 3

Department: Art + Design

VIS 1330: Lens and Time

Students explore time- and lens-based artistic processes that use pictorial space, narrative strategies, sequence, sound, video, social practice, screen-based interaction, and coding.

Credits: 3

Department: Art + Design

VIS 1710: Line/Space/Body: An Exploration of Antibes

Students incorporate on-site drawing, ephemeral site-specific sculptures, and performance around the city, using both found and traditional materials. Exploration of the spaces that are Antibes is expanded to include not just the physical, but also the historical, political, and psychological.

Credits: 4

Department: Art + Design

VIS 2040: Experience Beyond Observation: the News

Engaging the daily newspaper as a readily available and highly tactile form of communication, students use broad and deep research to develop an understanding of the printed medium as a visual abstraction of its content. Students engage in diverse mediums to present their evolving, experimental work as an abstraction of the newspaper in a visual cultural and social context.

Credits: 3

Department: Art + Design

VIS 2041: Composition: Crossing over between visual arts, music, and performing arts

Composition is an experimentation in synthesizing word, image, sound, and movement through close observation and cohesion presentation. Exploring the universality of composition in musical and non-musical terms engaging processes of translating and effectively communicating ideas from and within mediums and disciplines, students use their own evolving mediums of expression in diverse ways.

Credits: 3

Department: Art + Design

VIS 2100: Color

Color affects the work of all artists and designers. This seminar/studio engages two ways of understanding color: color behavior and color meaning. Assignments include color studies, readings, and discussions. Color is addressed as relevant to all media, and students are asked to make color studies and present analyses of how color is used in their own studio practices.

Credits: 3

Department: Art + Design

VIS 2110: Color Seminar

Color is the most relative of all visual attributes. The seminar makes use of this relativity as the means by which visual awareness is heightened and refined through fundamental studies in color action and interaction. This is not a course in color theory; rather, it is a practicum in color as experienced. Mastery of basic color grammar and syntax leads to a personal sense of looking and expression.

Credits: 3

Department: Art + Design

VIS 2120: Crossover I

Juxtaposes art and science as inquiring and creative pursuits. Exchanging knowledge of the materials and processes used in their creative endeavors, students collaborate on three innovative projects that focus on perceived relationships between science and art. Visiting professionals, at work in studios and labs, provide insight into thinking and doing through and across the disciplines of art and science.

Credits: 3

Department: Art + Design

VIS 2120: Crossover I

Juxtaposes art and science as inquiring and creative pursuits. Exchanging knowledge of the materials and processes used in their creative endeavors, students collaborate on three innovative projects that focus on perceived relationships between science and art. Visiting professionals, at work in studios and labs, provide insight into thinking and doing through and across the disciplines of art and science.

Credits: 3

Department: Graphic Design

VIS 2150: Key Class

Introduces new transfer students to the School of Art+Design, its faculty, and core values. The class explores what it means to be an artist at Purchase College. What are the expectations, challenges, and rewards? Activities include discussions, artist lectures, films, performances, field trips, and peer advising. Includes required meetings outside the scheduled class time.

Credits: 1

Department: Art + Design

VIS 2200: Collage

The collage medium is often associated with Cubism because it has the power to both fracture and reassemble shapes and images. This course explores the fabrication of two-dimensional artworks, using a variety of materials (both found and created), including paper, fabric, wood, metal, and string, along with drawing and painting elements.

Credits: 3

Department: Art + Design

VIS 2240: Exhibition Design I: Experimental Observation & Presentation

Students experiment individually and in partnerships within and without the class, broadening and deepening skills in observation & presentation as a primary means of comprehending exhibition design as a purposeful, comprehensive communication of form and content. 2 and 3-dimensional work incorporating journal writing, drawing, and continuing critique in diverse media underscore ongoing exchanges with the Neuberger Museum of Art and Yale University museums/institutes.

Credits: 3

Department:

VIS 2880: BSVA Seminar I

A survey of contemporary artists, ideas, and texts in which cross-disciplinary research and critique skills are taught. A combination of slide lectures, discussions of readings, and museum/gallery visits familiarize students with contemporary art discourse, its interdisciplinary character, and many of its important figures. Guest lecturers from various backgrounds visit throughout the term.

Credits: 3

Department: Art + Design

VIS 3000: Art in the Age of Electronic Media

An overview of electronic media and its relationship to the fine arts. This course covers the genre from its infancy to the present and focuses on the study of the art and artists critical to the genre's development. Lectures, hands-on demonstrations, and visiting artists are augmented by assigned readings, critical writing, and examinations.

Credits: 3

Department: Art + Design

VIS 3060: Master Class: Applied Design

Coordinated by faculty in Art+Design, this master class includes guest lectures by the resident artist in the Center for Applied Design and focuses on areas related to

the particular artist's pursuits. Students engage in collaborative research and studio production as they explore the cultural relevance and social impact of objects. Open to students in other disciplines; may be taken a maximum of three times for credit.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: SCP2080 And SCP2150

Department: Art + Design

VIS 3120: Crossover II

Juxtaposes art and science as inquiring and creative pursuits. Exchanging knowledge of the materials and processes used in their creative endeavors, students collaborate on three innovative projects that focus on perceived relationships between science and art. Visiting professionals, at work in studios and labs, provide insight into thinking and doing through and across the disciplines of art and science.

Credits: 3

Department: Art + Design

VIS 3120: Crossover II

Juxtaposes art and science as inquiring and creative pursuits. Exchanging knowledge of the materials and processes used in their creative endeavors, students collaborate on three innovative projects that focus on perceived relationships between science and art. Visiting professionals, at work in studios and labs, provide insight into thinking and doing through and across the disciplines of art and science.

Credits: 3

Department: Graphic Design

VIS 3205: Photo Book - Pisciotta

Using still photography, students make a photo book inspired by their observations and experiences of Pisciotta, Italy. Students develop content using the visual languages of photography and artists' books. Narrative strategies and consideration of sequence, rhythm, design and layout are discussed and tested. Working with

digital cameras, editing/layout software and internet publishing, students create a self-published, printed book.

Credits: 4

Department: Art + Design

VIS 3240: Exhibition Design II: Experimental Observation & Presentation

Students experiment individually and in partnerships within and without the class, broadening and deepening skills in observation & presentation as a primary means of comprehending exhibition design as a purposeful, comprehensive communication of form and content. 2 and 3-dimensional work incorporating journal writing, drawing, and continuing critique in diverse media underscore ongoing exchanges with the Neuberger Museum of Art and Yale University museums/institutes.

Credits: 3

Department:

VIS 3420: Make, Mix, Move

An interdisciplinary investigation of making, using such methods as collage and assemblage. Working both digitally and physically, students explore materials, found images and objects, and original content, culminating in kinetic and animated projects.

Credits: 3

Department: Art + Design

VIS 3425: Special Topics in Visual Art

An extensive study of a particular topic or technique in the visual arts. Topics vary each semester.

Credits: 3

Department: Art + Design

VIS 3470: Special Topic Colloquium

This colloquium augments the Art+Design undergraduate program by focusing on the independent research of a current MFA student with advanced standing. The graduate student shares his or her unique research through readings, workshop activities, studio critiques, writing, and other assignments.

Credits: 3

Department: Art + Design

VIS 3480: Interdisciplinary Critique

Students present their work for discussion by peers from across disciplines, creating a dialogue that mirrors those taking place in the arts at large. The result will emphasize interdisciplinary thinking and approaches to critique. Using the critical workshop as a model art world, students will exhibit work for the workshop-as-audience during each class period, examining how their studio practices (with its medium-specific or medium-diverse preoccupations) compare to those of students working with other materials and subjects. Intensive, in-class discussions will be supplemented with readings, screenings and writing assignments.

Credits: 3

Department: Art + Design

VIS 3500: The Arts for Social Change

Public art is used in this course to promote community engagement and cross-cultural interaction. Students use established, recognized methods of collaboration to explore local community issues, concluding with the physical implementation and exhibition of student-led solutions.

Credits: 3

Department: Art + Design

VIS 3505: Experiencing Benin through Art Criticism and Practice

Collaborate with Beninese students researching cultural artistic production in Benin. Activities include service-learning workshops at local mini-libraries; visits to cultural sites including Ouidah and the slave trail; visits to artists' studios; and drawing and DIY printmaking workshops with both Beninese and Purchase students. Students write response papers, participate in class discussions, co-teach workshops, and make artwork.

Credits: 3

PREREQ: ARH3030

Department: Art + Design

VIS 3550: Making Community: Art and Urban Renewal in Detroit

A summer service-learning course that takes place in struggling urban centers, in which students work with city residents to help rejuvenate abandoned homes. Activities and topics include skill-sharing workshops with residents, readings, lectures, and Theatre of the Oppressed techniques, interrogating the impacts of gentrification, the roles of outsiders in development, and the unintended consequences of good intentions in transitional neighborhoods.

Credits: 4

Department: Art + Design

VIS 3710: Line/Space/Body: An Exploration of Antibes

Students will conduct independent research on the landscape of the region in terms of borders, history, politics, geography, and migration. This research will be compiled in various ways and result in a final artwork or paper to be determined by the faculty and student.

Credits: 4

Department: Art + Design

VIS 3880: BSVA Seminar II

Independent research is introduced as a major focus. Students gather threads from classwork, with their humanities studies, to begin a comprehensive archive. Discussion and critique reinforce the loop between making, research, and analysis. Course topics focus on advancing key frameworks in the field. The seminar serves as a laboratory for senior projects and culminates in an independently driven project.

Credits: 3

Department: Art + Design

VIS 3920: Artist Assistant

Students assist visiting resident artists in the School of Art+Design or the Neuberger Museum of Art with the creation of a new work. Duties are assigned, overseen, and evaluated by the faculty sponsor and may include fabrication, technical support, rendering, printing, or other artistic practices.

Credits: 6

Department: Art + Design

VIS 4050: Peer Mentoring

In this seminar, which facilitates the peer-mentoring program, students are taught methods to support their roles as leaders and peer mentors of incoming students in the School of Art+Design. Their mission is to reinforce the student community, providing a support system that supplements the curricula. Tools are introduced in class meetings to enhance student experience and professional practice. Students meet weekly with their peer mentees.

Credits: 3

Department: Art + Design

VIS 4470: Field Trips

The class meets at various museums, galleries, and alternative spaces in and around New York City, where students encounter a wide range of media, aesthetic sensibilities, and institutional settings. At least one class is devoted to discussing

student work in relation to concepts explored during the field trips. Student-funded travel required.

Credits: 3

Department: Art + Design

Graduate Courses

Visual Arts Graduate Programs

Description:

MFA in Visual Arts

The MFA program in the School of Art+Design is a two-year, interdisciplinary graduate program in the visual arts.

This small and highly selective program fosters the artistic, intellectual, and professional growth of each student through exposure to a variety of viewpoints represented by faculty, visiting artists, and critics, and through independent studio work and academic studies.

Emphasis is placed on the development of originality, clarity, and studio discipline that will carry into the student's professional career. The focus on independent studio work encourages discovery of individual forms of expression. This is accomplished through one-on-one meetings with faculty sponsors chosen each term, group critiques, and cross-disciplinary critiques with the MFA faculty.

Graduate students are expected to produce an individual body of work during their two years, culminating in an MFA exhibition accompanied by a written thesis. For those interested in developing teaching skills and pedagogical approaches to art making, opportunities are available to assist in the teaching of undergraduate courses and, when appropriate, to develop and offer courses.

The extensive facilities of the school, including photography, video, and digital labs, a furniture-grade wood shop, metal shop, and printmaking studios, all housed within the school's 160,000 square foot building, are available to MFA students. In addition, each MFA student is assigned a semiprivate studio space. Thirty-five miles south of the campus, the vast art resources in New York City also play a crucial role in every student's curricular and extracurricular studies.

Dual Degree: MFA in Visual Arts/MA in Art History

Graduate students have an opportunity to earn both an **MA in art history** through the School of Humanities and an MFA in visual arts through the School of Art+Design.

Apart from preparation for museum and gallery work and writing art criticism, students enrolled in the MA/MFA program gain a significant competitive advantage when pursuing a teaching career in studio art. Candidates for both the MA and MFA should review the options for the thesis exhibition. Studio space is provided during the first two years of the program.

For more information on this three-year option, please refer to **MA/MFA Academic Requirements**.

Requirements:

MFA Requirements | MA/MFA Requirements

MFA Academic Requirements

The MFA program is designed to be completed in two years with a minimum requirement of 60 graduate credits.

This includes the following requirements:

- *12 credits of the Graduate Studio Critique, a weekly group critique class*
- *12 credits of Independent Studio work with faculty mentors, including the Capstone in the final semester*
- *6 credits of Professional Practice classes*
- *6 credits of Graduate Critical Topics (theory and criticism)*
- *8 credits of Art History (usually fulfilled as the Graduate Art History Colloquium I & II)*
- *All remaining credits are completed as Electives. While these are most commonly “making” classes taken in the School of Art + Design, students are welcome to take classes anywhere at Purchase College. Either they register directly, (in the case of 5000 level classes) or they participate in undergraduate classes as 5000-level Independent Study enrollees, making specific arrangements with faculty to tailor the class to the needs of the student while fulfilling curricular requirements.*

First Year: 30-31 credits

Fall: 14-15 credits

- VIS 5150/College Pedagogy or elective/ 3 credits
- VIS 5720/Graduate Studio Critiques I/ 3 credits
- VIS 5760/Graduate Critical Topics/ 3 credits

- VIS 5801/Independent Graduate Studio I/ 3 credits
- VIS 5-/Graduate teaching assistant or elective/ 2-3 credits

Spring: 16 credits

- VIS 5210/Professional Practices: Artists/ 3 credits or
VIS 5220/Professional Practices: Institutions/ 3 credits
- VIS 5730/Graduate Studio Critiques II/ 3 credits
- Elective (open)/ 3 credits
- VIS 5802/Independent Graduate Studio II/ 3 credits
- ARH 5326/Master's Colloquium II/ 4 credits or
ARH 5-/Graduate Art History elective/ 4 credits

Second Year: 30 credits

Fall: 16 credits

- VIS 5740/Graduate Studio Critiques III/ 3 credits
- VIS 5760/Graduate Critical Topics/ 3 credits
- VIS 5803/Independent Graduate Studio III/ 3 credits
- VIS 5-/Visual Arts elective/ 3 credits
- ARH 5325/Master's Colloquium I/ 4 credits or
ARH 5-/Graduate art history elective/ 4 credits

Spring: 14 credits

- VIS 5005/Graduate Thesis Intensive/ 3 credits
- VIS 5210/Professional Practices: Artists/ 3 credits or
VIS 5220/Professional Practices: Institutions/ 3 credits
- VIS 5750/Graduate Studio Critiques IV/ 3 credits
- Elective (open)/ 2 credits
- VIS 5804/Graduate Studio Capstone/ 3 credits

Notes:

1. ARH 5325 and ARH 5326 are required for students who are also enrolled in the art history MA program. Otherwise, MFA students may choose a different graduate art history course in consultation with their faculty advisor.
2. Students may enroll in ARH 5325 or the graduate art history elective in the fall semester of either their first or second year. ARH 5325 and 5326 may be taken in either order.
3. Students must take VIS 5760/Graduate Critical Topics two times.

MA/MFA Academic Requirements

In most cases, obtaining both an MA in art history (through the School of Humanities) and an MFA in visual arts at Purchase College requires three years of in-residence study with a total course load of 98 credits. For successful progress through the program, a 3.0 (B) GPA must be maintained.

First Year: 32 credits

Fall: 16 credits

- VIS 5150/College Pedagogy or elective/ 3 credits
- VIS 5720/Graduate Studio Critiques I/ 3 credits
- VIS 5760/Graduate Critical Topics/ 3 credits
- VIS 5801/Independent Graduate Studio I/ 3 credits
- ARH 5101/Proseminar: Method and Theory in Art History*/ 4 credits

**ARH 5101 offered alternate years; one semester required*

Spring: 16 credits

- VIS 5210/Professional Practices: Artists/ 3 credits or
VIS 5220/Profesional Practices: Institutions/ 3 credits
- VIS 5730/Graduate Studio Critiques II/ 3 credits
- Elective (open)/ 3 credits
- VIS 5802/Independent Graduate Studio II/ 3 credits
- ARH 5325/Master's Colloquium I*/ 4 credits

**ARH 5325 and 5326 may be taken in either order*

Second Year: 34 credits

Fall: 16 credits

- VIS 5740/Graduate Studio Critiques III/ 3 credits
- VIS 5760/Graduate Critical Topics/ 3 credits
- VIS 5803/Independent Graduate Studio III/ 3 credits
- ARH 5326 Master's Colloquium II*/ 4 credits
- Studio art elective/ 3 credits

**ARH 5325 and 5326 may be taken in either order*

Spring: 18 credits

- ARH 5-/Art history elective**/ 4 credits
- VIS 5005/MFA Thesis Tutorial/ 2 credits
- VIS 5210/Professional Practices: Artists or
VIS 5220/Professional Practices: Institutions/ 3 credits
- VIS 5750/Graduate Studio Critiques IV/ 3 credits
- Elective (open)/ 3 credits
- VIS 5804/Graduate Studio Capstone/ 3 credits

***At least one course elective must deal with art before 1950*

Third Year: 32 credits

Fall: 16 credits

- ARH 5-/Art history electives (two)**/ 8 credits
- Elective (open)/ 4 credits
- ARH 5990/Master's Thesis I/ 4 credits

***At least one course elective must deal with art before 1950*

Spring: 16 credits

- ARH 5-/Art history electives (two)**/ 8 credits
- Elective (open)/ 4 credits
- ARH 5991/Master's Thesis II/ 4 credits

**At least one course elective must deal with art before 1950

Notes:

1. Students must take VIS 5760/Graduate Critical Topics two times.
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*MA/MFA Option: A three-year program leading to both the MA in art history and the MFA in visual arts is also available

Undergraduate Courses

Interdisciplinary Programs Asian Studies

Description:

The minor in Asian studies provides students with a general introduction to the history and culture of Asian countries through a combination of courses in the humanities and social sciences.

Students interested in the minor must submit a completed [Application for a Program of Minor Study](#) to the School of Humanities main office. The student is assigned a minor advisor after consultation with the coordinator of the Asian studies program.

Minor requirements:

Academic Requirements for the Minor in Asian Studies

Five courses, as follows:

- a. Two courses must be at the 3000 or 4000 level.
- b. One course must be in history. The remaining four courses may be selected from Asian art history, anthropology, Chinese language (strongly suggested), cinema, literature, philosophy, politics, and theatre arts.

Courses Available for the Minor in Asian Studies

School of Film and Media Studies

Cinema and Television Studies

CIN 3757/New Waves of East Asian Cinema

School of Humanities

Art History

ARH 4710/Exoticism in Modern Art

Chinese Language and Culture

- CHI 1010/Beginning Chinese I
- CHI 1020/Beginning Chinese II
- CHI 1505/Chinese Culture and Social Life
- CHI 2010/Intermediate Chinese I
- CHI 2020/Intermediate Chinese II
- CHI 3010/Advanced Chinese I
- CHI 3020/Advanced Chinese II

History

- HIS 2250/Introduction to Asian Studies
- HIS 2600/History of Modern Japan
- HIS 2820/Introduction to Chinese Arts and Culture
- HIS 2825/Modern South Asian History (*added Fall 2017*)
- HIS 2830/Modern East Asia
- HIS 3145/Chinese Cinema and History
- HIS 3269/Vietnam and Modern America
- HIS 3310/Politics and Literature in Modern China
- HIS 3510/China in the Modern Age
- HIS 3770/Traditional China

Literature

- LIT 2387/Literature of the South Asian Diaspora
- LIT 3215/South Asian Literature
- LIT 3226/Literature of Decolonization in South Asia

Philosophy

- PHI 2430/Classical Buddhist Philosophy

- PHI 3290/Chinese Philosophy: From Confucius through the Neo-Confucian Synthesis of the Song Dynasty

School of Natural and Social Sciences

Anthropology

- ANT 2400/Anthropology of South Asia
- ANT 3185/Global Media, Local Cultures
- ANT 3600/Contemporary Japan: Aesthetics, Politics, Modernity

Political Science

- POL 2105/Citizens Living Under Islamic Laws
- POL 2350/Free Speech, Heresy, and Gender in Islamic Societies
- POL 3430/Politics of South Asia
- POL 3573/Human Rights and Literature

Conservatory of Theatre Arts

Theatre and Performance

- THP 3170/Theatricality and Interculturalism (*changed Spring 2018; formerly THP 3155/The Theatrical Avant-Garde: East Meets West*)
- THP 3260/Theatre and Asia

Faculty

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Professor of History

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- MA, University of California, Los Angeles

- PhD, New York University

Contemplative Studies

Description:

The Contemplative Studies minor is dedicated to integrating the art and science of contemplative practices into academic work in order for students to develop self-knowledge, resilience, critical awareness, and positive social engagement.

This experiential approach complements a rigorous interdisciplinary academic investigation and discussion of contemplative practices in the sciences, humanities, and arts.

The minor is composed of courses already offered at Purchase, as well as the framework for faculty to develop courses dedicated to the minor. In addition, students can design an internship/independent study under the supervision of a Contemplative Studies advisor.

Minor requirements:

Students are required to take:

- 1 Foundational course (Contemplation, Meditation, and Mind)
- 1 Somatics Course (e.g. Yoga, Somatic Dance Fluid Form/Alexander Technique)
- 3 electives; or 2 electives plus an internship under supervision of their minor advisor. Electives must be taken from a minimum of two separate disciplines

Contemplative Studies minors are required to have an advisor help navigate the complexity of a minor that is comprised of various disciplines.

Courses

Anthropology

- ANT2555/Magic, Witchcraft and Modernity
- ANT3350/Myth, Ritual, and Performance
- ANT3215/Anthropology of Religion
- ANT3540/Sensing and Knowing in Anthropology, Psychology and the Arts

Dance Performance

DPB1060/Ballet
DPM1060/Modern Dance
DPM1551/Somatic Practices for Dancers:Yoga
DPM1552/Somatic Practices for Dancers: A Moving Inquiry
DPM1553/Somatic Practices for Dancers:Alexander Technique
DPM 1559/Somatic Practice for Dancers

History

HIS 2870/Judaism, Christianity and Islam
HIS 3295/Travelers to the Holy Land
HIS 2880/The Atlantic World

Literature

LIT2530/The Bible
LIT3745/Identity and Self-Fashioning

Philosophy

PHI2430/Classical Buddhist Philosophy
PHI2400/Introduction to Asian Thought
PHI2800/Philosophy of Religion
PHI1160/Religion, Science and Modernity
PHI2060/Existentialism
PHI2835/Happiness: Philosophy, Film, Literature
PHI3290/Chinese Philosophy: From Confucius through the Neo-Confucian Synthesis of the Song Dynasty
PHI3385/Language, Thought, and Reality
PHI3592/Phenomenology and Embodiment
PHI3730/Philosophy of Mind

Photography

PHO2330/Contemplative Photography

Physical Education

PED1010/Yoga

PED1017/Yoga Tools for Relaxation and Peace

PED1018/Vinyasa Yoga

PED1640/Personal Health and Wellness

Psychology

PSY2755/Stress and Coping

PSY3301/Health Psychology

PSY3320/Language and Thought

Sociology

SOC2365/Self and Society

SOC3035/Birth and Death

SOC3054/Personal Transformation and Social Change

SOC3455/Conflict Management and Mediation

SOC4053/Astrosociology & Consciousness Communities

Theatre and Performance

THP4316/Vocal Exploration for the Performer

Visual Arts

VIS2120/Crossover I, Juxtaposing Art and Science

VIS3120/Crossover II, Juxtaposing Art and Science

Gender Studies

Description:

Consisting of a variety of courses drawn from across the college, the program offers students the opportunity to study gender in a variety of historical periods and geographical areas using different academic, political, and feminist perspectives. The program equips students with reading, writing, research, and analytical skills that enable them to:

- identify and analyze the links among gender, sexuality, identity, power, and social justice
- identify and analyze intersections among gender and sexuality and other categories of difference, such as class, race, religion, nationality, and physical ability
- situate gender and sexuality in broader historical and geopolitical contexts
- write or otherwise present (depending on the field of study) analyses of gender and sexuality in specific visual, literary, and theoretical works
- design and execute a senior project that demonstrates these competencies within a theoretical framework of gender and sexuality

Requirements:

In addition to meeting **general degree requirements**, all gender studies majors must complete a minimum of seven courses with a grade of C or higher and an 8-credit senior project (31–36 credits total), as follows.

- GND 1200/Introduction to Gender and Sexuality: 4 credits
- Five electives in gender studies: 15–20 credits
- One theory course: 4 credits
- SPJ 4990/Senior Project I: 4 credits
- SPJ 4991/Senior Project II: 4 credits

Notes:

- All students majoring in gender studies who do not have a second major are required to declare a minor and enroll in the methods course or junior seminar offered in that minor's discipline.

Consult with your minor advisor about appropriate coursework.

- An internship is highly recommended.

Examples of Electives

Courses in the following list are subject to change, and new courses may be added. Students should consult with their faculty advisor when choosing electives.

School of Film and Media Studies:

CIN 3540/Queer Cinema
MSA 3160/Queer Media Convergence
MSA 4120/Drag Theory and Practice

School of Humanities:

ARH 2885/Women Artists and Feminist Criticism
ARH 3187/Women Artists in the 20th Century
FRE 3230/The Island as Laboratory
HIS 2490/Women in America
HIS 3115/Sex Radicals in the 19th-Century U.S.
HIS 3155/Religion, Heresy, and Witchcraft
HIS 3165/War and Gender in 20th-Century Europe
HIS 3375/“Aren’t I a Woman?”: The Construction of Womanhood in the U.S.
HIS 3685/Sex and Gender in Latin America
HIS 3695/History of Gender and Sexuality in the United States
HIS 3727/History of Feminist Movements
HIS 3730/Wives, Widows, Workers
JOU 3040/Race, Gender, and the Media
LIT 3004/Lesbian and Gay Poetry
LIT 3012/The Lives of James Baldwin (*added Fall 2020*)
LIT 3017/Eighteenth-Century British Women Writers
LIT 3025/Women and Film
LIT 3043/Toni Morrison
LIT 3575/Virginia Woolf
LIT 3665/American Women Writers
LIT 3673/Austen
LIT 3845/Zora Neale Hurston

School of Natural and Social Sciences:

ANT 2755/Global Sexualities
ECO 2355/Gender and Economics
POL 2040/Women and Politics
POL 2105/Citizens Living Under Islamic Laws
POL 2350/Free Speech, Heresy, and Gender in Islamic Societies
POL 3045/Sex, Politics, and Health
POL 3090/Race, Gender, and the Law
POL 3095/Queer Politics in the U.S.
POL 3245/Gender and Health: International Issues
POL 3255/Islamic State, Gender, and Sexuality
PSY 2860/Psychology of Women
PSY 3845/Gender Development
SOC 2020/Human Sexuality
SOC 2210/Sociology of Gender
SOC 3005/Feminism, Art, and Performance
SOC 3035/Birth and Death
SOC 3415/Racial Inequalities
SOC 3705/Masculinities: Feminist Perspectives
SOC 3755/Sexualities and Society

Conservatory of Theatre Arts:

THP 3300/Women in Performance
THP 3525/LGBTQ Theatre and Performance
THP 3600/Women and Drama
THP 4170/Contemporary Queer Performance

Examples of Theory Courses

Courses in the following list are subject to change, and new courses may be added. Students should consult with their faculty advisor when choosing the theory course.

GND 3010/Transgender Studies
GND 3050/Sports Studies: Queer, Feminist and Trans Approaches
GND 3130/Feminist Theory
MSA 3160/Queer Media Convergence
PHI 2500/Gender and Power
PHI 3725/Theories of Sexuality
POL 3095/Queer Politics in the U.S.

Minor requirements:

Students majoring in any discipline may pursue a minor in gender studies, which offers a variety of courses drawn from across the college.

Students have the opportunity to study gender in a variety of historical periods and geographical areas using different academic, political, and feminist perspectives.

Students interested in this minor must submit a completed [Application for a Program of Minor Study](#) and should plan their program of study in consultation with the gender studies faculty in their major field or with the coordinator of the gender studies program.

Academic Requirements for the Minor in Gender Studies

Five courses, as follows:

- GND 1200/Introduction to Gender and Sexuality
- Four elective courses in gender studies, at least two of which must be upper-level (3000- or 4000-level)*

*Learning assistantships, internships, independent studies, and tutorials cannot be used to satisfy this requirement.

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Global Black Studies

Description:

Engaging the Complexities of Global Black Experience at Home and Abroad

The minor in global black studies provides students with analytical lenses, tools, and frameworks for the development of a multidimensional understanding of the black experience, with a particular focus on the interdependent nature of local and global black dynamics. Students in any discipline may pursue this minor by submitting a completed [Application for a Program of Minor Study](#).

Crossing Boundaries, Exploring Connections

The minor consists of five courses taught by Purchase faculty whose research and teachings, while "housed" within various fields, are deeply engaged with global black issues. This makes the minor a critical complement to students' current major fields of study, such as anthropology, art history, literature, music, new media, psychology, philosophy, sociology, and the visual arts, among others.

Minor requirements:

Academic Requirements for the Minor in Global Black Studies

Five courses, including at least three upper-level (3000–4000 level), chosen from an approved list.

Because new courses may be added to the curriculum from time to time, students should also consult with the Chair of the global black studies minor.

Courses Available for the Minor in Global Black Studies

School of Humanities

Art History

- ARH 2300/West African Art
- ARH 2305/West African Dance: History, Theory, Practice
- ARH 2550/Arts of Africa
- ARH 3170/African American Art
- ARH 3177/Contemporary African Art
- ARH 3565/Photography in Africa and the African Diaspora
- ARH 4130/Contemporary African American Art: East Coast-West Coast
- ARH 4770/African Art and Film
- ARH 4775/Performance Art in the West African Diaspora

French Language and Culture

- FRE 3067/French Caribbean Literature

History

- HIS 2540/Society and Culture in Modern Brazil
- HIS 2770/Ancient Africa: History and Archaeology
- HIS 3463/From Haiti to Ferguson: The Global Black Freedom Struggle since Slavery
- HIS 3466/To Enjoy Our Freedom: African American History Since 1865
- HIS 3555/African Diasporas in the Americas
- HIS 3625/Slaves and Enslavement in the Americas
- HIS 3635/Race, Ethnicity, and Identity in the US
- HIS 3705/Slavery and Social Status in the Atlantic World

Literature

- LIT1610/Intro to LatinX Literature
- LIT 2100/Freedom Dreams: Introduction to African American Literature
- LIT 3011/Literature, Race and the Police State
- LIT 3012/The Lives of James Baldwin (*added Fall 2020*)
- LIT 3043/Toni Morrison
- LIT 3380/Literature of the Harlem Renaissance
- LIT 3605/Jazz and the Literary Imagination
- LIT 3845/Zora Neale Hurston

Philosophy

- PHI 2560/Thinking Race

Journalism

- JOU 3040/Race, Gender, and the Media

School of Natural and Social Sciences

Anthropology

- ANT 1010/Nigerian/Hausa Language and Culture
- ANT 2730/New Black Ethnographies
- ANT 3255/Urban Life in Africa
- ANT 3345/Media and Performance in Africa

Political Science

POL 2130/Race and Politics
POL 3090/Race, Gender, and the Law

Sociology

SOC 4025/Critical Race Theory
SOC 2140/Race and Ethnicity
SOC 3415/ Racial Inequalities
SOC 3725/Globalization, Culture, Social Change: Africa & US

Psychology

PSY 2210/Health Disparities in America: Poverty, Race and Medical Care
PSY 3090/Psychology of Stigma

Conservatory of Dance

Dance

DPM 1160/West African Dance
DPM 1170/Fundamentals of Voguing

Conservatory of Music

Music

MPE 1245/Soul Voices Ensemble
MUS 2570/Introduction to Jazz

Conservatory of Theatre Arts

Theatre and Performance

THP 3125/Performing Black Theatre

School of Film and Media Studies

Film and Media Studies - Cinema and Television Studies

CINE 3090 - Cinema of the Portuguese Speaking World

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Museum Studies

Description:

The combination of training and teaching allows students to critically engage the historical, social, cultural, and artistic aspects of museum culture. By encouraging a form of “museum literacy,” the minor introduces students to the ways in which museums shape the meanings of objects as well as the role museums play in society.

Minor requirements:

Foundation Courses:

Students must take one of the following courses and must select a foundation course outside their declared major:

- AMG 1100 Fundamentals of Arts Management
- ARH 2140 Introduction to Structure and Function of Museums

Students must take four of the following courses, with two being outside their declared major:

Art History

- ARH 1025/Exhibition as Exploration: Topics
- ARH 2140/Introduction to Structure and Function of Museums
- ARH 3145/Collections Research/Neuberger Museum
- ARH 3158/5158 The Display of Objects
- ARH 4030/Exhibition Seminar
- ARH 4035/Museology
- ARH 4037/Critical Curatorial Studies
- ARH 4202/ The Inclusive Museum
- ARH 4460/Field Trips to New York Museums and Galleries
- ARH 4715/Collect, Display, Exchange

Arts Management

- AMG 3100/Funding the Arts

History

HIS 3027/History's Places and Spaces: Museums, Movies and Materials
HIS 3337/Politics and Archeology
HIS3543/Farm Fish Graze Sail
HIS 3721/Local History Workshop
HIS 3855/Oral History Workshop

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Office for Global Education

The college's internationalization efforts are spearheaded by the **Office for Global Education** (OGE), in partnership with the academic units and student support offices. OGE offers innovative study abroad, virtual, and on-campus co-curricular programming. These opportunities, along with an engaged international student population, add to our diverse campus environment and make Purchase College an excellent place to obtain a global education.

Study Abroad

Studying in another country often becomes one of the most treasured experiences in a college education. Language and culture can be studied in an American classroom or perfected in the streets and cafes of a foreign land. Seeing an unknown part of the world and gaining a new perspective on an area of study can greatly enhance a student's education. Viewing the United States from another region of the world can enrich a student's understanding of his or her own country, major, and self. In addition, experience abroad can open new and unexpected career options after graduation.

Purchase College offers **short-term summer and winter study abroad programs** led by Purchase faculty. Past countries have included France, Honduras, Benin, Italy, Czech Republic, and Israel. These programs, which run three to five weeks, feature courses that can fulfill requirements for a

major and/or general education requirements. In addition to courses in several languages, courses change from year to year but have been offered in a variety of disciplines, such as anthropology, art history, creative writing, drama, history, journalism, literature, marine biology, philosophy, photography and other visual arts, and political science.

In our **semester-long and academic-year exchange programs**, students enroll directly at one of Purchase's partner universities while being fully immersed in life on a new campus in a foreign city. Purchase partners with 18 institutions on 5 continents. Students can take courses that apply towards their degree while keeping their financial aid and paying Purchase tuition, making it one of the more affordable study abroad options within the SUNY system. Some locations include Australia, China, Denmark, England, Holland, Hong Kong, Hungary, Mexico, Scotland, Spain, and Taiwan.

Purchase students are also eligible to take advantage of the **hundreds of programs** offered in more than 60 countries through other SUNY campuses. Interested students apply directly through the respective institution in accordance with their application instructions. The credits received abroad are treated as SUNY transfer credits and the grades are not averaged into a student's GPA.

For students interested in studying abroad, the Office for Global Education offers various preparatory information sessions, one-on-one advising meetings, study abroad program fairs and other promotional and informational events throughout the academic year.

International Students

The Office for Global Education also provides support and services to **international matriculated and exchange students**. Purchase has an exceptionally diverse international student population with students coming from over 35 countries. Our office works with international students from acceptance through graduation to ensure they maintain their visa status while also helping students navigate life at Purchase. We also design and lead the **International Student Orientation (ISO)** to welcome international students and introduce them to student life, Purchase and American culture.

Purchase offers numerous resources and support to ensure international students are successful in their academic endeavors. The Learning Center offers a system of support that ranges from course-specific tutoring to broad instruction in writing and study skills-a great resource for students adjusting to the American education system. The Counseling Center offers individual and group counseling related to topics such as cultural adjustment, homesickness, and stress and anxiety, among many others. The International Student Association (ISA) is a great way to connect with other foreign students on campus and to plan fun and engaging programming for all students.

Co-curricular Programming

The campus-wide annual event **(T)HERE: A Global Festival of Arts, Culture & Ideas** declares our intention to reimagine "there" as knowable and accessible, and "here" reconsidered as a place with new territory to explore. As a public institution devoted to the arts and liberal arts, we believe that the transmission of cultural knowledge through a diversity of art forms, including

food and design, allows us to consider all that can be put into words, as well as what can be expressed and learned beyond words. Our festival is open to all, from our campus community of students, faculty and staff, to the entire intergenerational span of the wider public. With global themes, we also have the opportunity to welcome new audience members to our campus: our international partners as well as the extensive diasporas throughout the tristate area. (T)HERE opens a space for dialogue between people and cultures from “there” and “here.” It helps us to realize our College’s motto on a global scale: Think Wide Open.

The Purchase College **Global Scholars Program** is a four-year co-curricular program designed to bring together like-minded students from across academic areas to develop skills in intercultural communication and create a forum for globally focused, interdisciplinary collaboration. Accepted Purchase students are invited to apply to the Global Scholars program. Selected students are awarded a \$4,000 scholarship to study abroad on the Purchase College winter, summer, or semester-long program of their choice. In addition to their monetary award, students receive customized advising throughout their time at Purchase to connect them with opportunities related to global learning, international internships, and post-graduation global career pathways.

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Physical Education Courses (PED)

The physical education program places major emphasis on the acquisition of knowledge and skills in lifetime activities. Self-discovery and physical development are underlying themes, and students maintain the freedom to progress at an individual pace and level of accomplishment.

Our extensive offerings, from P.E. courses to intramurals and recreation, provide students with quality leisure experiences on campus, as well as outdoor trips that provide the opportunities to explore.

Our NCAA Division III Panthers feature 17 intercollegiate teams that compete in the highly competitive Skyline Conference.

For information on upcoming trips, clubs, and intramural sports, visit the **Purchase Athletics website.**

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Academic Resources

Academic Advisement

Academic advisors are here to expand the educational world of our students. We are committed to helping students move forward in their academic journeys.

The Advising Center

The Advising Center supports and supplements the College's faculty-based advising program.

We support advising for all students across all programs with a focus on assisting:

- New first year and transfer students
- Undeclared students
- Those who are interested in changing majors
- Students who are having academic difficulty

Why Would I Talk to an Academic Advisor?

Students visit our office for a wide variety of reasons. Here are just a few:

- Exploring and declaring a major or minor.
- Understanding your Degree Progress Report (DPR), which is how the College tracks your academic requirements for graduation.
- To discuss your academic goals, future courses, and timeline to graduation.
- To learn how to navigate the Course Search and select your classes.
- If you are having academic difficulty. Our office coordinates the academic progress review to ensure students meet the 2.0 GPA standard and are making satisfactory progress toward a degree. We assist students on academic probation and those questioning course/college withdrawal.
- To discuss any other questions or concerns you have regarding your academic life; such as study skills, career planning, mental health counseling, or documenting a learning disability. Our office will refer you to experts who coordinate these services.

Every student at the College is assigned to an official advisor who may be a professional academic advisor from Advising Center, a full-time professor within the student's academic department, or their First-Year Seminar instructor.

Learning Center

The Learning Center at Purchase College assists students in learning, developing academic skills, and attaining academic success.

ThinkingStorm (24/7 Online Tutoring)

Students have access to virtual professional tutors online 24/7.

Students can make appointments by accessing ThinkingStorm Tutoring Services in their Moodle course.

ThinkingStorm is an online tutoring platform utilized by many colleges. It provides 24/7 access to professional tutors online for many subject areas.

For students to access these tutors, faculty must [add a link to ThinkingStorm Tutoring Services](#) in the Moodle for their course before the first week of class. It can be added easily under "Add an activity or resource".

Our Purchase Student Tutors are not available during finals. Online tutoring, including writing, is available through ThinkingStorm. ThinkingStorm is accessed through your Moodle course.

Learning Center Tutoring

The Learning Center offers a comprehensive system of support during the fall and spring academic terms, ranging from help in a specific course to detailed instruction in writing and study skills. The primary modes of support are peer-based individual and group tutoring.

Students may schedule a maximum of one 45-minute appointment per day and up to three 45-minute appointments per week, in any combination of in-person or virtual sessions and Online Writing Lab (OWL) submissions. OWLs allow students to email a written assignment to a tutor who will return your paper with written feedback asynchronously.

Peer Tutors

There are 10 Purchase College Peer Tutors in the Learning Center available for virtual appointments to provide support for writing and other more specific Purchase subject areas, as well as time management.

Tutors Available in person in the Learning Center LIB 0009—for Walk ins Welcome Monday 9am to 1130am & 1pm to 3pm and Wednesday 9am to 1130am & 11am to 1pm

Tutoring Subjects

- Art History

- Art + Design Foundations
- Courses
- Cinema and Television Studies
- Creative Writing
- History
- Journalism
- Literature
- Music History
- Music Theory
- Philosophy
- Playwriting and Screenwriting
- Political Science
- Time Management and Study Skills
- Writing in any subject
- And more by request!

Writing Process

- Thesis Statements
- Outlines
- Content Development
- Grammar
- Sentence Structure
- Citation Styles
- Paraphrasing
- Revisions

Online Writing Lab (OWL)

Students may submit an essay or research paper and receive written feedback from a tutor within two business days.

Visit the [Online Writing Lab](#) to learn more.

Senior Project Support

Senior Project and Senior Capstone are invaluable culminating experiences for Purchase students, but sometimes it is difficult getting started and staying on track with these independent projects.

Einstein Corner Tutoring

The [Einstein Corner](#), located in the Natural Science Building, Room 3046, offers tutoring in science and mathematics.

Natural Science Peer Tutors

Tutors undergo a rigorous review and training process to ensure that they are qualified.

Tutoring Subjects

- Biology 1
- Computer Science 1 & 2
- Chemistry 1
- Organic Chemistry
- Mathematics
- Microbiology
- Physics
- Precalculus, Calculus 1, 2, & 3
- Intro to Psychology
- Childhood Development
- Developmental Psychology
- Research Methods 1 & 2

The Pareto Improvement Unit (Economics Tutoring)

The Pareto Improvement Unit provides students with free tutoring assistance in economics. The Economics Faculty handpicks tutors at the beginning of every semester. The PIU is intended to

provide students taking economics courses with additional and alternative instruction, tutoring, and mentoring.

The Pareto Improvement Unit is located in room 1018 of the Social Sciences Building, where students can also consult copies of the textbooks used in different economics courses. No appointments are required. Feel free to meet with the tutors in person or to contact them by email. Get more information on [**tutoring in economics**](#).

Online Resources and Handouts

The Learning Center webpage as an array of excellent [**guides and handouts**](#) that are available for faculty to use and share with their students. These include:

- Adjusting to Online Learning
 - Time Management and Study Skills
 - Writing
 - Citations
 - Grammar and Punctuation
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Library

The [**Purchase College Library**](#) is a resource of central importance to the academic life of the college, as illustrated by its location at the center of the campus. The mission of Purchase College Library is to support the teaching, learning, and research activities of the College's students, faculty, staff, and the surrounding community.

The Library's collections are a blend of digital and print resources, including more than 85,000 unique, full-text online journals, magazines, and newspapers, and more than 230,000 print volumes. Students, faculty, and staff can access a wide range of online resources from any location. The Library's collections are particularly strong in the visual and performing arts and include an extensive collection of music scores and recordings. The Special Collections and Archives, available by appointment, feature rare, out-of-print monographs and multi-volume sets, limited editions of seminal works in the fields of art, design, and photography, signed works of historical and political significance, and a teaching collection of artist books.

The Library is also rich in technology, with public computing spaces in several areas of the Library, including a Digital Media Zone (DMZ), two computer labs, three scanners, smart classrooms, and computer areas specifically designed for group work. There are over 120 public computers in the Library, including both PCs and Macs. Assistive technology designed to help campus community members with visual, hearing, and/or learning disabilities is housed in the Library. The Tech Assistance Office (TAO) serves as a CTS outpost within the Library and provides technology and

troubleshooting help to Library patrons using Library computers, printers, scanners etc. The Library also houses the Teaching, Learning, and Technology Center (TLTC), which partners with faculty to enhance teaching and learning at Purchase College through the adoption of innovative and applicable pedagogies and technologies.

Librarians with subject specialties provide individual assistance to faculty, staff, and students undertaking research and class assignments. In addition to in-person research assistance, the Library provides 24/7 online chat reference and a text-message reference service. The Library also has an active instructional program, designed to inform, encourage, and produce an information-literate student body.

Related Campus Resources

Campus Directory

The campus directory contains telephone numbers and email addresses for members of the Purchase College administration, faculty, and staff. It can be searched by first name, last name, and department.

Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

The Office of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management oversees a wide array of programs and services that support you from the first moment you engage with Purchase College until the moment you walk across the stage at commencement.

From life on campus to academic support to health and wellness and everything in between, seasoned professionals are available to provide guidance and assistance.

Career Development Center

The Career Development Center can connect you with internships and job opportunities, career counseling/coaching, résumé and interview preparation, networking events and more. Through these resources and other skill-building opportunities, we hope to help make your transition to professional life smooth and successful.

Counseling Center

The Counseling Center provides a variety of counseling services to matriculated students experiencing personal difficulties or mental health needs while at school. Our staff provide emergency response and Campus Advocacy Services to all students. Sessions are confidential, voluntary, and require no payment or insurance to participate.

Dining Services

Meal Plans:

All resident students—with the exception of those who live in on-campus apartments—are required to purchase a meal plan. However, like most things at Purchase, the parameters of your meal plan are flexible. Meal plans are primarily intended to be used in our all-you-care-to-eat Dining Hall, but can be used at any retail location on campus.

Food Allergies:

We want to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to dine in a safe environment on campus. If you have a food allergy, or dietary concern that requires accommodations, please reach out to the [**Office of Disability Resources**](#).

Nutrition and Wellness:

Purchase Dining Services offers nutritional information, wellness tips, and suggestions for “brain foods” on their website. You can also browse menus and check out our meat-free, nut-free, and dairy-free options.

We also have a campus nutritionist. To learn more, please reach out to [**Health Services**](#).

Where to Eat:

Dining Hall (all-you-care-to-eat)

The Hub (food court)

Terra Ve Cafe (vegan and vegetarian)

Starbucks

Disability Resources

The Office of Disability Resources coordinates academic adjustments and auxiliary aids and services for students with disabilities to ensure equal access to all programs, services, and activities at Purchase College.

Our Mission

The mission of the Office of Disability Resources is to enhance the college experience by supporting full participation for students with disabilities. We collaborate with campus partners to provide leadership and guidance, and facilitation of equal access to our programs, services, and activities.

Educational Opportunity Program/Merit Access Program

The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) and Merit Access Program (MAP) provide the opportunity for a college education to students who have not yet reached their full academic potential.

EOP/MAP at Purchase has a committed, dedicated staff who are eager to help students succeed.

Admissions Process for EOP

First-year Students

Admission to the Educational Opportunity Program is not based solely on traditional admission criteria. If the candidate is academically eligible and demonstrates strong motivation for a college education, they will be interviewed by a member of the EOP staff.

In addition, applicants to the conservatory programs must pass an audition, interview, or portfolio review. After the EOP interview, candidates will be assessed for economic eligibility to the program.

EOP Transfer Students

Candidates must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 for consideration. Verification of enrollment in an opportunity program (EOP, HEOP, SEEK, CD) is required for transfer eligibility. Priority is given to EOP students in the State University of New York.

Precollege Orientation Program

All first-time students must attend the EOP/MAP pre-freshman summer orientation program in addition to the college's regular summer orientation. The summer program for EOP is three weeks in duration and MAP is a three day program. The primary focus is to orient the student to EOP/MAP and begin to formally introduce the student to Purchase College and its various supportive services and build college academic skills. For more detail on the summer program, visit our [Orientation](#) site and click on the First Year Students tab.

Office of Community Standards

The following presents the standards of conduct expected of students. also known as the Student Code of Conduct or Code. Each individual section expands to detail information related to charges

that may be applied after the office reviews report(s) of an alleged violation.

A range of sanctions has been authorized for each violation charge. Aggravated, repeated, or multiple violations may result in more serious sanctions than those indicated for a violation of a single standard of conduct. A more detailed description of each of the sanctions is found under **Glossary and Sanctions**.

- a. **Standards Relative to Academic Integrity**
 - b. **Standards Relative to Personal Identification and Representation**
 - c. **Standards Relative to the Rights of Individuals**
 - d. **Standards Relative to Respect for Property**
 - e. **Standards Relative to the Welfare, Safety, and Environmental Health of the College Community**
 - f. **Standards Relative to the Operation of the College**
 - g. **Related Administrative Policies and Documents**
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Academic Integrity

Academic and Professional Integrity

Purchase College believes that academic integrity is fundamental to the teaching, learning, and creative processes. Ethical behavior is the cornerstone of an academic and artistic community.

All forms of academic dishonesty are considered serious violations of the **Student Code of Conduct**. Alleged violations of the academic integrity policy are handled by the faculty via the Academic Standards and Awards Committee (not the Office of Community Standards). Please see the **Academic Integrity subsite** for all **forms, reporting, hearing, and appeal** procedures.

Faculty members and professional staff are held equally to this standard in their work. Allegations of violations are handled through procedures outlined in the applicable collective bargaining agreement.

The following is a list of some, but not all, types of prohibited behavior.

Prohibited Behaviors

1. Cheating on examinations and assignments, including:

- Copying from another student
- Allowing another student to copy from you
- Using or attempting to use study aids, devices, "cheat sheets," or other materials not expressly authorized by the professor

- Unauthorized collaboration with another individual on take-home assignments or examinations
- Buying, acquiring without permission, or selling copies of an examination, paper, written work, or creative work
- It is the student's responsibility to clarify with the professor what constitutes acceptable use of test aides or collaboration.

2. Plagiarism: Plagiarism is the appropriation or imitation of the language, ideas, and/or thoughts of another person and the representation of them as one's own original work. It includes:

- Buying, selling, or downloading papers, assignments, images, or creative works and submitting them as one's own.
- Copying sections of books or articles in one's paper without proper citation.
- "Copying and pasting" from online sources without proper citation.
- Failing to properly cite quotations or ideas taken from external sources.
- Using false citations or fabricating sources.
- Receiving unauthorized assistance from another person on an examination, paper, written work, or creative project.
- Self-plagiarism (submitting the same work for more than one course without permission of the instructor).
- Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the definition of plagiarism and the acceptable methods of attribution.

3. Submitting falsified data on lab work or research projects.

4. Giving or offering inducements to professors for the purpose of affecting grades.

5. Stealing, altering, or destroying the academic work of another student.

Sanctions

Violation of any of the above may lead to formal disciplinary action and assignment of the following academic or disciplinary sanctions:

- Recommended Minimum Sanction: Failing grade on the assignment or examination
- Maximum Sanction: Expulsion
- Recommended Sanction (First Offense): Failing grade on the assignment or examination.
- Recommended Sanction (Second Offense): Permanent failing grade for the course.

In cases that require a hearing, the Academic Integrity Committee may assign academic sanctions as outlined above or the disciplinary sanctions listed below, either alone or in combination. The number in parentheses at the end of each designated sanction identifies the minimum level of

sanctioning authority required by the hearing officer/body in order for assignment of that sanction to be made. See definitions of Disciplinary Sanctions under the Office of Community Standards: [**Glossary and Sanctions**](#).

- Disciplinary Reprimand (I)
 - Educational Sanctions (I)
 - Disciplinary Probation (I)
 - Suspension (III)
 - Expulsion (III)
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Personal Identification and Representation

An offense against the standards relative to personal identification and representation occurs when a person:

- 1. Presents themselves as another person with or without that person's permission, or provides false information about themselves or any other person.**

Minimum: Disciplinary Probation

Maximum: Suspension

- 2. Represents the college, any registered student organization, or any official college group, without official and explicit prior consent.**

Minimum: Disciplinary Probation

Maximum: Suspension

- 3. Tampers with, falsifies, or destroys any electronic or non-electronic record of the college without consent.**

Minimum: Disciplinary Probation

Maximum: Expulsion

- 4. Uses or possesses fraudulent identification and/or refuses to present college ID or another form of identification upon request of any authorized college personnel acting within their authority. Please note that students are required to have their Purchase College ID on them at all times.**

Minimum: Disciplinary Reprimand

Maximum: Disciplinary Probation

Rights of the Individual

Respect for rights of personal safety and individual liberties are fundamental expectations in any academic community.

The college expects all students to adhere to the highest level of civility and respect regarding the integrity and rights of others in all aspects of their interpersonal relationships. Violations of any of the standards of conduct in this section are considered serious breaches of those expectations and will be treated as such. An offense against the rights of other individuals is committed when a person:

1. Acts in a manner which inflicts physical harm, physical abuse, or injury to any person.

Minimum: Disciplinary Probation

Maximum: Expulsion

2. Stalks any person by any means, including but not limited to physical, written, telephonic, or electronic modes.

Minimum: Suspension

Maximum: Expulsion

3. Threatens, harasses, or intimidates any person, and/or uses words which reasonably tend to incite an immediate, violent reaction and are specifically directed toward another individual (see also the college's Affirmative Action and Sexual Harassment Policies).

Minimum: Disciplinary Probation

Maximum: Expulsion

4. Coerces, detains, or uses physical force in a manner which endangers the health or safety of any person.

Minimum: Disciplinary Probation

Maximum: Expulsion

5. Collectively or individually participates in the following practices in connection with initiation into, or affiliation with any group. Violations include, but are not limited to activity which:

a) Forces or requires participation in any physical activity.

b) Forces, requires, or condones application of foreign substances to the body resulting in lewdness, potential for ridicule, or bodily harm.

c) Forces or requires participation in illegal activities.

d) Creates excessive fatigue or stress through deprivation of privacy, sleep, or decent edible meals.

- e) Forces or requires the consumption of any food, alcoholic beverage, drug, or any other substance.
- f) Forces or requires conduct that would embarrass or negatively affect the dignity of the individual, or the creation of situations which cause psychological or undue emotional strain.
- g) Uses brutality of any kind.

Minimum: Disciplinary Probation

Maximum: Expulsion

6. Engages in any behavior against a person which significantly interrupts or prevents that person from carrying out duties and responsibilities associated with their role as faculty, staff, or student at the college.

Minimum: Disciplinary Reprimand

Maximum: Disciplinary Probation

7. Engages in any behavior which significantly interrupts or prevents any person from exercising any constitutionally guaranteed right.

Minimum: Disciplinary Probation

Maximum: Expulsion

8. Engages or attempts to engage in any sexual act toward any individual without consent, including but not limited to: fondling; exposing oneself; anal, oral, and/or vaginal penetration; or sexual intercourse with someone who is physically helpless (e.g. drunk and/or under the influence of a substance or substances rendering them helpless), unconscious, or otherwise incapacitated or unable to accurately communicate.

Minimum: Suspension

Maximum: Expulsion

9. Engages or attempts to engage in sexual exploitation or non-consensual exploitation including but not limited to electronic or other means of disseminating, publishing, and/or taking still or video image(s) of unclothed or exposed intimate part(s) of another person, and/or of person(s) engaging in sexual conduct without their consent.

Minimum: Suspension

Maximum: Expulsion

Respect for Property

An offense against property of a person or the College is committed when a person:

- 1. Removes, uses, possesses, misappropriates, steals, or sells the property of the college or another person without prior consent or authorization.**

Minimum: Restitution

Maximum: Expulsion

- 2. Damages, defaces, destroys, or tampers with property owned by the college or in the possession of another person.**

Minimum: Disciplinary Reprimand

Maximum: Expulsion

Recommended Standard 1st Offense: Disciplinary Reprimand and Restitution

- 3. Obtains the property of another person or the college by misrepresentation or fraudulent means.**

Minimum: Disciplinary Reprimand

Maximum: Expulsion

- 4. Enters or uses facilities or property of another person or the college without consent or official written authorization (e.g. roof access, exiting and entering through non-designated areas, double occupancy, etc.)**

Minimum: Disciplinary Reprimand

Maximum: Suspension

- 5. Violates the use of college residence halls and apartments, including but not limited to non-approved microwaves or cooking appliances, bringing in non-designated college furniture, bicycles, refrigerators exceeding five cubic feet, smoke or fog machines, bed tents, water beds or other items that stress the physical structure of the building, high wattage electrical equipment (e.g. halogen lamps, air conditioners), outside antennas and satellite dishes.**

Minimum: Disciplinary Reprimand

Maximum: Disciplinary Probation

Welfare, Safety, and Environmental Health

An offense related to welfare, safety and environmental health of the college community is committed when a person:

- 1. Uses, possesses, or manufactures firearms, explosives, and/or weapons.**

Minimum: Disciplinary Probation

Maximum: Expulsion

For instances where firearms, explosives, and/or weapons have been used in a threatening and/or intimidating manner, or in a manner that otherwise causes panic or alarm:

Recommended Standard 1st offense: Suspension for one year; disciplinary probation upon return for one year (includes parental notification).

Recommended Standard 2nd offense: Expulsion (includes parental notification).

2. Uses, possesses, or manufactures fireworks or other dangerous articles/substances injurious to persons or property.

Minimum: Disciplinary Reprimand

Maximum: Expulsion

3. Knowingly initiates or circulates a false report of any explosion, fire, incident, or other emergency, or interferes with the response of college or other officials to such emergency calls.

Minimum: Disciplinary Probation

Maximum: Expulsion

4. Abuses, misuses, removes, or damages fire or safety equipment (e.g. covered smoke detectors, misuse of fire extinguishers, pulling a fire station with no active emergency in progress, etc.)

Minimum: Disciplinary Probation

Maximum: Expulsion

Recommended Standard 1st Offense: Disciplinary Probation for one year and Judicial Educator - Module 10: Fire Safety

Recommended Standard 2nd Offense: Residence Suspension for one semester and fire safety education class.

5. Fails to vacate buildings when any fire emergency warning system is activated.

Minimum: Residence Probation

Maximum: Suspension

6. Creates a fire hazard, endangers safety of persons or property, improperly uses electrical appliances, or improperly uses or possesses flammable or hazardous items or substances. (e.g. burning incense, candles, or any other open flame device; extension cords; hanging non-LED lights).

Minimum: Disciplinary Reprimand

Maximum: Disciplinary Probation

7. Starts, attempts to start, or tends a fire without appropriate college and local agencies authorization (e.g. arson, bonfires, campfires, etc.).

Minimum: Disciplinary Probation

Maximum: Expulsion

8. (A): Uses or possesses narcotics, hallucinogens, concentrated cannabis, synthetic drugs, or any other controlled substances except as a medical prescription that is taken as prescribed. [1]

Minimum: Suspension

Maximum: Expulsion

Recommended Standard 1st Offense: Suspension for one semester, a Substance Assessment and compliance with any resulting appointment(s), and disciplinary probation upon return for one year. (Includes parental notification)

Recommended Standard 2nd Offense: Expulsion (Includes parental notification).

(B): Uses or possesses cannabis or derivatives of cannabis, except as defined in policy violation E.8A.

Minimum: Disciplinary Probation

Maximum: Expulsion

Recommended Standard 1st Offense: Disciplinary probation for one year, a Substance Screening and Education appointment and compliance with any resulting appointment(s). (Includes parental notification)

Recommended Standard 2nd Offense: Suspension for one semester, a Substance Assessment and compliance with any resulting appointment(s) prior to return, and disciplinary probation upon return for one year. (Includes parental notification)

Recommended Standard 3rd Offense: Expulsion (Includes parental notification).

(C): Manufactures, distributes, sells, gives, or offers cannabis or its derivatives, narcotics, hallucinogens, or controlled substances.

Minimum: Suspension

Maximum: Expulsion

Recommended Standard 1st Offense: Expulsion (Includes parental notification).

(D): Uses, possesses, gives, or has under their control any drug or alcohol paraphernalia, including but not limited to water pipes, hookahs, vapes, e-cigarettes, rolling papers, tobacco products, bongs, beer balls, kegs, grinders and hypodermic syringes/needles not prescribed by a licensed physician.

Minimum: Disciplinary Reprimand

Maximum: Disciplinary Probation

Recommended Standard: Disciplinary probation for one year. (For paraphernalia associated with drugs other than cannabis, a Substance Assessment and compliance with any resulting

appointment(s) will also be included).

9. (A): Underage Consumption of Alcohol

Minimum: Disciplinary Reprimand

Maximum: Expulsion

For students that are sanctioned to a Substance Screening and Education appointment:

Recommended standard 1st Offense: Disciplinary Reprimand, a Substance Screening and Education appointment and compliance with any resulting appointment(s). (Includes parental notification)

Recommended Standard 2nd Offense: Disciplinary probation for one year, a Substance Assessment and compliance with any resulting appointment(s). (Includes parental notification)

Recommended Standard 3rd Offense: Suspension for one semester, a Substance Assessment and compliance with any resulting appointment(s) prior to return, and disciplinary probation upon return for one year. (Includes parental notification)

Recommended Standard 4th Offense: Expulsion (Includes parental notification).

For students that are sanctioned to a Substance Assessment:

Recommended Standard 1st Offense: Disciplinary probation for one year, a Substance Assessment and compliance with any resulting appointment(s). (Includes parental notification)

Recommended Standard 2nd Offense: Suspension for one semester, a Substance Assessment and compliance with any resulting appointment(s) prior to return, and disciplinary probation upon return for one year. (Includes parental notification)

Recommended Standard 3rd Offense: Expulsion (Includes parental notification).

(B): Possesses an open container of alcohol. A container of alcohol is considered open when it is found in a public area not assigned to a student (e.g. hallways, lobbies, balconies, porches, outdoors, etc.)

Minimum: Disciplinary Reprimand

Maximum: Disciplinary Probation

Recommended Standard 1st Offense: Disciplinary Reprimand (Includes parental notification).

Recommended Standard 2nd Offense: Disciplinary Probation for one semester and a Substance Screening and Education appointment and compliance with any resulting appointment(s). (Includes parental notification)

(C): Public Intoxication. Public areas are those not assigned to a student (e.g. hallways, lobbies, balconies, porches, outdoors, residence assignment other than their own, etc.)

Minimum: Disciplinary Reprimand

Maximum: Expulsion

For students that are sanctioned to a Substance Screening and Education Appointment:

Recommended standard 1st Offense: Disciplinary Reprimand, a Substance Screening and Education appointment, and compliance with any resulting appointment(s). (Includes parental notification)

Recommended Standard 2nd Offense: Disciplinary probation for one year, a Substance Assessment, and compliance with any resulting appointment(s). (Includes parental notification)

Recommended Standard 3rd Offense: Suspension for one semester, a Substance Assessment and compliance with any resulting appointment(s) prior to return, and disciplinary probation upon return for one year. (Includes parental notification)

Recommended Standard 4th Offense: Expulsion (Includes parental notification).

For students that are sanctioned to a Substance Assessment:

Recommended Standard 1st Offense: Disciplinary probation for one year, a Substance Assessment and compliance with any resulting appointment(s). (Includes parental notification)

Recommended Standard 2nd Offense: Suspension for one semester, a Substance Assessment and compliance with any resulting appointment(s) prior to return, and disciplinary probation upon return for one year. (Includes parental notification)

Recommended Standard 3rd Offense: Expulsion (Includes parental notification).

(D): All students must comply with the College Alcohol Policy:

- Students of legal drinking age are permitted to consume alcohol in their rooms, suites, or apartments with the door closed.
- No alcohol is permitted in rooms, suites, or apartments where all assigned students are under 21 years old.
- If a room is shared by students who are under age and of legal drinking age, it must be clear that the alcohol is being consumed by those who are 21 years of age or older.
- Alcohol or empty alcohol containers are not permitted in freshman or wellness residence assignments even if one or more residents are of legal drinking age.
- No person shall sell, deliver, give away, or cause, permit, or procure the sale, delivery, or giving away of alcoholic beverages to any person that is under the age of 21 years.
- No person under the age of 21 may possess any alcoholic beverage. (Please see [Alcohol Beverage Policy](#))

Minimum: Disciplinary Reprimand

Maximum: Suspension

10. Engages in, or offers games of chance for money or other game in violation of New York State law.

Minimum: Disciplinary Reprimand

Maximum: Disciplinary Probation

11. Solicits or sells items or services of any kind for personal gain without the approval of the College.

Minimum: Disciplinary Reprimand
Maximum: Disciplinary Probation

[1] *Controlled substance* (as defined by the New York State Penal Law) means any substance listed in Schedules I, II, III, IV, or V of section 3306 of the New York State Public Health Law, other than marijuana, but including concentrated cannabis as defined by the New York State Health Law (Section 3302, paragraph a, subdivision 5).

Concentrated Cannabis is defined by the New York State Health Law (Section 3302, paragraph a-5)

Operation of the College

A violation of these standards occurs when a person:

- 1. Fails to respond to a reasonable request of college officials who are acting within their authority. College officials include faculty, staff, administrators, and students who are carrying out assigned work responsibilities.**

Minimum: Disciplinary Reprimand
Maximum: Disciplinary Probation

- 2. Fails to respond to a legitimate oral or written request to report to a college official.**

Minimum: Disciplinary Reprimand
Maximum: Disciplinary Probation

- 3. Violates a no contact order issued by the college.**

Minimum: Disciplinary Probation
Maximum: Expulsion

- 4. Fails to comply with a sanction officially and finally assigned through campus disciplinary proceedings.**

Minimum: Disciplinary Probation
Maximum: Expulsion

- 5. Intentionally interferes with the normal flow of pedestrian traffic, vehicular traffic, entrances to buildings, or with the normal operation, or functions of the college. (Please refer to the Board of Trustees Rules for the Maintenance of Public Order.)**

Minimum: Disciplinary Reprimand
Maximum: Expulsion

- 6. Fails to respect the ongoing legitimate functions of classes, meetings, office procedures, study, sleep, or any authorized college activity. (e.g. unreasonable use of sound equipment, playing of instruments, drums, or amplified guitars in residential areas, engaging in indoor sports, violating courtesy or quiet hours, etc.)**

Minimum: Disciplinary Reprimand

Maximum: Suspension

- 7. Obstructs or interferes with the reprimand, discipline, or apprehension of another person who is involved in the commission of an offense under the Student Code of Conduct.**

Minimum: Disciplinary Reprimand

Maximum: Suspension

- 8. Duplicates, possesses, lends, or uses keys or access codes to college facilities or services without permission (e.g., lending/borrowing room keys or More Cards).**

Minimum: Disciplinary Probation

Maximum: Expulsion

- 9. Uses, receives, or other acquires college utility, computer, or communication services; computer software, telecommunications cables and hookups; or any college equipment or facilities without proper authorization.**

Minimum: Restitution

Maximum: Suspension

- 10. Brings into college buildings any animal, except as authorized by the college (small fish in containers no larger than 10 gallons are authorized).**

Minimum: Disciplinary Reprimand

Maximum: Disciplinary Probation

- 11. Erects a tent, lean to, or other temporary structure on college property without specific written authorization from a college official.**

Minimum: Disciplinary Reprimand

Maximum: Disciplinary Probation

- 12. All students must comply with the College Guest Policy:**

- Hosts are fully responsible for the behavior of their guests.
- Guests must be with the host at all times.

- Guests must have valid guest pass on their person.
- Guests must produce the guest pass when requested by official college personnel.
- Hosts and Guests are responsible for abiding with all additional regulations as detailed in the **Guest Policy**.

Minimum: Disciplinary Reprimand

Maximum: Suspension

13. All students must comply with occupancy levels. The maximum occupancy level for the residential areas for 2022-2023 academic year are as follows:

- For units designed as a residence hall single: 3 persons
- For units designed as a residence hall double: 4 persons
- For units designed as a residence hall triple: 6 persons
- For units designed as a residence hall four-person suite: 8 persons
- For units designed as a residence hall 6, 7, or 8 person suite: 12 persons
- For apartment units designed for two residents: 4 persons
- For apartment units designed for four residents: 8 persons
- For apartment units designed for six residents: 12 persons

Minimum: Disciplinary Reprimand

Maximum: Disciplinary Probation

14. Students must comply with the registering of small, private gatherings/parties in residential facilities with the Office of Residential and Student Life. Properly registered small, private gatherings/parties are only permitted in the apartment complexes.

Minimum: Disciplinary Reprimand

Maximum: Suspension

15. Excessive debris, recyclables, general uncleanliness, covering over 50% of walls or doors, hanging any ceiling decorations, or items outside of windows.

Minimum: Disciplinary Reprimand

Maximum: Disciplinary Probation

16. Violates the Computer Ethics and Usage Policy (e.g. DMCA Copyright Violations, sharing account information, etc.)

Minimum: Disciplinary Reprimand

Maximum: Suspension

Recommended Standard 1st Offense: Official Notification

Recommended Standard 2nd Offense: Residence Probation for one semester and Judicial Educator - Module 19: Being a Good Cyber Citizen

Recommended Standard 3rd Offense: Disciplinary Probation for one year

17. **Fails to comply with any college policy and/or any local, state, or federal law, rule, or regulation.**

Minimum: Disciplinary Reprimand

Maximum: Expulsion

Other Administrative Policies

The following is a list of regulations which have been published by various offices of the college and shall be considered supplemental to the Student Code of Conduct.

All documents can be found in the Library, the New York State University Police, the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, and online related to the specified offices cited below. Reports of an alleged violation of any college policy is subject to review by the Office of Community Standards. Students in violation may be subject to administrative action by the appropriate college unit and/or the disciplinary process overseen by the Office of Community Standards.

1. [**Alcohol Policy**](#)
2. [**Alcohol or Drug Use/Possession Disclosure Policy**](#)
3. [**Computer Ethics Policy**](#)
4. [**Controlled Substance Policy**](#)
5. [**COVID-19 Updates and Plans**](#)
6. [**Dining Program**](#)
7. [**Email Policy**](#)
8. [**Good Samaritan Policy**](#)
9. [**Hoverboard Policy**](#)
10. [**Intramural Code of Conduct Policy**](#)
11. [**Non-Discrimination**](#)
12. [**Parental Notification Policy**](#)
13. [**Parking**](#)
14. [**Policy Governing the Formation, Recognition, and Function of Student Clubs and Organizations**](#)
15. [**Policy on Off-Campus Crimes**](#)
16. [**Policy on Skateboarding, Skating, and Bicycling**](#)
17. [**Posting Material on Campus**](#)
18. [**Privacy Rights of Students and Families**](#)
19. [**Residence License Agreement**](#)
20. [**Residential Guest Registration**](#)

21. [Sexual Harassment](#)
 22. [Significant Infectious Disease Policy](#)
 23. [Title IX Policy](#)
 24. [Tobacco Free Policy](#)
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Office of Ombudsman

What is an ombudsman? How can the ombudsman help me?

The ombudsman assists students in several capacities, including helping students navigate the campus community standards disciplinary system, assisting students who are experiencing difficulties using administrative offices, and helping students negotiate the complicated world of higher education finance.

The ombudsman can:

- Listen nonjudgmentally and discuss questions, issues, and concerns
- Help evaluate options
- Explain college policies and procedures
- Make appropriate referrals when necessary
- Empower students to address their concerns and problems
- Bring patterns of problems/complaints to campus administrators

The ombudsman cannot:

- Make administrative decisions for Purchase College
- Judge or assign the guilt or innocence of those accused of breaking the community standards of conduct
- Give legal advice
- Process work orders on campus residence repairs
- Get involved in course grade disputes

Typical issues that our ombudsman assists students with are:

- A student has spoken with the offices of financial aid and student accounts but still cannot meet the costs of college.
- A student has been accused of breaking the college's community standards of conduct and needs an objective professional outside the judicial process to speak with for advice, clarification of campus policies or understanding what to expect during the process.
- A student is treated poorly by a college employee and wants to formally bring it to the attention of college administration.

Office of the Registrar

The Office of the Registrar is located in the Student Services Building on the 1st floor.

- **Phone:** (914) 251-6361
 - **Fax:** (914) 251-6373
 - **Email:** registrar@purchase.edu
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Office of Student Financial Services

For questions about your bill and financing your education, email:
financialservices@purchase.edu or visit the website.

Assistance in Obtaining Institutional or Financial Aid Information

HEA Sec. 485(a)(1)-(2) (20 U.S.C. 1092(a)(1)-(2)). Not changed by HEOA. 34 CFR 668.43, 34 CFR 668.44. October 28, 2009 FR notice (revised 34 CFR 668.43)

Each institution must make available to prospective and enrolled students information regarding how and where to contact individuals designated to assist enrolled or prospective students in obtaining the institutional or financial aid information required to be disclosed under HEA Sec. 485 (a). This information is posted on Purchase College's website via the links set forth below. Paper copies are available upon request from the individuals and offices listed in the relevant sections below.

- **Director of Student Financial Services:** Jay Estiva, (914) 251-7000 opt. 2,
jay.estiva@purchase.edu
- **Provost:** Earnest Lamb, (914) 251-6020
- **Associate Director of Admissions:** Anna Valinoti, (914) 251-6300
- **Registrar:** (914) 251-6361, registrar@purchase.edu

Important Programs

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Prior to the students last date of attendance within an academic year.



Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

Deadline varies, contact NYS HESC at (888)-697-4372



Excelsior Scholarship

Deadline varies, contact NYS HESC at (888)-697-4372



New York State DREAM Act

Deadline varies, contact NYS HESC at (888)-697-4372

Neuberger Museum of Art

The Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase College, State University of New York, is the premier museum of modern, African, and contemporary art in the Westchester and Fairfield County area. An outstanding arts and education institution, the Museum was conceived to serve as an important cultural resource to its regional, national, and international audiences, and as an integral part of Purchase College.

Performing Arts Center

The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College is a four-theatre complex located on the campus of Purchase College, SUNY. We are the major professional, non-profit arts presenter in the Southeastern New York-Southwestern Connecticut region.

The Center presents a broad range of performances that engage, challenge, and educate as well as entertain, offering music, dance, theatre, family programming, comedy, and film.

Music presenting ranges from classical to pop and features the leading artists of our time as well as emerging stars. As the major regional presenter of dance, programs have included only area appearances of several important traditional, contemporary, and folkloric companies. Theatre presentations reflect a deep commitment to presenting innovative ensembles.

The Center's on-going initiatives also encompass artist partnerships, residency activities, and commissions. We support revitalizing efforts in the community to make the arts more accessible to broad and diverse audiences.

Through our **Arts-In-Education** programs, we strive to create opportunities for K -12 students and multi-generational learners to participate in the artistic process.

The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College has an active and collaborative relationship with the student population. Purchase College students can take advantage of master classes with our artists, on site training, internships, job opportunities, and ticket discounts. We host a large number of performances throughout the year for the Conservatories of Music, Dance, and Theatre Arts.

Academic Calendar

General Information

Academic calendars are published in full by August of the preceding year to facilitate planning. Please note that details in these calendars are subject to change; updates will be published as

needed.

The schedules for fall and spring registration are circulated in advance to the campus community by the Office of the Registrar.

Students are responsible for absences and any coursework missed during the add/drop period. Before adding any course, students are advised to check with the individual faculty member to ensure that they can make up any missed coursework.

Some offices may close on holidays when classes are in session.

Attendance on Religious Holidays

As provided for in New York State Education Law §224-a, no person shall be expelled from or be refused admission as a student to an institution of higher education for the reason that he or she is unable, because of his or her religious beliefs, to register or attend classes or to participate in any examination, study, or work requirements on a particular day or days.

Any student who is unable, because of his or her religious beliefs, to attend classes on a particular day or days shall be excused from any examination or any study or work requirements that he or she may have missed because of such absence.

It is the responsibility of the faculty and of the administrative officials at Purchase College to make available to each student who is absent under these conditions an equivalent opportunity to register for classes or to make up any examination, study, or work requirements that he or she may have missed because of such absence. No fees of any kind shall be charged by the college for making available to the student such equivalent opportunity.

Related Academic Policy

Academic Credit and Student Workload

College Policies

Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Policies

College policies are subject to change through formal governance procedures.

Affirmative Action Policies

Nondiscrimination Policy

Purchase College is committed to fostering a diverse community of outstanding faculty, staff and students, as well as ensuring equal educational opportunity, employment, and access to service, programs, and activities, without regard to an individual's race, color, national origin, religion, creed, age, disability, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, familial status, pregnancy, predisposing genetic characteristics, military status, domestic violence victim status, or criminal conviction. Employees, students, applicants, or other members of the Purchase community (including vendors, visitors, and guests) may not be subjected to harassment that is prohibited by law or treated adversely or retaliated against based upon a protected characteristic.

Purchase complies with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination and harassment. These laws include the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as Amended by the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972, and the New York State Human Rights Law. These laws prohibit discrimination and harassment, including sexual harassment and sexual violence.

Sexual harassment is defined as: Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:

1. submission to such contact is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment or education
2. submission or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment or educational decisions affecting the individual
3. such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's welfare, academic or work performance, or creating an intimidating, hostile, or demeaning learning or work environment

Sexual harassment may include:

1. subtle persistent pressure for sexual activity
2. unnecessary touching, pinching, and/or brushing against a person
3. sexual coercion or assault
4. demanding sexual favors with implied or overt threats concerning work or academic decision or preferential treatment
5. unwelcome verbal/expressive behavior of a sexual nature (e.g., jokes, sounds, obscene phone calls, demeaning graphic portrayals)
6. stalking, cyber stalking, and failure to accept the termination of a consensual relationship with repeated overtures or other aberrant or negative behavior

Sexual violence has been defined as "physical sexual acts perpetrated against a person's will or where a person is incapable of giving consent," including rape, sexual battery, and sexual coercion.

Domestic victim status has been defined by the Human Rights Law as an individual who is a victim of an act which would constitute a family offense under N.Y. Family Court Act § 812. It is unlawful to discriminate against a domestic violence victim in hiring for a job, job advancement, requests for use of leave time, or other terms, conditions or privileges of employment. It is also unlawful for an employer to take an action in retaliation for filing a complaint of discrimination.

On-campus inquiries or complaints regarding violations of the Nondiscrimination Policy or Title IX may be addressed to:

Arletha Miles-Boyce, J.D.

Affirmative Action/Chief Diversity Officer, Title IX Coordinator and ADA Compliance Officer

Purchase College

735 Anderson Hill Road

Purchase, NY 10577

(914) 251-5992

Arletha.milesboyce@purchase.edu

Jason Kane-Seitz

Assistant Affirmative Action and Title IX Investigator

Purchase College

735 Anderson Hill Road

Purchase, NY 10577

(914) 251-5982

jason.kaneseitz@purchase.edu

Inquiries may also be directed to:

New York Office for Civil Rights

U.S. Department of Education

32 Old Slip, 26th Floor

New York, NY 10005-2500

Tel: (646) 428-3800, Fax: (646) 428-3843

TDD: (800) 877-8339

OCR.NewYork@ed.gov

Policy on Sexual Harassment

Harassment harms the learning community

Academic freedom, creativity, professional achievement and personal development flourish in a healthy environment. Such an environment must be one in which all employees and students can pursue their work free from coercion, intimidation, and exploitation. Harassment is antithetical to the mission of the College and violations of this policy will result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion or termination.

By law and SUNY policy, sexual harassment is defined as:

Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:

1. submission to such contact is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment or education
2. submission or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment or educational decisions affecting the individuals
3. such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's welfare, academic or work performance, or creating an intimidating, hostile or demeaning learning or work environment.

NOTE: Although the majority of incidents involve a man harassing a woman, the law also applies to women harassing men, women harassing women, and men harassing men. This policy applies equally to employees and students, male and female. Those who feel they have been victims of such discrimination should contact the Affirmative Action Officer or the Director of Human Resources. Pursuing a complaint on the campus does not rescind the right to file with an outside enforcement agency such as the State Division of Human Rights.

Sexual harassment may include:

1. subtle persistent pressure for sexual activity
2. unnecessary touching, pinching, and/or brushing against a person
3. sexual coercion or assault
4. demanding sexual favors with implied or overt threats concerning work or academic decision or preferential treatment
5. unwelcome verbal/expressive behavior of a sexual nature (e.g., jokes, sounds, obscene phone calls, demeaning graphic portrayals)
6. stalking, cyberstalking, and failure to accept the termination of a consensual relationship with repeated overtures or other aberrant or negative behavior

Sexual harassment is a violation of the law and of SUNY policy

Harassment on the basis of sex is a violation of New York State law and the Federal Civil Rights Act. The Governor's Office has reaffirmed the law for State employees, and the SUNY Board of Trustees has affirmed the right of all students to be free from sexual harassment.

What you can do if you feel you are subjected to sexual harassment:

1. Say "No." Say it firmly, without smiling, without making an apology.
2. Keep a diary or log. Write down what is happening to you. Include direct quotes, any witnesses, or patterns to the harassment. Save any letters, cards, or notes sent to you. Keep both the log and notes in a secure place, preferably at home.
3. Deal with the situation immediately. Ignoring it will not make it go away. Indeed, it may worsen.

4. Talk to the person involved, if you feel you can. Explain why you are offended. Sometimes that is sufficient to clear the air. You may want to bring someone with you for support.
5. Ask: "How do you think your spouse, significant other, daughter or son would like being treated like this?"
6. Tell the harasser, "That sounds like sexual harassment."
7. Write a letter to the person, especially if you feel direct confrontation is not possible or has not worked. If the person does not stop his or her behavior, you have a copy of your letter for further action. It should include (a) a short statement of the situation as you see it; (b) a description of your feelings and the damage that he or she has done; and (c) a short statement of behavior you would like to see.
8. If the above approaches have not been successful, you may want to discuss the situation with the College officers listed below to find other informal means to a resolution.
9. You may decide at any time to take formal action by filing a written complaint with the Affirmative Action Officer or the Director of Human Resources. Such complaints are taken seriously by the College and will result in formal action to eliminate the harassing behavior. Grievances made to the Affirmative Action Officer or the Director of Human Resources must be made in writing and must be brought within 90 days of the last incident to within 90 of the receipt of a grade.

Relationships with Students

One of the hallmarks of the Purchase experience for students is the opportunity to establish relationships with faculty and staff that extend beyond the classroom and office. These relationships help to provide an environment in which faculty and staff serve as role models and mentors, facilitating students' intellectual and personal growth.

Trust and respect are diminished when those in positions of authority abuse, or appear to abuse their power. It is ethically wrong for faculty or staff to use their positions to exploit students. Voluntary consent by a student to a sexual relationship with faculty or staff is suspect, given the imbalance of power in such a relationship. Students involved in such relationships are at risk of exploitation. Faculty or staff involved in such relationships are creating potential conflicts of interest, personal liability to charges of sexual harassment, and interference with the welfare, academic, or work performance of others.

Sexual Orientation

The Governor's Executive Order No 28 prohibits all state agencies from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation in the provision of any services or benefits by a state agency and in any matter relating to employment by the state.

1. Sexual orientation is defined as a private preference of an individual protected by Executive Order No. 28 for heterosexuality, homosexuality, or bisexuality; or a history of such preference; or an identification of having such a preference.
2. Harassment on the basis of sexual orientation is judged against the same criteria as those for sexual harassment, and protection applies to students, as well as to employees, to males as well as females.

3. Complaints may be made to the Affirmative Action Officer or the Director of Human Resources.

This does not rescind a person's right to file a complaint with the Governor's Office of Employee Relations.

The following people on campus are available to help you:

Affirmative Action/Chief Diversity Officer, Title IX Coordinator and ADA Compliance Officer (914) 251-5992

Counseling and Behavioral Health Services: Confidential help 24/7 at (914) 251-6390. M-F, students may also email the Campus Victim Advocate at catherine.vanbomel@purchase.edu.

Employee Assistance Program Coordinator—(914) 251-6098
Student Services Building, Room 320

Ombudsman—(914) 251-6520
Student Services Building, Room 217

You also have the right to contact off-campus agencies that have the responsibility of enforcing laws related to sexual harassment:

NYS Division of Human Rights—(914) 788-8050
8 John Walsh Blvd., Suite 204
Peekskill, NY 10566

Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission—(212) 366-3620
201 Varick Street, Room 1009
New York, NY 10014

Academic Requirements for Degree Programs

Academic Credit and Student Workload

The academic year at Purchase College comprises two 15-week semesters. The unit of credit is the semester hour, which represents:

- 50 minutes per week (12.5 hours per semester) of instruction in lectures, seminars, and discussions*
- 100 minutes per week (25 hours per semester) of instruction in studios, labs, field trips, and practica*
- 150 minutes per week (37.5 hours per semester) of instruction in studios, labs, field trips, and practica with little or no outside preparation expected of students
- 37.5 hours per semester of academic work in part-time, supervised independent studies

In credit-bearing courses that meet for fewer than 15 weeks (for example, short-term courses, winter session and summer session courses, and study abroad courses), the hours per week are proportionately increased.

*For each credit, students are expected to complete a minimum of two hours of academic work (study, preparation, etc.) outside of class each week. Some courses may require three or more hours of outside work each week for each credit. In particular, the BFA and MusB programs are intensive professional training programs and require students' full-time commitment. Students in all majors are advised to limit their job and social commitments in order to give their coursework adequate attention.

Student Workload and Remote Instruction

While the use of remote instruction (distance learning) in either some or all of a particular course reduces or even eliminates the amount of in-person instruction engaged by a student in that course, expected student workload is still calculated on a per-credit basis.

Assuming a 15-week semester, for **each week** of a course offered in a distance format, regardless of the subject of the course or original mode of delivery (e.g. lecture, studio), students are expected to complete **3 hours of course-related activities for each credit awarded in the course**. Thus, a fully online course requires 45 hours of course-related student activity for one semester credit, and a 4-credit fully online course requires 180 total hours of student activity (or, 12 hours per week).

These course-related (*Time on Task*) activities are normally devised and monitored by faculty, and may include listening to a lecture, watching an instructional video, posting to a group discussion board, reading an article, preparing assignments, taking online quizzes, etc.

Additional guidance on student workload and remote instruction is provided by the [NY Department of Education](#).

For more information on transitioning courses to distance format, please see this [helpful information from the Purchase College Teaching, Learning, and Technology Center \(TLTC\)](#).

Updated: September 8, 2020

Related SUNY Policy: Credit/Contact Hour

Academic Requirements for Graduate Degrees

Master of Arts (MA), Master of Fine Arts (MFA), and Master of Music (MM)

1. Earn a minimum 3.0 (B) cumulative GPA at Purchase College.

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2. Complete all requirements for the **degree**.
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Academic Requirements for Undergraduate Degrees

Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Science (BS)

1. Earn a minimum of 120 credits. Of the 120 credits, a minimum number of credits in the liberal arts are required: 90 for the BA, 60 for the BS. A total of 45 credits must be earned in upper-level (3000- or 4000-level) courses. A maximum of 4 physical education credits may be applied toward the degree.
2. Complete a minimum of 60 credits outside the student's major.
3. Complete the **core curriculum/general education** requirements.
4. Complete all requirements for the major.
5. Earn a minimum 2.0 (C) cumulative GPA at Purchase College.
6. Complete the health and wellness requirement. (minimum of one credit of physical education).

Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) and Bachelor of Music (MusB)

1. Earn a minimum of 120 credits.
2. Complete the **core curriculum/general education** requirements.
3. Complete all requirements for the major.*
4. Earn a minimum 2.0 (C) cumulative GPA at Purchase College.
5. Complete the health and wellness requirement. (minimum of one credit of physical education).

*The specific number of credits required for each performing and visual arts **major** is listed under each major's academic requirements.

Second Bachelor's Degree (Only) from Purchase

Students who have received a bachelor's degree from another institution and plan to receive a second bachelor's degree from Purchase College must successfully complete:

1. at least one year (30 credits) at Purchase College
 2. the requirements for the degree and **major**.
 3. any missing **general education** requirements
 4. A Senior Project
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Two Bachelor's Degrees from Purchase

Students who plan to receive two bachelor's degrees from Purchase College must satisfy the academic requirements for each degree and for two major fields, including Senior Project. A second degree presumes that the student meets all the requirements for the first degree.

A minimum of 30 credits of additional work is required when a student with a BA or BS in one discipline at Purchase College matriculates for a BA, BS, BFA, or MusB in another discipline.

BFA and MusB students must meet the liberal arts credit requirement for a BA (90 credits) or BS (60 credits); liberal arts credits earned toward the BFA or MusB may count toward this requirement.

Academic Credit in Performing and Visual Arts Courses (BA and BS Programs)

Students in the BA and BS programs (and students who have not yet declared a major) cannot earn credit for the same course taken more than once, except for a very limited number of performing and visual arts courses in which the content is different by virtue of the repertoire or experience level. Students should see the registrar for more detailed information.

Academic Internships

Academic internships provide practical experience in a student's field of interest. Internship opportunities are available in diverse fields (for example, education, performing and visual arts, business, public service, communications, social service, and health care).

An academic internship is a supervised, applied learning experience conducted during the course of a semester for which the student receives academic credit. During the internship, the student is expected to accomplish certain predetermined goals and learning objectives agreed upon by the internship site supervisor and the faculty sponsor. Students must also complete an academic project, which is determined by the designated faculty sponsor.

A student may earn up to 4 credits by interning an average of 10 hours per week during the course of the semester. The exact number of credit hours, which depends on the hours required for each experience, is established as a part of the Internship Learning Contract.

How to Apply

Students who have completed at least 30 academic credits are eligible to participate in the academic internship program. Students can locate available internships by using Purchase JobScore, an online service accessible through the **Career Development Center**. Students are also encouraged to contact their Department Chair for recurring internship opportunities.

To receive credit for an internship, a student must submit an Internship Learning Contract online through Purchase JobScore no later than the last day of the add/drop period. This web-based form includes the student's contact information, the internship description and site location, a description of the academic project, expected learning outcomes, and criteria for student evaluation, as determined by the faculty sponsor. Electronic signatures from all the involved parties, including the site supervisor, faculty sponsor, student intern, and an administrator in the Career Development Center, are required before the Internship Learning Contract is submitted to the Office of the Registrar for registration.

Internship Site Supervisor

The student must have a supervisor at the organization where he or she interns. To ensure that the internship has sufficient merit as a learning experience, this site supervisor must provide an electronic signature on the Internship Learning Contract, an internship description, and an outline of the competencies expected to be gained by the student. The site supervisor offers training and guides the hands-on, practical learning experience. If the site supervisor changes during the course of the internship, the student must immediately notify the Career Development Center and provide the name of the new site supervisor. Site supervisors must submit a performance evaluation of the student's internship experience, which is used by the faculty sponsor to determine an appropriate grade.

Faculty Sponsor

The student must work with a faculty member (faculty sponsor), who determines the academic appropriateness of the proposed internship and agrees to monitor the student intern's progress. The faculty sponsor reviews the internship description, outlines the expected learning outcomes of the experience, and assigns a meaningful academic project. This faculty sponsor need not be the student's regular faculty advisor, but may be a faculty member knowledgeable in a discipline related to the internship. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with their faculty sponsor on a regular basis.

Performance Evaluation and Grading

Both the site supervisor and the faculty sponsor monitor the student's progress throughout the internship and offer assistance as needed. Before the end of the internship, the site supervisor will be notified by email to complete a performance evaluation form via Purchase JobScore. The evaluation is then forwarded to the faculty sponsor, who assigns the grade for the internship based on this evaluation and the assigned academic project.

Receiving Credit

Most academic programs allow students to earn up to 12 internship credits during their time at Purchase. Because some programs have specific policies, students must check with their Department Chair before registering for a credit-bearing internship. Please note that students in the BFA and MusB degrees are encouraged to do internships, but internships may not count towards degree requirements and may affect use of financial aid.

Registration must be completed by the end of the add/drop period for the semester in which the internship will be undertaken. Academic credit will be awarded only for hours worked during the period of the Internship Learning Contract. No "retroactive credit" will be awarded for hours worked before or after the period of the contract or after the internship is completed. Additional information is available at the Career Development Center.

Credit units are determined by the number of hours per week a student interns at his or her site. A maximum of 4 credits may be earned in a single internship. Internship credits are calculated as follows:

4
150
10 hours per week x 15 weeks

2
75
5 hours per week x 15 weeks

1
37.5

2.5 hours per week x 15 weeks

Note: A semester is 15 weeks in length, excluding class holidays. Internships undertaken in summer session, which is less than 15 weeks, require a proportionate increase in hours per week.

Academic Records: Overview

The **Office of the Registrar** maintains the official academic record of each student's enrollment and accomplishment. Before a student graduates, the academic record includes the student's transcripts from high school or other colleges. Students wishing to receive program clarification or to check on progress toward the degree are encouraged to review their Degree Progress Report and consult with their academic advisor. The permanent academic record is normally available to the student for review. The record is considered confidential and is released to outside agencies only with the student's written consent.

Academic Transcripts

Permanent academic records are maintained by the Office of the Registrar for internal use only. Transcripts of these records are distributed externally only upon a student's submission of a **Transcript Request**. A transcript contains the following information:

1. All courses completed at Purchase College and the corresponding grades
2. Transfer credit awarded
3. Programs of study, majors, and degrees conferred

Information on obtaining academic transcripts is available on the **Office of the Registrar's site**.

Financial Holds

If a student has outstanding debts to the college, a hold is placed on transcripts and diplomas until the account is cleared. A default on New York State or federal loans would also require a hold on a student's academic records.

Attendance

Attendance in classes may be mandatory. During the first class meeting, instructors are required to inform students about attendance requirements and policies for that course regarding absences and assignments, and the attendance policy must be clearly stated on the syllabus. Students absent from class for any reason are expected to complete all assigned work in the course.

Student Athletes

Participation on an intercollegiate athletic team is a sanctioned college activity that enhances the student's educational experience at Purchase College. It is a high-impact, outside-the-classroom learning experience that is credit-bearing and meets the health and wellness requirement in the core curriculum. Student athletes are required to meet with their professors before the start of their sport season to discuss any schedule conflicts and develop a plan to make up any missed work. The student athlete's professor is required to sign the Intercollegiate Athletics Professor Acknowledgement form, which the student athlete must return to his or her coach before athletic competitions begin.

From time to time, students participating in intercollegiate athletic competitions may provide a faculty member with an approved absence excuse letter, signed by the athletics director, explaining an absence due to a game or match (*not a practice*) that had to be rescheduled. The student athlete still assumes responsibility for all work missed. If the student is not doing well in the course, the faculty member has the right to tell the student that he or she cannot miss class.

Other Student Activities

Operating on the same principles as student athletic participation, students involved in credit-bearing activities that include high-impact, outside-the-classroom obligations (e.g., internships, performing arts ensembles, etc.) are also required to discuss schedule conflicts with their faculty at the beginning of the semester. Students may not miss classes for rehearsals or practices, and should plan with faculty to make up work missed due to performances or tours required in another course. As with student athletes, if a student is not doing well in a course, the faculty member has the right to tell the student that he or she cannot be absent for such activities.

Attendance on Religious Holidays

New York State Education Law § 224-a: Students unable because of religious beliefs to register or attend classes on certain days.

1. No person shall be expelled from or be refused admission as a student to an institution of higher education for the reason that he or she is unable, because of his or her religious beliefs, to register or attend classes or to participate in any examination, study or work requirements on a particular day or days.
2. Any student in an institution of higher education who is unable, because of his or her religious beliefs, to attend classes on a particular day or days shall, because of such absence on the particular day or days, be excused from any examination or any study or work requirements.
3. It shall be the responsibility of the faculty and of the administrative officials of each institution of higher education to make available to each student who is absent from school, because of his or her religious beliefs, an equivalent opportunity to register for classes or make up any examination, study or work requirements which he or she may have missed because of such absence on any particular day or days. No fees of any kind shall be charged by the institution for

making available to the said student such equivalent opportunity.

4. If registration, classes, examinations, study or work requirements are held on Friday after 4 p.m. or on Saturday, similar or makeup classes, examinations, study or work requirements or opportunity to register shall be made available on other days, where it is possible and practicable to do so. No special fees shall be charged to the student for these classes, examinations, study or work requirements or registration held on other days.
5. In effectuating the provisions of this section, it shall be the duty of the faculty and of the administrative officials of each institution of higher education to exercise the fullest measure of good faith. No adverse or prejudicial effects shall result to any student because of his or her availing himself or herself of the provisions of this section.
6. Any student, who is aggrieved by the alleged failure of any faculty or administrative officials to comply in good faith with the provisions of this section, shall be entitled to maintain an action or proceeding in the supreme court of the county in which such institution of higher education is located for the enforcement of his or her rights under this section.
 - a. It shall be the responsibility of the administrative officials of each institution of higher education to give written notice to students of their rights under this section, informing them that each student who is absent from school, because of his or her religious beliefs, must be given an equivalent opportunity to register for classes or make up any examination, study or work requirements which he or she may have missed because of such absence on any particular day or days. No fees of any kind shall be charged by the institution for making available to such student such equivalent opportunity.
7. As used in this section, the term "institution of higher education" shall mean any institution of higher education, recognized and approved by the regents of the university of the state of New York, which provides a course of study leading to the granting of a post-secondary degree or diploma. Such term shall not include any institution which is operated, supervised or controlled by a church or by a religious or denominational organization whose educational programs are principally designed for the purpose of training ministers or other religious functionaries or for the purpose of propagating religious doctrines. As used in this section, the term "religious belief" shall mean beliefs associated with any corporation organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes, which is not disqualified for tax exemption under section 501 of the United States Code.

Cross-Registration at Manhattanville College

Manhattanville College and Purchase College allow a limited number of matriculated students from each institution to cross-register at the other institution, typically for coursework not

offered on their home campus. There is no additional tuition charged for cross-registered courses, but additional fees may be assessed for certification courses (excluding teaching certification).

Students require the permission of both institutions to cross-register. Purchase students who are interested in cross-registering at Manhattanville:

1. should consult with an advisor at both Purchase and Manhattanville before registration; and
2. must obtain the signatures of their advisor and the registrar.

Depending on its needs, Manhattanville College may completely restrict its registration in some areas. Manhattanville courses that are generally not available to Purchase students through cross-registration are:

- Studio art
 - Management and economics
 - Computer science
 - Independent study
 - Business
 - Education
 - Certification courses
 - Any course that is offered at Purchase
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Declaring a Major (BA and BS Programs)

Students who have not declared a major are strongly encouraged to meet with a staff member in the Advising Center for guidance in selecting a major. By the time students have completed 45 credits, they are expected to choose a major. Forms for declaring a major are available in the Office of the Registrar.

For related information, please refer to:

[Internal Transfer: Policy and Procedures](#)

[Double Major](#)

Double Major (BA and BS Programs)

Students in a BA or BS program who seek a double major may do so by meeting the following requirements:

1. Complete one senior thesis or senior project, approved by both boards of study.
2. Have the program requirements for each major approved by both boards of study.

Students pursuing two bachelor's degrees at Purchase College (e.g., a BA and a BFA) should refer to [Two Bachelor's Degrees From Purchase](#).

English Placement Policy for International Students

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to promote academic success among nonnative English-speaking students on campus. Success in courses at Purchase College depends, in part, on the ability to understand, read, write, and speak English. For this reason, undergraduate and graduate international students whose first language is not English will be assessed to determine if they can benefit from additional language training as they embark on their studies at Purchase. Testing and placement is also available to visiting exchange students.

Policy

Students' scores in listening, reading, writing and speaking will be individually evaluated to determine whether they have balanced skills or could benefit from additional English language support in order to meet the academic demands at Purchase. Students who are determined by the College to need additional support, will be required to take the English Success Assessment. For more information about conditions that exempt students, contact the [Office of Admissions](#). Undergraduate and graduate students are required to take the [English as an Additional Language \(EAL\)](#) class they place into. Exchange students will be recommended an EAL placement and are encouraged to enroll in the class.

Responsibility

The Office of Admissions is responsible for identifying all incoming international students. The Office of Admissions will evaluate students' individual scores during the Admission process. If the student is required to test, the Office of Admission will email the student to inform them of the requirement after they have paid their deposit. The Office for Global Education will email testing instructions to students. The English language instructors will evaluate the test results to determine placement and notify the Office of the Registrar in order for undergraduate students to be registered. The Office of the Registrar will update the Degree Progress Report of the undergraduate students to reflect a required EAL class. The English instructors will send placement results of graduate students to the school Directors. The School of Humanities is responsible for hiring the appropriate English language instructors.

Policy Implementation/Guidelines

The English Success Assessment tests students' reading, writing, listening, and speaking abilities. Based on the results of the placement exam, combined with a review of other relevant test scores

and documentation (e.g., TOEFL or IELTS scores and academic transcripts), students will be waived from an English language requirement or placed in one of the [**EAL courses**](#).

Students who demonstrate proficiency at or above EAL 1520 may enroll in any course for which they are otherwise qualified; however, enrollment in the WRI 1110/College Writing section for international students may be recommended for undergraduate students. Unlike EAL courses, College Writing meets the General Education requirement for Basic Communication.

If a student's performance on the College's English Success Assessment is inconsistent with previous test scores or with other proof of English language proficiency initially reviewed for admissions purposes, the College reserves the right to defer the student's enrollment.

Exceptions

Exceptions to this policy may occur in special circumstances involving institutional agreements with international partner universities, new pathway programs, and/or other international agreements that would warrant exceptions. All such exceptions must be codified in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among the participating parties and have appropriate approvals in accordance with the agreement. Any MOU must be executed through the Office for Global Education, which may require consultation with the Office of Academic Affairs and the Office of Admissions regarding exceptions set forth in the MOU.

Contact Offices

- Office of Admissions: (914) 251-6300
 - Office for Global Education: (914) 251-6032
 - School of Humanities: (914) 251-6550
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Full-Time and Part-Time Status and Overload Approval

The minimum **full-time semester workload** is 12 credits for undergraduate students and 9 credits for graduate students. Certain forms of federal, state, and institutional financial aid require full-time status by the end of the add/drop period. *Only full-time students are permitted to live on campus.*

Overload Approval

To receive **overload approval for a given semester**, approval must be obtained from the appropriate assigned advisor:

- a. students in the performing arts BFA and MusB programs who wish to register for more than 22 credits (a maximum of 30 credits is allowed each semester); and

- b. students in all other undergraduate degree programs who wish to register for more than 18 credits (a maximum of 24 credits is allowed each semester).

Part-Time Status

Undergraduate students who pursue fewer than 12 credits (and graduate students who pursue fewer than 9 credits) per semester have part-time status. Part-time matriculated students meet the same admission and degree requirements as full-time matriculated students. *Students who wish to pursue part-time studies should consult with the chair or director and department faculty to determine whether a part-time program is available.*

Nonmatriculated, Winter Session, and Summer Session Students

Course Load and Overload

- **During the academic year (fall and spring semesters),** nonmatriculated students may take a maximum of 18 credits each semester without special permission.
- **Overloads are not permitted in winter session.** Given the intensive pace of winter session courses, all students are limited to a maximum of 4 credits—no exceptions.
- **During summer session,** all students may enroll for a maximum of 12 credits across the four summer sessions. Limits within the sessions are as follows: a maximum of 4 credits in the online Session I and a maximum of 8 credits in Sessions II, III, and IV combined.

Graduation

Students who are one year from graduation, are required to submit an [Application for Graduation](#) in order to be eligible for graduation.

Instructions for completing the Application for Graduation

1. Make an appointment with your advisor to review your Degree Progress Report to make sure you are on track to graduate. If you are uncertain about any academic requirements or policies, please check with your school or conservatory or the Office of the Registrar.
2. Complete the Application for Graduation. Graduation applications should be submitted electronically through MyHeliotrope under the Student menu. Diploma name and mailing information will be collected at the time the application is submitted.

Students who submit graduation applications in a timely fashion will have their applications pre-reviewed in an effort to alert them to any outstanding issues that will prevent graduation. Pre-

review notifications are sent at the beginning of a semester in which the student has applied for graduation.

Final determinations regarding degree conferrals are made by the Office of the Registrar at the end of a student's last semester of study. To qualify for graduation, all degree requirements must be completed by the published graduation date. This includes the successful resolution of all Incomplete (I) grades and receipt of all external transcripts, test scores, and department waivers or substitutions.

Diplomas are distributed to graduates approximately eight to ten weeks after degrees have been awarded and are mailed to the diploma mailing address on file. If no diploma address was provided when applying for graduation, diplomas will be mailed to the permanent address on file. Diplomas of students in arrears will be held until all financial obligations to the college have been met and account balances have been cleared by the Office of Student Financial Services.

Students may participate in one graduation ceremony during matriculation at Purchase. If the student does not complete degree requirements by May, but the registrar has reasonable assurance that requirements will be completed by the end of that year's summer session, the registrar may permit the student to participate in the May commencement ceremony. The student will be considered a candidate for August graduation. If the student completes requirements after summer session and registers for an additional semester, the student must defer participation in the ceremony until requirements are fully completed.

Any changes in the student's senior-year plans must be reported to the Office of the Registrar. Students who wish to change their graduation date must send written notification to the Office of the Registrar and their program office as soon as possible.

Graduation with Honors

Honors Criteria

College honors are awarded as *summa cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, and *cum laude*. The Educational Policies Committee has approved the minimum grade point average (GPA) needed to qualify for graduation with honors in each category. Undergraduate students are eligible to graduate with honors if they have:

1. completed at least 55 credits at Purchase College, graded A+ through WF (grades of P, S, SP, UP, or CR are not counted) and
2. achieved the following minimum GPA:

Summa Cum Laude: 3.90

Magna Cum Laude: 3.75

Cum Laude: 3.50

College honors are noted in the commencement program with a statement that the notation is based on seven semesters' work or the equivalent. This is necessary because the program is printed before the final semester's grades are available.

Internal Transfer: Policy and Procedures

Matriculated students in a BA or BS program who wish to transfer into a BFA or MusB program should contact the office of the director of their intended program. Likewise, BFA and MusB students who wish to transfer into a BA or BS program should contact the office of the chair or director of their intended program. (Nonmatriculated students who wish to enroll in a degree-granting program at Purchase must follow regular admission procedures.)

1. The student will be given an internal transfer application. Deadlines for internal transfer applications vary from program to program; however, all applications must be completed and submitted at least six weeks before a semester begins.
 2. The student is then advised, when applicable, about the audition, interview, and/or portfolio requirements of the intended program and the procedure for completing those requirements. The student should also be advised about the nature of the program and any implications regarding transfer credit.
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Maintenance of Matriculation

In order to graduate at the end of any given semester at Purchase, a student must be registered for that semester. A student may satisfy this requirement either by (a) being registered for coursework until graduation or (b) registering for MOM 3000/Maintenance of Matriculation and paying \$50 to maintain matriculation. Students must receive permission from the registrar to register for MOM 3000.

Students may not register for MOM 3000 while they are completing a senior project, senior recital, or senior production. An additional senior project/recital/production registration is required.

Minors

Optional undergraduate **minors**—typically five courses, or 18–25 credits of coursework—are offered in many areas of study. After choosing a major, any student interested in pursuing a minor should carefully review the requirements for the minor before applying. An **Application for a**

Program of Minor Study, available in the Office of the Registrar, is required for all minors. Unless required by the major, minors are not degree applicable for **financial aid purposes**.

Off-Campus Study

Approval of Off-Campus Study

Eligible students must secure approval of off-campus study before leaving Purchase and are urged to talk with their academic advisor as early as possible during the semester preceding the anticipated off-campus study.

If the off-campus study is at an American institution in the U.S., students should obtain a **Request for Preapproval to Transfer Credit**, available in the **Office of the Registrar**. The student completes the form in consultation with his or her advisor, who provides guidance regarding the specifics of the student's program at another institution. Specific course titles and credits must be indicated on the form. The form is signed by the student and the advisor. The completed form must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar.

Eligibility for Study Abroad

In order to study abroad, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be in good academic standing (> 2.5 GPA, though some programs require a higher GPA)
- Have completed at least two semesters at a college or university. Transfer students are eligible after they have successfully completed one semester of full-time study at Purchase.
- Not be on disciplinary or housing probation during any part of the proposed period of studying abroad
- Receive approval from their academic advisor/department

All students are required to meet with the Education Abroad Coordinator in the Office for Global Education prior to studying abroad. For more information, please contact
study.abroad@purchase.edu

Conditions and Considerations for Off-Campus Study and Study Abroad

- Leaves are granted for no more than two consecutive semesters for students who enter Purchase as freshmen and who have beginning sophomore or junior status at the time a leave would take effect.
- For the credit earned to be applied toward Purchase matriculation, a grade of D or higher must be earned in academic work taken off campus.
- Study must be done at an accredited institution of higher education.
- Any questions concerning financial aid should be discussed with staff members in the Office of Student Financial Services (Enrollment Services).

- The student should give the Office of Residential and Student Life timely notice of his or her intention not to be in residence at Purchase.
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Readmission to the College

Readmission to the college is necessary for formerly matriculated students who have separated from the college. The readmission process must be completed for a student to be matriculated in a degree program.

A student dismissed for academic reasons is eligible to apply for readmission one year after the dismissal. Students who wish to be readmitted should complete an Application for Readmission on the [Office of the Registrar's website](#) by the published deadline.

Any student readmitted to Purchase College who was academically dismissed or on [academic probation](#) after their last semester is on academic probation for the first semester after returning. If the quality or quantity of work during that first semester is considered unsatisfactory, the student could be permanently dismissed at that time and may not be eligible for readmission.

The Freshman Year and Freshman-Year Withdrawal Policy

Freshmen in the BA and BS programs, and freshmen who have not declared their major, normally complete from three to seven [general education](#) courses, depending on their program of study. Freshmen in the BFA and MusB programs normally complete two to three general education courses as well as foundation courses within their discipline.

First-Year Seminar

[EDG 1030/First-Year Seminar](#) is required for incoming freshmen and selected transfer students in the BA and BS programs (excluding the liberal studies BA and the BS in communications), and for freshmen who have not yet declared their major. (In their freshman year, biology majors take [BIO 1880/Biology Freshman Seminar](#) and all incoming freshmen in the School of Art+Design take [VIS 1050/ComX](#), as part of their major requirements, instead of FRS 1030.) The Conservatory of Dance and Music also have their own first-year seminars, which students are required to take.

Freshman-Year Withdrawal Policy

Freshmen are strongly encouraged not to withdraw from 1000- and 2000-level courses during their first two semesters. The reasons for this policy are both academic and financial:

1. Freshman courses are a necessary foundation for further academic study and should be completed on schedule.

2. Students who fall below a minimum number of credits by withdrawing risk losing their financial aid.

Students struggling in a course should meet with their advisor as soon as possible to discuss the best course of action.

The Senior Project (BA and BS Programs)

The senior project is a college-wide requirement. (Students in certain programs are required to complete a **senior capstone course**.) It is the hallmark of the Purchase educational experience and the signature of our curriculum.

Students in the **Liberal Arts and Sciences** devote two semesters (Senior Project I and II) to an in-depth, original, and creative study. Students in the Conservatories of **Dance, Music, and Theatre Arts**, and the **School of Art+Design** spend their years at Purchase working towards their final senior projects, which can take the form of senior recitals, showcases, and art exhibitions. Students are mentored closely by program faculty and private study professors to help shape the scope and details of the final projects, and should consult regularly with their faculty on requirements and content for each project within the various programs of study.

Policies and Procedures for Students in the Liberal Arts and Sciences:

- It is recommended that the Senior Project be sponsored by a member of the department in which the student has majored. After the student has chosen a faculty sponsor, they should consult their sponsor about the choice of a second reader. A second reader is required and should be chosen in consultation with the faculty sponsor.
- At the end of Senior Project I, a grade of SP (satisfactory progress), UP (unsatisfactory progress), or NP (no progress) is assigned. In the event a grade of NP is received, Senior Project I must be retaken.
- After the completion of Senior Project II, the project or thesis is evaluated by the sponsoring faculty member, who obtains comments from other involved faculty and/or staff. A grade of A+ through F is given for Senior Project II. In the event a grade of F is received, Senior Project II must be retaken.
- The project, may then be submitted to the Purchase College Library for archival purposes. The Library does not accept paper projects; all student projects, including senior projects, senior capstone papers, and master's theses must be submitted via the Student Project Portal. (Refer to the Library's **guide** for instructions.)
- In the event a Senior Project cannot be completed on time, it is subject to the same rules that govern other incomplete coursework. However, if the Senior Project is not completed by (a) the deadline for resolving grades of Incomplete (I) for the fall semester or (b) August 15 for the

spring semester, an additional registration for the Senior Project is required. This policy supersedes any arrangements for “extended incompletes” that may have been made. Special permission from the sponsor and department Chair is required to register beyond a third semester for the Senior Project.

Accelerated Status in the Senior Year

Students may be given accelerated status in their senior year by registering for and completing Senior Project I and II in one semester. Acceleration requires permission of the advisor, Senior Project sponsor, appropriate department Chair, and/or Director of the student’s school.

Senior Project Registration in Summer Session

Students cannot complete both Senior Project I and II during the summer; however they may register for *either* Senior Project I or Senior Project II in the summer session, provided:

1. The principal sponsor should certify to the department Chair or Director of the student’s school that they will be present for a significant portion of the summer to provide guidance and direction to the student.
 2. The project is approved and the registration is allowed for the summer by the department Chair and Director of the student’s school.
 3. The student registers and pays for the summer session work: 3 credits for a 6-credit senior project or 4 credits for an 8-credit senior project. Students who register for Senior Project II during summer session must complete the project and submit a copy to the Library via myHeliotrope no later than August 15.
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Transfer Credit

Purchase College, State University of New York, accepts transfer credit from regionally accredited institutions of higher education and from recognized candidates for accreditation that are received on an official transcript by the Registrar’s Office. These regional accrediting bodies include:

- [Middle States Commission on Higher Education \(MSCHE\)](#)
- [New England Association of Schools and Colleges \(NEASC\)](#)
- [Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities \(NWCCU\)](#)
- [Southern Association of Colleges and Schools \(SACS\)](#)
- [WASC Senior College and University Commission \(WASC\)](#)

Credit recognized by the National College Credit Recommendation Service of the University of the State of New York and the American Council on Education, recorded on official transcripts will be evaluated and may be accepted for applicability to specific degree requirements.

Students who have attended non-regionally accredited institutions of higher education may request that their coursework be evaluated for transfer credit. Credit will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, and students will be expected to provide course descriptions and/or syllabi to assist in evaluating the coursework.

The U.S. Department of Education provides a [searchable database](#) of colleges and universities and their accreditation. We do not accept credit with *national* or *specialized* agency accreditation.

College-level credit taken at institutions outside of the US must be evaluated by an accepted translation/evaluation service. Examples include the [World Education Service](#) and [Spantran](#). A course-by-course/course analysis evaluation is required.

Undergraduate Transfer Credit Policy

- All students, regardless of credits transferred, must satisfy all academic requirements (or their equivalencies) for the major and the degree.
- Students must disclose all prior college work on their application to Purchase. Transfer credit will not be awarded from work that was omitted on the application to the College.
- Credits are converted to *semester hours/credits*. For example: unless otherwise specified, one quarter credit equals $\frac{2}{3}$ of a semester hour. 5 quarter credits equals $3\frac{1}{3}$ semester credits.
- A maximum of 4 physical education credits can be applied toward a degree.
- Remedial, college-prep, college success and college experience credits are not transferable.
- Grades of D or higher are accepted in transfer credit, although several departments have higher grade requirements for satisfaction of major or minor requirements. If a higher grade is required for a requirement then the higher grade is the minimum accepted in transfer for that course or requirement.
- Advanced Placement ([AP](#)) exam scores of 3 or better can transfer as credit, with the exception of AP language and composition. Students receiving a 4 or 5 on the language and composition exam will be given credit and are waived from the [Basic Communication requirement](#). Students who receive a 3 may be given credit, but will be required to take the course to fulfill that requirement. A maximum of 30 AP credits will be accepted. Purchase's AP code is 2878.
- [International Baccalaureate \(IB\)](#) credit can be awarded for higher-level (HL) exams with scores of 5 or better.
- A maximum of 30 credits will be accepted through the College Level Examination Program* ([CLEP](#)). Transfer is evaluated by review of each individual test score.
- Acceptance of a course for transfer credit does not guarantee applicability to degree, major, or minor requirements.
- Credits are transferred for the semester hour equivalent that they are taken. For example, courses taught elsewhere for 3 credits, which are taught at Purchase College for 4 credits, will transfer as 3 credits.
- Transfer grades do not factor in to the Purchase GPA.

- Once matriculated at Purchase, if a student wishes to transfer college-level work to transfer back to Purchase, they must complete a **pre-approval to transfer credits** form prior to registration if they wish to ensure transferability.

BA and BS Programs

- A maximum of 90 credits—including a maximum of 75 lower-level (freshman-sophomore) credits—may be accepted in transfer to an undergraduate BA or BS program at Purchase College. The maximum of 90 can only be achieved if the student has at least 15 junior and/or senior level credits.
- A maximum of 30 non-liberal art credits may be applied to a BA or BS degree. Non-liberal art credits include (but are not limited to) business, nursing, education, accounting, social work and engineering.
- BS in Visual Arts: a maximum of 20 studio art credits and 9 art history credits are transferable. All upper-level studio art courses required for the BS major in the School of Art+Design must be completed at Purchase College. Art credits from other schools are not automatically transferable. Studio Art credit is awarded only for courses completed with a grade of "C" or better and if a comparable course is taught at Purchase with the approval from the Department Chair.

BFA and MusB Programs

Dance: Students may transfer a maximum of 36 general education ("core") credits. Dance credits are not transferable. The Dance major takes 8 semesters to complete regardless of transfer credit.

Classical Composition, Instrumental Performance, Jazz Studies, Studio Composition, Studio Production, and Voice and Opera Studies: Students may transfer a maximum of 66 credits: 36 general education ("core") and 30 music credits. The music credits are accepted if approved by the conservatory. Under extraordinary circumstances, a student may transfer up to 54 music credits with permission from both the Department Chair and the Director of the Conservatory of Music.

Acting, Film, and Theatre Design/Technology: Students may transfer a maximum of 36 general education ("core") credits. Major requirements in acting, stage/set design/technology and filmmaking are not transferable. These BFA majors take 8 semesters to complete regardless of transfer credit.

Graphic Design, Painting/Drawing, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture, Visual Arts: A maximum of 75 credits (a maximum of 24 studio art credits, 9 art history credits, 6 credits non-arts electives and an additional 36 general education ("core") credits. All upper-level studio art courses required for the BFA majors in the School of Art+Design must be completed at Purchase College. Studio Art credit is awarded only for courses completed with a grade of "C" or better and if a comparable course is taught at Purchase with the approval from the Department Chair.

Graduate Transfer Credit Policy

1. Credits are converted to *semester hours/credits*. For example: unless otherwise specified, one quarter credit equals $\frac{2}{3}$ of a semester hour. 5 quarter credits equals $3\frac{1}{3}$ semester credits.
 2. A maximum of 9 graduate-level credits with a grade of "B" or better may be accepted in transfer to an MA or MM program at Purchase College. Transfer credits are not accepted in the MFA programs
 3. Credits are transferred for the semester hour equivalent that they are taken. For example, courses taught elsewhere for 3 credits, which are taught at Purchase College for 4 credits, will transfer as 3 credits.
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Transfer Eligibility for Student Athletes

When student athletes are readmitted and accepted into a degree program at Purchase College after (a) attending another two- or four-year college for two semesters and (b) successfully completing 24 credits with a 2.5 GPA or above, they will be eligible to participate in the Purchase College athletic program without having to complete a year in residence. In addition, student athletes must be deemed eligible on the NCAA transfer documents received from their previously attended institution. After readmission, student athletes must maintain a new, postcumulative 2.0 GPA or higher at Purchase College, or they will be ineligible to participate in the athletic program.

Tutorials and Independent Studies

Matriculated students—generally juniors and seniors—are encouraged, when appropriate, to enroll in tutorials and independent studies. Both of these types of study enable motivated students to extend the learning process beyond the limits of regularly scheduled courses.

Tutorials

Tutorials are limited to individual students or small groups and assume a degree of academic maturity on the part of the student. Tutors meet regularly with students to discuss reading and other assignments. Students receive periodic evaluations and a final evaluation. Up to 4 credits may be awarded for a tutorial. One credit is equal to 50 minutes per week (15 hours per semester) with the tutorial instructor, plus two hours of student preparation per week.

Independent Studies

Similarly, independent studies are limited to students who are capable of working at an advanced level with limited supervision. Generally, students may receive no more than 4 credits for an independent study, with each credit the equivalent of $37\frac{1}{2}$ hours per semester of academic activity.

Permission to Register

Students must complete a **Special Course Contract**, have their sponsor sign it, and submit it to the Office of the Registrar by the end of the add/drop period each semester. This form is available in the Office of the Registrar. For tutorial and independent studies during summer session, please refer to **Summer Session Policies** below.

Eligibility and Restrictions

1. Tutorials and independent studies are limited to Purchase matriculated students.
(Nonmatriculated continuing education students cannot register for independent studies or tutorials.)
2. The amount of credit agreed upon at the time of registration is the amount of credit to be awarded at the end of the semester. Credit may not be reduced at the end of the semester because of partial fulfillment of a particular course, tutorial, or independent study.
3. Students may not count more than 16 credits of independent studies, tutorials, and senior project taken with one faculty member toward the 120 (or 45 upper-level) credits required for graduation. *Any exceptions to this policy must be approved by the appropriate Director.*
4. An independent study or tutorial cannot be used to fulfill a SUNY general education requirement.

Summer Session Policies

1. Only matriculated students are eligible to register for summer tutorials and independent studies.
2. The content of summer tutorials or independent studies should be significantly different from courses offered during the regular summer session or academic year.
3. Students must register, pay for, and complete all work during the designated summer session period.
4. Grades are due at the same time as regular summer session grades.
5. Summer tutorials and independent studies are approved only after ascertaining that the faculty member will be available in the summer to supervise the student's work.
6. Only full-time members of the Purchase faculty are permitted to supervise summer tutorials and independent studies, but they are not paid to do so. All students should be aware that many upper-level courses in the liberal arts and sciences are available to students in the summer, and tutorials should not duplicate these courses.
7. In most cases, upper-level courses in the performing arts are not available during summer session.

Grading Policies

Change of Grade

After an instructor has submitted a student's grade to the Office of the Registrar, the grade may be changed only with the approval of the instructor.

1. If there has been a clerical error or if the student believes that the grade received is inaccurate, the student should discuss the grade with the instructor.
 2. After consulting with the instructor, if the student has further questions regarding the grade, the student should discuss them with their school director. The director may, if appropriate, arrange a discussion with the instructor. However, the final grade is the prerogative of the instructor.
 3. If a grade dispute involves an instructor who is no longer a member of the Purchase College faculty, the school director may adjudicate the matter.
 4. In exceptional cases, grades may be changed up to six months after the completion of a given semester. No grade changes are accepted after this date.
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Dean's List

Students in the following programs who achieve the specified **grade point averages** (GPAs) are awarded the honor of Dean's List, which is recorded on the student's transcript. These GPAs are based on at least 12 credits graded A+ through F; grades of P, S, NC, UP, SP, CR, and INC do not apply. Students who earn a grade of UP or NP are ineligible.

- BA and BS programs: A semester GPA of 3.50 is required.
- BFA and MusB programs: A semester GPA of 3.75 is required.

Dean's List students are notified by the Office of Communication & Creative Services *after all Incomplete grades have been resolved for the previous semester (typically 6-8 weeks after the semester ends).*

For inquiries about the dean's list, students should contact the Office of Student Support and Academic Achievement.

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Grade of Incomplete: Procedure for Receiving

To be eligible for a grade of incomplete (I), students must meet the following guidelines:

1. To receive a grade of incomplete (I), a student must request this grade from the instructor. Students on academic probation are not eligible for incomplete grades.
 2. The instructor determines if a grade of incomplete (I) is appropriate. Criteria for this determination include previous work completed, course attendance, and factors not in the student's control (i.e., illness, death in family, etc.). If an incomplete is granted, the instructor determines the date for the work to be completed (no longer than four weeks) and files the grade of incomplete (I) online.
 3. If a revised grade is not submitted by the published deadline, ([see academic calendar for deadlines](#)) the grade of incomplete (I) is automatically converted to an F. In such cases, the grade of F is final.
 4. If truly extenuating circumstances exist, an extension of an incomplete is possible with the approval of the director of the school/conservatory in which the course is offered. An "Extension of Incomplete" form must be used and submitted by the published deadline.
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Grade Point Averages

How to Calculate Grade Point Averages (GPAs)

Convert grades into quality points (QPs):

A+ = 4.334 A = 4.000 A- = 3.666

B+ = 3.334 B = 3.000 B- = 2.666

C+ = 2.334 C = 2.000 C- = 1.666

D = 1.000 F / XF / WF = 0

Multiply the courses credits by its grade's quality points.

Grade QPs	Cr.	Course QPs
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A+	$4.334 \times 4 \text{ cr.}$	= 17.336
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B	$3.000 \times 4 \text{ cr.}$	= 12
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B-	$2.666 \times 3 \text{ cr.}$	= 7.998
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C+	$2.334 \times 2 \text{ cr.}$	= 4.668
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F	$0.000 \times 1 \text{ cr.}$	= 0
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Add all the quality points = 42.002

Add all the attempted credits = 14

Divide the number of quality points by the number of credits attempted.

42.002 divided by 14 = 3.00 GPA

Program-Specific GPA Policies

When a student formerly registered as nonmatriculated is accepted as a matriculated student, credits acquired (a) as a matriculated student and (b) as a nonmatriculated student are counted toward the cumulative GPA.

When a student transfers between the School of the Arts and the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, grades previously earned remain in the cumulative GPA. The college-wide **Academic Review Committee** decides the issue of academic probation on a case-by-case basis.

Grading System

Students obtain final course grades online via **myHeliotrope** on the **Current Students portal**.

Matriculated students at Purchase College are graded as follows:

A through F

A+, A, A- (Superior)

B+, B, B- (Good)

C+, C, C- (Satisfactory)

D (Minimum Passing Grade)

A grade of D is acceptable in **core curriculum/general education** courses. In a major or prerequisite course, a grade of D is acceptable at the discretion of the departments in the liberal arts and sciences.

F (Failure)

This grade counts toward program pursuit for financial aid purposes.

SP (Satisfactory Progress), UP (Unsatisfactory Progress), and NP (No Progress)

[Reserved for Senior Project I]

Reserved for grading of Senior Project I. SP is assigned for satisfactory progress. UP, or unsatisfactory progress, is assigned to indicate that work is underway but is not meeting expectations. NP, or no progress, is assigned to indicate that little to no work has been completed and the student must retake Senior Project I.

Note: A grade of A+ through F is given for Senior Project II. In the event a grade of F is received, Senior Project II must be retaken.

CR (Credit)

For matriculated students who register for **maintenance of matriculation** or a SUNY study abroad program. The CR grade is not calculated in the GPA.

P and NC (Pass/No Credit Option)

1. Students may elect one course (except those specified in #4 of this section) each semester to be graded on a pass/no credit (P/NC) basis. Summer session is considered a semester for this purpose. The P (Pass) or NC (No Credit) grade is not calculated in the GPA, but counts toward program pursuit for financial aid purposes.
2. If a department requires that a course within the major be taken on a P/NC basis, then a student may elect a second course for P/NC in that same semester.
3. A maximum of 32 credits of P/NC work counts toward the 120 credits required for graduation.
4. The following courses cannot be taken on a P/NC basis: all core curriculum/general education courses; senior theses/projects; repeated courses; courses in one's major (refer to #5 for exception).
5. Departments may designate a few courses to be taken by all students on a P/NC basis. Courses so designated must be approved by the Educational Policies Committee. A department, at its discretion, may use pass/no credit grades for junior or senior seminars.
6. Students must elect this option by the end of the third week of classes; please refer to the **academic calendar** for the deadline. For Fall 2020, the deadline was

extended due to the pandemic.

I (Incomplete)

This grade indicates that a student and a faculty member have entered into an agreement that grants an extension of time to complete the requirements of the course. For additional information, refer to [**Grade of Incomplete: Procedure for Receiving**](#).

1. The work must be completed within four weeks of the end of the semester.
2. Incompletes that are not resolved by the deadline date or approved for a further extension will be converted to a failure (F) grade. Grade changes after the four-week period are discouraged as a matter of fairness to students who complete their work on time. Extension of an incomplete must be approved by the designated administrator in the school that offered the course.
3. The credit value assigned at the time of registration is the credit value at the time the grade is submitted. Partial credit, whether for special or regular courses, is not given.
4. An "I" grade counts toward program pursuit for financial aid purposes.

AU (Audit)

The audit (AU) grade is available to nonmatriculated continuing education students only. These students may audit credit courses with permission of the instructor, who determines the requirements for participation by the auditor. Auditors pay full tuition and fees.

Matriculated students may informally audit courses with permission of the instructor, but may not receive AU grades. Registration for the course is not permitted, and the course does not appear on the student's academic record. Matriculated students who choose to audit a course may not register for the course later in the semester.

W (Withdrawal)

Chosen by the student, this grade is available up to the end of the ninth week of classes and signifies an official withdrawal without prejudice. It is not calculated in the GPA or used to calculate accumulated full-time equivalent status, but may affect program pursuit for financial aid purposes and eligibility for campus housing. The signature of the student's advisor is required on the Course Withdrawal form, which is available under **Forms** on the registrar's site. Freshmen must also consult with and obtain the signature of the Director of Student Support and Academic Achievement, on the withdrawal form; for more information, refer to the **Freshman-Year Withdrawal Policy**. The signatures, which do not necessarily indicate approval, are required to provide information to the advisor and the college.

Repeating Courses

When a student repeats a Purchase College course, all grades received will remain on the official transcript, but **only the highest grade received** will be included in the quality and grade point average and the hours toward graduation. Students who have taken coursework before fall 2014 must file a Repeat Course form with the Office of the Registrar to ensure accuracy of their cumulative grade point average and official transcript. This form is available under **Forms** on the registrar's site. The grade excluded from the cumulative totals will be annotated with an "E" on the transcripts. The grade included in the cumulative totals will be annotated with an "I." The repeated course, which is defined by the same course prefix and course number, must be repeated at Purchase College under the same grading system in order to be eligible for this policy. Therefore, courses previously taken and earned as transfer credit are not eligible for repeating.

Students receiving financial aid are encouraged to check with the Office of Student Financial Services to avoid losing an award, especially when repeating a previously passed course (grade of D or higher).

WF (Withdrawal/Failure)

A WF grade is assigned by a faculty member when a student *stopped attending* the course and failed to officially drop or withdraw from the course. Faculty members may use the following as a general guideline:

1. If a student attended through the ninth week, he or she would receive an F or an NC, as is appropriate, instead of a WF.
2. If a student did not attend through the ninth week, he or she would receive a WF instead of an F.

The faculty member must include the student's final date of attendance when assigning a WF grade. The WF grade is calculated as an F toward the GPA and does not count toward program pursuit for financial aid purposes.

Note: If the student *never attended* the course and failed to officially drop or withdraw, refer to the XF grade.

XF (Failure due to nonattendance)

An XF grade is assigned by a faculty member when a student *never attended* the course and failed to officially drop or withdraw from the course. In online or hybrid courses, this grade should be assigned if the student never submitted an assignment or participated in discussions.

The XF grade is calculated as an F toward the GPA and does not count toward program pursuit for financial aid purposes.

Satisfactory Academic Progress: Overview

Academic standards are used to assess satisfactory progress and to determine probationary status or the necessity to dismiss. The academic policies in this section define minimum satisfactory academic progress for all students at Purchase College.

Students in the BFA, MusB, MFA, and MM programs must meet these collegewide academic standards as well as the general **professional standards**, including professional conduct standards, governing these degree programs, and the **academic and professional standards** of the student's school/conservatory and program.

Satisfactory academic progress (SAP) standards for financial aid (e.g., federal Title IV aid, state aid, and other loan programs) vary from those stated in this section; please consult the Office of Student Financial Services, (914) 251-6080, for specific guidelines. However, because the criteria for satisfactory academic progress affect all students, whether or not they receive financial aid, all students should be familiar with the standards in this section.

Satisfactory Academic Progress

Academic Probation

Academic probation is a formal notification sent to a student by the Director of Student Advising and Academic Support, when the student's cumulative grade point average falls below 2.00. Copies of this notification are sent to the registrar and the student's advisor.

1. A student is placed on academic probation following a semester during which the student's progress has been found to be problematic. Probationary status is not a punitive action. It is intended to indicate problems that require correction and, if not corrected, may result in loss of federal Title IV aid (see below) and academic dismissal. However, academic probation is not necessarily a prerequisite for dismissal.
2. Academic probation is recorded on the student's transcript. To have such a notation removed from the record, a full-time student must, in the semester following the action, meet the minimum expectation described in the probation notice. **The work must be completed on time, i.e., no incomplete (I) grades.**
3. If placed on academic probation, students are encouraged to give attention to their educational and professional development.
4. Students in BFA, MusB, MFA, or MM programs may also be placed on professional probation or dismissed by their respective conservatories/schools. This is a separate process from academic probation/dismissal. For more information, see Professional Standards.

Restrictions of Privileges

Students who have been officially placed on academic probation are required to cease extracurricular activities so that they may concentrate on their studies during the semester of probation. As soon as the probation status is removed from the student's record, the student is eligible to continue with their extracurricular activities.

Extracurricular activities are defined as:

1. Any elected or appointed executive board position in the Purchase Student Government Association (PSGA) or a PSGA-sponsored club or organization.
2. Any elected or appointed executive position in any governance organization, including the Purchase College Senate, the Educational Policies Committee, the Personnel Policies Committee, the Purchase College Association, Academic Review Committees, the Campus Appeals Board, faculty review committees, etc.
3. Participation in any intercollegiate athletic team.
4. Students employed by the college (e.g., head residents, resident assistants, student directors) who are placed on academic probation are placed on "job probation" as well. These students have their employment commitment re-evaluated by the supervisor, who may recommend a

reassignment of duties. Students on “job probation” may also be required to participate in academic support services (e.g., a study skills workshop).

Exceptions to the restriction of privileges are considered by the appropriate Academic Review Committee upon receipt of a letter of appeal within five academic working days of probation notification. The letter of appeal should state exactly what circumstances mitigate against enforcement of the rule.

Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards for Financial Aid

To maintain eligibility for certain types of financial aid, students must also meet satisfactory academic progress (SAP) standards for federal and state financial aid. For additional information on these standards, please refer to the [**Student Financial Services site.**](#)

Academic Review Committee and Midterm Progress

Academic Review Committee

The progress of students is reviewed at the end of each semester by Director of Student Advising and Academic Support . Appeals of academic dismissals are reviewed by the Academic Review Committee (ARC). Students are entitled to appeal dismissals in writing to this committee; those who are dismissed at the end of each semester have the right to an immediate appeal by following the specific instructions included in the dismissal notification.

Academic Review Committee (ARC) Composition:

- Voting members: 5 faculty members.
- Non-voting members: The Director of Student Advising and Academic Support (Chair) and two student affairs staff members appointed by the dean of student affairs, the registrar, and a representative from EOP/MAP.

Midterm Progress

Midterm Progress is a notification sent after the sixth week of a semester to notify a student that there is some question as to whether the student can complete a course satisfactorily. If a student is warned of this possibility, it is hoped that the student will make whatever extra effort may be needed to pass (or to withdraw from the course, if appropriate).

Professional Standards: BFA, MusB, MFA, and MM Programs

Professional Standards

Each of these degree programs (BFA, MusB, MFA, MM) emulates the ethics and standards of its professional discipline. Students are expected to pursue their courses of study and conduct themselves in a manner consistent with each program's criteria.

1. Students are required to maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined for undergraduate and graduate students, as well as the grading and professional criteria of their respective programs.
2. Each student's major department is responsible for evaluating such matters as artistic growth, talent development, and a student's suitability for a professional life in the field, which, though difficult to assess in terms of grades and credits, are factored into the student's grades.

Professional Conduct Standards

All students are expected to comply with the policies and regulations established by Purchase College and their respective programs. College policies governing student conduct are outlined under Academic and Professional Integrity and in the Student Code of Conduct.

In the BFA, MusB, MFA, and MM programs, prompt attendance and preparation for all prescribed classes, studios, labs, tutorials, workshops, rehearsals, concerts, and performances are mandatory. Unexcused absences, tardiness, or lack of preparation indicates a lack of seriousness in the program and constitutes a serious breach of professional conduct. Students should consult individual conservatory or school handbooks for the complete professional conduct guidelines for their program.

Professional Conduct Probation and Dismissal

Grounds for professional probation, suspension, or dismissal in the BFA, MusB, MFA, and MM programs include breaches of professional conduct, lack of artistic growth, or failure to make satisfactory progress advancing through program requirements. Before being placed on professional conduct probation, a student may be warned, but such a warning is not required. The Director of the school/conservatory formally notifies the student of the professional probation via email to the student's Purchase College address and regular mail to the student's home address. The notification specifies the areas of concern and the corrective measures required.

Failure to satisfy the terms of probation may result in dismissal from the conservatory/school but not the College. While dismissal is normally preceded by a probationary period, a serious breach of professional conduct may lead to immediate dismissal. Professional dismissal decisions are the prerogative and responsibility of the Director of the school/conservatory, in consultation with the Department Chair and faculty.

Copies of all letters relevant to warning, probation, and dismissal are placed in the student's file, and immediate notification is forwarded to the student. Probation and dismissal letters are forwarded to the Registrar. Dismissal letters are also forwarded to the Offices of Student Financial

Services, Student Affairs, Academic Affairs, and Residence Life. Students' emergency contacts will be notified when a student is professionally dismissed from a conservatory/school.

Students' Right to Appeal

A student may appeal a professional conduct probation or dismissal to the college's Academic Review Committee, who will confirm or reverse the decision of the director/chair after reviewing all relevant materials.

Program Progress and Professional Standards

In addition to the professional ethics and discipline standards, including professional conduct, required in all **BFA, MusB, MFA, and MM programs**, students must demonstrate satisfactory progress in their school/conservatory and program as detailed below.

Conservatory of Dance

The Dance faculty review a student's artistic, academic, and technical proficiency twice each semester. In addition to prescribed coursework, all students participate in and are evaluated/graded on their freshman jury, sophomore jury, junior project, and senior project.

Undergraduate students must earn a grade of C or higher in all courses required for their major, excluding the senior project. A grade of C- or lower constitutes a failure to demonstrate successful academic or artistic progress. A student who receives grades of C- or lower for two or more semesters may no longer be eligible for scholarship funds and performance opportunities and may be dismissed from the conservatory.

An undergraduate student may also be placed on professional probation or dismissed for breaches of professional conduct at the discretion of the director of the Conservatory of Dance. In cases of professional dismissal, students may or may not receive a formal warning, or probationary status, in advance. A student may appeal a professional probation or dismissal to the college's Academic Review Committee.

Conservatory of Music

Undergraduate students must earn a grade of C or higher in all courses required for their major, excluding the senior recital/production. A grade of C- or lower constitutes a failure to demonstrate successful academic or artistic progress. A student who receives grades of C- or lower for two or more semesters may be dismissed from the conservatory.

Graduate students must earn a grade of B or higher in all courses. A grade of B- or lower constitutes a failure to demonstrate successful academic or artistic progress. A student who

receives grades of B- or lower for two or more semesters may be dismissed from the conservatory.

An undergraduate or graduate student may also be placed on professional conduct probation or dismissed for breaches of professional conduct at the discretion of the director of the Conservatory of Music. In cases of professional dismissal, students may or may not receive a formal warning, or probationary status, in advance. A student may appeal a professional probation or dismissal to the college's Academic Review Committee.

Conservatory of Theatre Arts

BFA students must earn a grade of C or higher in all courses required for their major. A grade of C- or lower constitutes a failure to demonstrate successful academic or artistic progress; students who earn a grade of C- or lower in a required course will be automatically placed on professional probation. When possible, students must repeat a required course to replace a grade of C- or lower in order to move forward within a discipline (i.e., to continue in a numbered sequence or to move from the 2000 level to the 3000 level, etc.). A student who receives grades of C- or lower for two or more semesters may be dismissed from the conservatory.

- In the **theatre design/technology** BFA program, repeating a required course in a subsequent semester or substitution of equivalent coursework is permitted only at the discretion of the department.
- In the **acting** BFA program, repeating a required course is usually not possible due to the cohort nature of the program. Therefore, students in this program who receive a grade of C- or lower in a required course will normally not be permitted to advance within the major.

Within the BFA programs, lack of academic progress, breaches of professional conduct, as well as judgment on such matters as artistic growth and development may also be the basis for professional probation or dismissal.

A student in a BFA program may be placed on professional probation or dismissed for breaches of professional conduct at the discretion of the director of the Conservatory of Theatre Arts. In cases of professional conduct dismissal, students may or may not receive a formal warning, or probationary status, in advance. A student may appeal a professional probation or dismissal to the college's Academic Review Committee.

School of Art+Design

Students in the BFA and BS programs in the School of Art+Design are expected to meet all attendance and participation requirements in all studio courses. Unexcused absences, tardiness, or lack of preparation for class will not be accepted. Three or more unexcused absences in any course will result in a grade of F or WF.

All undergraduate students in the School of Art+Design must earn a grade of C or higher in all studio art courses required for their major, excluding the senior project. Students must repeat a

required course to replace a grade of C- or lower in order to move forward within a discipline (i.e., to continue in a numbered sequence or to move from the 2000 level to the 3000 level, etc.).

Graduate MFA students must maintain a 3.0 (B) GPA for successful progress through the program.

Lack of academic progress, breaches of professional conduct, as well as judgment on such matters as artistic growth and development may also be the basis for professional probation or dismissal from the School of Art+Design. A student may appeal a professional probation or dismissal to the college's Academic Review Committee.

School of Film and Media Studies: Film BFA Program

Students in the **film BFA program** must maintain the department standards for academic and professional conduct. Criteria for advancement also include the student's fitness and potential for a professional life in the field, as determined by the department. Advancement each year is by invitation of the department following a scheduled, mandatory review of each student's work.

Any student on warning or probationary status is reviewed at the end of the semester (fall or spring). A student may appeal a professional probation or dismissal to the Academic Review Committee. There is an ongoing assessment of professional growth in all work for all students.

Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards for Graduate Students

Graduate students who meet all requirements of the college, including its academic standards, are considered to be maintaining satisfactory academic progress. A full-time graduate student is one who registers for 9 or more credits in each semester; a part-time student is one who registers for fewer than 9 credits.

1. All graduate students are evaluated throughout the semester, although grades are only submitted once a semester. Grades of W, I, and WF and repeated courses may affect satisfactory academic progress (refer to the [**Grading System**](#) for definitions of all grades).
2. All graduate students are expected to maintain a minimum 3.0 (B) GPA each semester. Graduate students who have a semester GPA lower than 3.0 will be placed on probation and must attain at least a 3.0 average in the following semester to have their probationary status removed. A graduate student must have achieved a minimum 3.0 GPA at the time a degree is awarded.
3. In addition to maintaining a satisfactory GPA, graduate students must meet all other academic and professional conduct standards set forth by their program.
4. A semester of residency is defined as one in which a full-time graduate student attempts 9 or more credits. Full-time graduate students in master's programs cannot exceed eight semesters of residency at the college to complete the requirements for their degrees. This is a minimum

standard for academic progress and is not intended to represent normal progress, which is four to six semesters of residency at the college.

5. Part-time graduate students must complete their degrees with no more than 12 semesters of residency at the college.
6. Courses designated as developmental for graduate students (usually undergraduate level) cannot be credited toward a degree and do not count toward the full-time equivalent (FTE) semester. These courses are not factored into a student's GPA, but they may be used by the faculty in judging a student's overall potential to continue toward a graduate degree.

Graduate students who do not meet the criteria for satisfactory academic progress face **academic dismissal**. A graduate student may appeal an academic dismissal to the **Academic Review Committee**. Appeals must be made in writing and accompanied by documented evidence of mitigating circumstances (e.g., illness, injury, personal tragedy, etc.).

Readmission after Academic Dismissal

Please refer to **Readmission**.

Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards for Undergraduate Students

Students at Purchase are expected to maintain satisfactory academic progress and to progress towards timely degree completion and graduation. Among the requirements for graduation, a student must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0. At the close of each semester all grades are processed, and the student's semester GPA and cumulative GPA are then used to determine whether the student is in good academic standing. A student who is not in good academic standing will be issued either an academic warning, placed on academic probation, or dismissed from the college. Only grades earned at Purchase are used in determining academic warning, probation or dismissal status.

Criteria. Any student subject to a first-time dismissal will be invited to appeal that determination.

The following criteria are used to assess a student's academic standing:

- First semester students (freshmen and transfers) receiving a GPA less than 1.5 will be dismissed with the right to appeal;
- Students whose cumulative GPA falls below a 2.0 for two consecutive semesters will be dismissed with the right to appeal;
- Students whose semester GPA falls below a 2.0 for three consecutive semesters will be subject to dismissal from the college. The **Academic Review Committee** may grant an additional semester of probation prior to dismissal on a case-by-case basis;
- Students whose semester GPA falls below a 2.0 for a fourth consecutive semester will be dismissed with the right to appeal;

- Any student returning from a dismissal (either because an appeal was granted or by readmission) whose semester GPA is less than 2.0 will be dismissed without the right to appeal.

Appeals. Neither an academic warning nor an academic probation may be appealed.

Appeals of academic dismissals are reviewed by the Academic Review Committee (ARC). Students are entitled to appeal dismissals in writing to the committee. The committee will not hear appeals in person or by phone.

Details regarding the appeals process, including deadlines, will be stated in the dismissal notification and [on the Advising Center page](#). If the student's appeal is granted, the student will be reinstated on probation for the semester following the dismissal. Any student returning from a dismissal (either because an appeal was granted or by readmission) whose semester GPA is less than 2.0 will be dismissed.

If a student does not appeal, or the appeal is denied, the student may not take any coursework at Purchase College for one year following their dismissal.

Students who have been dismissed a second time have no right of appeal and must reapply to the College after waiting one full academic year.

Any notice of academic warning or probation will appear on a student's Degree Progress Report (DPR)

Notification. A notification of warning, probation, or dismissal will be sent to the student's official Purchase email address prior to the commencement of the next semester. Any communication of probation may also include conditions for continued study at Purchase (e.g. participating on athletic teams, holding a student government position).

Probation. As noted above, the Academic Review Committee has the right to set forth conditions on a student's probation. Students are encouraged to work with their advisors to devise an appropriate course load and to attain a balance between study and other activities.

Dismissal. The first time a student is dismissed they can appeal for a reversal of the decision. Any student whose appeal is denied or who chooses not to appeal will not be allowed to return to the university for two full semesters. A summer session is not considered a full semester, and a dismissed student may not enroll in any classes during a summer session. For example, a dismissal following the spring semester means that the student will be required to remain out for the subsequent fall, spring, and summer semesters.

A student who is dismissed for a second time will not be permitted to reapply to Purchase.

Readmission after Academic Dismissal

[Please refer to Readmission](#)

Visiting Students

Nonmatriculated or visiting students who have attempted 12 or more credits will be academically dismissed if their cumulative GPA is below 2.0. They may appeal in writing for a Waiver of academic dismissal to the **Academic Review Committee**. A waiver will be granted only once. Students granted a waiver will remain on academic probation. If a waiver is not granted, dismissed students will not be permitted to re-enroll until two semesters have elapsed (not including winter or summer sessions) and only after the Registrar has reviewed and approved the request.

For information on academic progress standards for graduate students see **Academic Progress Standards for Graduate Students**.

Academic Leaves of Absence

Students who are interested in studying at another campus as a visiting student, either in the United States or abroad, must receive approval in advance of an academic leave of absence. Please refer to **Off-Campus Study** for detailed information, including eligibility and the approval process.

Medical Leaves

A medical leave of absence may be requested by the student through the Counseling Center for substance-related or emotional reasons or through Student Health Services for physical reasons. A supporting letter from a student's attending physician, therapist, or counselor is required. Medical leaves, which are generally for a period of no less than six months and up to one year, must be approved by the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs. All medical leaves follow the College's refund policy as posted on the Student Financial Services webpage.

Renewing Medical Leaves

Renewal of an approved medical leave of absence must be requested annually in writing by submitting new medical documentation to the Counseling Center or Student Health Services. Students who do not renew their medical leaves will be administratively withdrawn from the college by the Office of the Registrar.

Registration while on Medical Leave of Absence:

Students on medical leaves may be eligible to register for campus housing and for classes based on their completed credits during the time of their leave. To be eligible for pre-registration, the student must have their treatment provider submit a preliminary letter that indicates that the student is currently undergoing treatment and is expected to be able to return to active student status for the semester in question (i.e., summer, fall, spring). That letter should be submitted by the treatment provider to either Health Services or Counseling and Behavioral Health Services – whichever department originally recommended the medical leave. Once the letter is received, the

student will receive an email communication from the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs or designee informing the student of the date(s) that the account hold will be lifted to allow for registration. Following registration, the hold will be replaced on the student's account pending final re-entry assessment clearance as outlined below. In the event that the student does not return through the process or is denied reentry through the process, the student will be deregistered as follows:

- May 5 for summer session courses
- August 10 for fall semester courses
- December 10 for winter semester courses
- January 10 for spring semester courses

Returning From Medical Leave

A request to return to the college from a medical leave of absence is assessed when requested by a student.

Requests for returns from leaves must be received by the Friday of the first week in August or the Friday of the first week in January prior to the first day of classes in a new semester. The re-entry process can be scheduled as follows:

- After April 15 for summer session returns
- After July 15 for fall semester returns
- After December 1 for winter session returns
- After December 15 for spring semester returns

Returns from medical leaves are subject to the recommendation of the Counseling Center or Student Health Services and approval of the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs or designee.

The [required documentation and instructions for return requests](#) is available online on the Student Affairs site.

For more information, please visit the Student Affairs Medical Leave [webpage](#).

Maintaining Enrollment in the Student Health Insurance Program

A student who has enrolled in the college's student health insurance program is eligible to remain enrolled in that insurance program throughout his or her approved medical leave. To do so, the student must contact the Office of Student Financial Services before the beginning of each semester of the approved medical leave to make arrangements to pay the insurance premium in a timely fashion and to guarantee continuous insurance coverage. Failure to do so will result in loss of coverage.

Notes for All Leaves of Absence

1. Students who are granted a leave at the end of a semester are responsible for finishing any incomplete work before the deadline for resolution of incomplete (I) grades (refer to the [academic calendar](#)).
 2. Students on leaves of absence who are later found to be in academic difficulty will have their academic records reviewed by the [Academic Review Committee](#) (ARC). When warranted, the ARC may place a student on [probation](#) or take other appropriate action.
 3. Students on leaves of absence may take coursework elsewhere as a nonmatriculated student, but cannot be guaranteed that Purchase credit will be given for that work unless specific arrangements are made in advance. (Please refer to [Off-Campus Study](#) for additional information.)
 4. [Academic dismissal](#) will supersede any leave of absence.
 5. Campus housing is limited and is not guaranteed for students returning from leaves of absence. For specific information related to on-campus housing, please email or call the Office of Residential and Student Life, ceg@purchase.edu, (914) 251-6320.
 6. Taking a leave of absence will affect the repayment of educational loans and disbursements of student aid funds. Students who receive financial aid and/or have taken out educational loans must consult with the Office of Student Financial Services, (914) 251-6080, before taking a leave of absence.
 7. Students on leaves of absence who do not return to the college at the agreed-upon time are administratively withdrawn as of the term that the return was to have taken effect. To return to Purchase College, students who have been administratively withdrawn must submit an Application for Readmission to the Office of the Registrar. [Readmission](#), however, is not guaranteed.
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Personal Leaves of Absence

Students in good standing may apply to the Office of the Registrar for a personal leave of absence. Applications must be submitted before the last day to withdraw from a course with a grade of W (refer to the [academic calendar](#)).

Leaves are normally not granted for first-year students, and seniors are advised not to interrupt their studies. When granted, a leave is usually for a maximum of two semesters. Permission to take a personal leave of absence includes the right to return without additional notification.

Withdrawal from the College

Students intending to withdraw from Purchase College should comply with the following procedures, which are designed to ensure a smooth flow of information regarding a student's

departure, to assess data regarding withdrawal, and to minimize potential problems in the event of readmission:

1. All required forms must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar before leaving the campus.
 2. Purchase identification cards must be returned to the More Card Office.
 3. Keys to residence hall rooms or apartments must be returned to the Office of Residential and Student Life. All other keys must be returned to the appropriate building manager.
 4. Refunds are based on the refund schedule published by the Office of Student Financial Services. Refunds on residence assignments are based on the date that students vacate their housing assignment and return their keys. Refunds on meal plans are calculated from the date students return their identification card.
 5. Students on **academic probation** at the time of withdrawal will have that status noted on their transcript.
 6. Students who transfer to another college are required to withdraw from Purchase College. Any matriculated student who does not register and does not notify the Office of the Registrar of his or her withdrawal from Purchase College will be administratively withdrawn by the registrar.
 7. Withdrawal affects the repayment of educational loans and disbursements of student aid funds. Students who receive financial aid and/or have taken out educational loans must consult with the Office of Student Financial Services, (914) 251-6080, before withdrawing.
 8. **Academic dismissal** will supersede any withdrawal.
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Academic Records

Academic Records: Overview

The **Office of the Registrar** maintains the official academic record of each student's enrollment and accomplishment. Before a student graduates, the academic record includes the student's transcripts from high school or other colleges. Students wishing to receive program clarification or to check on progress toward the degree are encouraged to review their Degree Progress Report and consult with their academic advisor. The permanent academic record is normally available to the student for review. The record is considered confidential and is released to outside agencies only with the student's written consent.

Academic Transcripts

Permanent academic records are maintained by the Office of the Registrar for internal use only. Transcripts of these records are distributed externally only upon a student's submission of a **Transcript Request**. A transcript contains the following information:

1. All courses completed at Purchase College and the corresponding grades

2. Transfer credit awarded
3. Programs of study, majors, and degrees conferred

Information on obtaining academic transcripts is available on the [**Office of the Registrar's site**](#).

Financial Holds

If a student has outstanding debts to the college, a hold is placed on transcripts and diplomas until the account is cleared. A default on New York State or federal loans would also require a hold on a student's academic records.

Policies Governing Student Records (FERPA)

Student records policies are designed to ensure that the college has a student record-keeping system that achieves an effective balance between the student's right to privacy and the college's need to use the same information in carrying out its educational mission.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (Buckley Amendment)

The college's policies governing student educational records conform to and are in full compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, also known as the Buckley Amendment and referred to hereafter as FERPA. These policies are a declaration of existing practice and assure students' rights of privacy, while providing them with access to their own records.

I. Definitions

- a. In these defined policies, the term "student" refers to any person who has completed the registration process for any semester at Purchase College and for whom the college has developed an educational record. Applications for admission are not included in the term.
- b. "Educational records" are all collections of personally identifiable information pertaining to students; these records are maintained by the college or by parties acting for the college. This includes computer files and written materials contained in a file folder in a traditional manner. As stipulated by FERPA, the following files are not considered "educational records" and, as such, are not available to students:

1. Records maintained by the New York State University Police, the Counseling Center, and Student Health Services
 2. Financial records of parents
 3. Employment files (i.e., applications for resident assistant and student manager positions and job-related materials)
 4. Records developed and maintained by faculty and staff that serve their individual record-keeping purposes and remain exclusively in their individual possession
- c. A "school official" is a person employed by Purchase College in an administrative, supervisory, academic, research, or support staff position (including law enforcement unit personnel and health staff); a person serving on the board of trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee. A school official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of Purchase College who performs an institutional service or function for which the college would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the college with respect to the use and maintenance of personally identifiable information from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent or a student volunteering to assist another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibilities for Purchase College.

II. Access

The essence of these guidelines and FERPA is that all students have the right to inspect their own educational records, irrespective of age or economic dependence on parents, with the exceptions listed above. Although the college is not required to release records maintained by the Counseling Center and Student Health Services, on written request by the student, information maintained in these files must be released to the appropriate professional of the student's choice.

There is a general limitation that a student may not review letters or statements of a confidential nature included in any of their files before January 1, 1975. These materials are removed before a student reviews the folder and are returned to the folder after the review, if relevant to the file. (Refer to VI. Expunging.) All materials included after January 1, 1975, are available for student inspection unless there is written evidence in the folder that the student has waived the right to review a particular item.

A request to inspect an educational record should be made directly to the office holding the record. For those unable to come to the campus because of geographical location, requests by mail are honored. Copies are available to all students at the cost of reproduction. (Contact the **Office of the Registrar** for further information.)

Parents and legal guardians have access to their dependent's records if the student is a dependent in the Internal Revenue Service definition of the term or if the student has given written consent. Thus, it is the parents' or guardians' responsibility to present evidence of dependency before a student record may be released. If such evidence is presented, the student is notified.

Student records are accessible to employees of the college whose primary job responsibilities require access to some or all of the information included in a student's educational record and to employees with a legitimate educational need to review a student's educational record.

III. Right of Challenge

A student who discovers what he or she may feel to be an inaccurate, misleading, or incomplete recording of information in the personal record may request that a change be made by the appropriate submitting office. If the request for change is denied, the student may request that the hearing be conducted within a reasonable period of time by a person who is not directly involved in the issue, appointed by the vice president for student affairs and preferably approved by the student. In controversies related to a grade, the debate is limited to accuracy and completeness, and may not entail the justification for a particular grade. Complaints concerning the conduct of the hearing or the aspects of these guidelines may be directed to:

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Office
Department of Education
330 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20201

Students who differ with the decision rendered in the hearing are entitled to include a statement explaining their dissent in their file.

IV. Waiver of Access

Students may waive their right to inspect a particular file or portion of a particular file. Individual referees may require that students waive their right to review a particular letter of reference they have been asked to write. Faculty or staff involved in advising may recommend that students waive their right to review recommendation letters, in the belief that a waiver effectively increases the credibility and usefulness of the reference when reviewed by the admissions committee or prospective employer. The college may not, however, require that any student waive the right of access to a file or any part of the file.

Student waiver of access to letters of recommendation is generally exercised on a letter-by-letter basis. This may be done by affixing a signed, dated statement to the letter before its inclusion in a folder; or, in the case of letters included in the credential file maintained by the **Career Development Center**, by signing the candidate's waiver of right of access to confidential reference letters, printed on the confidential reference form.

V. Release of Records

- a. Except with respect to directory information or as otherwise allowed by law, there shall be no oral or written release of personally identifiable information from any student educational record without the signed and dated consent of the student, except to:
 1. school officials, as previously defined, who have a legitimate need to know
 2. state and federal education authorities to whom information must be made available by statute and/or for the audit of federal programs
 3. officials of another institution of postsecondary education where the student seeks or intends to enroll, or where the student is already enrolled to the extent that the disclosure is for purpose related to the student's enrollment or transfer
 4. organizations and educational agencies involved in testing, administering financial aid, or improving instruction, provided the information is presented anonymously
 5. accrediting agencies
 6. parents and legal guardians of students regarded as "dependent" by the IRS definition of the term, if dependency is demonstrated (access is "view only")

7. comply with with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena, in which case an attempt is made to notify the student in advance;
 8. parents or other appropriate persons in the case of a health or safety emergency
 9. authorized representatives of the comptroller general of the United States and the Department of Education
- b. Directory information is information contained in an education record of a student that would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. Specific items regarded by the college as directory information are listed in the Registration Guide as part of an announcement informing students of their rights to exclude themselves from any or all such releases. Items currently regarded by Purchase College as directory information are noted below. Students also receive an annual FERPA notification through their official Purchase College email account. Students must notify the registrar in writing if they do not want their directory information to be available to the public.

Directory information:

Name
Local campus mailbox number
Campus telephone number
Home address
Email address
Home telephone number
Date of birth
Matriculation status
Class level
Current full-time or part-time status
Photographs
Dates of attendance and graduation
Major fields of student and degree
Awards and academic degrees given at Purchase
Participation in recognized college activities (e.g., election outcomes, membership in athletic teams, participation in plays and performances)
Personal information on members of college athletic teams (e.g., height, weight, high school)

Also refer to the **Solomon Amendment**

- c. Information may be released in an anonymous manner or in a way that does not infringe on any individual's right to privacy for research and for purposes of research or to protect the health or welfare of certain groups.

- d. Information regarding alcohol or drug use or possession may be released to parents or guardians of students under the age of 21. The guidelines regarding such release are published in the **Alcohol or Drug Use/Possession Disclosure Policy.**

VI. Expunging

Student records should be free of extraneous data that no longer serve the purpose(s) for which they were gathered. Therefore, systematic attempts should be made to expunge extraneous materials in student records. Another recommended means is to purge files on an ad hoc basis in the review given each file before the student inspects it. Judgments concerning the relevance of materials should be made by the person who is responsible for the particular file.

VII. Annual Notices

- a. Students are informed annually through their Purchase College email account of the rights provided to them by FERPA. This information is also published in the Registration Guide each semester to inform students of their rights and responsibilities. This information is provided to each student entering the college.
- b. The registrar is responsible for establishing these guidelines and monitoring their implementation. Questions, concerns, and suggestions should be directed to the **Office of the Registrar**, Student Services Building, First Floor, (914) 251-6360.

VIII. List of Education Records and the Officials Responsible for the Records

- **Academic Records:** director of admissions, registrar, academic deans, academic department, Advising Center, faculty offices
- **Student Services Records:** Counseling Center director, dean of students, director of student activities, vice president for student affairs, director of residence life
- **Financial Record:** director of student financial services, chief financial officer, director of financial aid

Educational records available for inspection **do not** include:

1. Financial records of the student's parents or guardians

2. Confidential letters of recommendation which were placed in the educational records of a student prior to January 1, 1975
3. Records of instructional, administrative, and educational personnel which are kept in the sole possession of the maker, and are not accessible or revealed to any other individual except a temporary substitute for the maker
4. Records of law enforcement units
5. Employment records related exclusively to an individual's employment capacity
6. Medical and psychological records
7. Thesis or research papers
8. Records that only contain information about an individual after the individual is no longer a student at the institution.

Students must **not** be allowed access to:

1. Education records that contain information on more than one student (the student may review only the specific information about himself or herself)
2. Financial records of the student's parents
3. Letters of recommendation or reference received after January 1, 1975, for which the rights of inspection have been waived

IX. Student consumer information requirement

In compliance with both federal and state law, the college makes available to students or prospective students information about instructional programs, costs of attending the institution, financial assistance available to students, the refund policy, qualifications of faculty members, graduation rates, and placement of graduates. The college's **Your Right to Know** site is a centralized portal to the available information. The vice president for academic affairs and the vice president for student affairs are also available to assist students or prospective students in obtaining information specified in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, Chapter 2, Sections 53.1–3.4.

The Solomon Amendment 10 U.S.C. § 983

The 1996 Solomon Amendment provides for the U.S. Secretary of Defense to deny federal funding to institutions of higher learning if they prohibit or prevent ROTC or military recruitment on campus. Directory information that must be released to the

military as it is presently defined under the Solomon Amendment:

1. Student's name and address
2. Telephone listing
3. Date and place of birth
4. Class level (freshman, sophomore, etc.)
5. Academic major
6. Degrees received
7. The educational institution in which the student was most recently enrolled

Related Policies

Institutional Review Board: Research Guidelines

The Purchase College Institutional Review Board (IRB) oversees research conducted by Purchase College faculty, staff, and students, and will sometimes review protocols submitted by non-affiliated collaborators. The Purchase IRB is a standing committee of the College faculty. Its activities are overseen by the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs.

All research that involves human participants or animal subjects must be either exempted for review or approved by the IRB before it can be initiated. To help protect volunteers, investigators must complete training and receive project approval from the IRB before beginning their work.

- The IRB, composed of faculty peers and community members, can approve, modify, or reject proposed research based on its perceived risks and benefits to prospective subjects
- The IRB reviews the studies at least annually and may modify or suspend the research if it decides that risks to subjects are greater than initially understood.

All faculty, staff, and students engaged in research must complete human research protections training, whether their protocols are for exempt, expedited, or full board review before submitting a full protocol review or exemption request. The training need to be completed only once and your completion report or certificate must accompany your protocol submission. The training addresses a broad range of human subjects issues, from logistical to ethical, and promotes compliance with federal guidelines. Completing the training in advance will help ensure timely processing of your protocol submission.

NYSED policy: Physical Presence Policy - Determining Time on Task in Online Education

Consult with the New York State Education Department on [Distance Education Programs](#).

Textbook Access and Affordability Laws

[Higher Education Opportunity Act - 2008](#)

[Textbook Access Act](#)
