



The Philosophy and Religious Studies Department at Pace University's New York City and Pleasantville campuses offers a **Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Religious Studies**. We offer minors in Philosophy, Religious Studies, and Classical and Medieval Studies. Our program introduces students to a variety of ideas from the philosophical traditions of both East and West, enhances critical and conceptual thinking, prepares students for graduate and professional study, careers in government, business and non-profit organizations, and gives them strong analytic, problem-solving and writing skills.

BA IN PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Philosophy is the love of wisdom, the pursuit of knowledge, and a critical analysis of what we think we know about ourselves, our society, and our universe. In this complex world, it is more important than ever to understand the beliefs of people other than ourselves. By learning how people think and reason, the world in which we live can become more meaningful, and the distance between different cultures and belief systems can be narrowed. Our program lets you combine a broad survey of major figures and ideas in philosophy as well as in the major world religions with the in-depth study of specific philosophers or particular religions. You may concentrate on either philosophy or religious studies, and pursue a course of study that prepares you to go to graduate school or directly into a rewarding career. This major may be combined in an accelerated program with Pace School of Law leading to a BA and a JD in six years.

INNOVATIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCES

We lead the way in offering Learning Communities taught by two faculty from different disciplines, discussing the same topics or issues from different disciplinary perspectives. Our courses are offered on every level, from basic 100-level courses that students can use to satisfy any of the Areas of Knowledge to our 400-level capstone courses for seniors.

Our faculty also offers out-of-class learning experiences. Dr. Lawrence Hundersmarck, professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies, has frequently led groups of Pace University students to Rome, Italy for a three-week course taught with faculty from Rome. The course focuses on the diverse sides of the ancient city, including its religion, architecture, history and culture. Additionally, other faculty members periodically teach travel-study courses in international locations such as Greece, France, and Israel.

CAPSTONE COURSES

In their senior year, students majoring in both Philosophy and Religious Studies will register for a capstone class for which they will write their senior thesis. Working with a faculty mentor, each student will decide upon a topic, thoroughly research that topic, and then write a major research paper. This experience, which strengthens all of the intellectual and analytic skills developed in four years at Pace, will serve the student very well in his or her future personal and professional lives.

SUCCESS STARTS HERE

Qadry Harris '14 was the recipient of the Yale Divinity School Scholarship. He earned a Master of Divinity from Yale University in 2018 with a focus on black religion in the African diaspora.

Michal Klincewicz '02 was our second graduate, earning dual degrees in Philosophy and Religious Studies and Computer Science. In 2013, he earned a PhD in Cognitive Science from the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. He is now a professor in Kraków, Poland.

Taylor Petrey '01 was the first student to graduate from Pace University with a BA in Philosophy and Religious Studies. He later earned a Doctor of Divinity from Harvard University and is now a professor.