

# ABOUT THE UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG

The Undergraduate Catalog contains information about the College, its mission and history, degree requirements, major and minor programs, course descriptions, academic policies, and other important details of interest to current and prospective students.

Though New Paltz does not print the Undergraduate Catalog, the complete document for the current academic year can be downloaded as a printable .pdf file. A summary of undergraduate majors, degree types, and program codes is also available for reference and to print. During the academic year, minor course revisions (course number or description changes, for example) may be entered in the *online catalog only*. Should there be discrepancies between the online and printable (.pdf) catalogs for the current academic year, the printable (.pdf) catalog serves as the official version, as noted in the Catalog Disclaimer below.

Since actual course offerings vary from semester to semester, please consult the [Schedule of Classes](#) to learn whether a particular course is offered in a given term.

For questions about the Undergraduate Catalog, please contact the Academic Program Specialist in the Office of the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs ([mcallisv@newpaltz.edu](mailto:mcallisv@newpaltz.edu) or 845-257-3379).

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Notwithstanding anything contained in this Catalog, the State University of New York at New Paltz expressly reserves the right, whenever it deems advisable, to

1. change or modify its schedule of tuition and fees,
2. withdraw, cancel, reschedule or modify any course, program of study, degree, or any requirement or policy in connection with the foregoing, and
3. change or modify any academic or other policy.

It is the responsibility of each student to ascertain current information that pertains to the individual's program, particularly with regard to satisfaction of degree requirements, through regular consultation with the student's advisor, the student's major department, the office of the student's Dean, and other offices as appropriate (such as Records & Registration, the Academic Advising Center, Student Financial Services, etc.). In preparing this Catalog, efforts are made to provide pertinent and accurate information; however, the State University of New York at New Paltz assumes no liability for Catalog errors or omissions. (Rev. 8/23/10)

**Campus Security Report:** A copy of the State University of New York at New Paltz campus crime statistics as reported annually to the U.S. Department of Education will be provided upon request by SUNY New Paltz University Police. Please direct all such requests to University Police at 845-257-3340 or 845-257-3802, or [download the report online](#).

Information can also be obtained from the [U.S. Department of Education website](#).

**Notice to Persons Who Have Prior Felony Convictions:** State University of New York (SUNY) policy prohibits SUNY New Paltz admission applications from inquiring into an applicant's prior criminal history. After acceptance, the College shall inquire if the student previously has been convicted of a felony if such individual seeks:

- On-campus housing,
- Participation in clinical or field experiences,
- Participation in internships,
- Participation in study abroad programs.

The information required to be disclosed under SUNY policy regarding such felony convictions shall be reviewed by a standing campus committee consistent with the legal standards articulated in New York State Corrections Law.

Students who have previously been convicted of a felony are advised that their prior criminal history may impede their ability to complete the requirements of certain academic programs and/or to meet the licensure requirements for certain professions. Specific SUNY New Paltz majors may pose challenges in obtaining field experiences, internships, or licensing for individuals with prior criminal convictions. These programs include, but are not limited to:

- Accounting
- Visual Arts Education
- Music Therapy
- Early Childhood and Childhood Education
- Adolescence Education
- Psychology
- Communication Disorders

Individuals with prior criminal histories are advised to seek advice and guidance from the chair of the academic department regarding the impact of a criminal record on meeting the requirements of the major/professional licensure or certification prior to declaring the major.