Interdisciplinary Minor in New York Studies

ABOUT THE INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR IN NEW YORK STUDIES

If you are a native New Yorker or a newcomer to the city with a passion for the history, social life, and culture of the Big Apple, the 18-credit interdisciplinary minor in New York Studies will complement your major field of study. The minor explores the city from the perspective of various academic disciplines such as anthropology, art, television and film, economics, government, environmental studies, history, and theology.

In Discover New York, you are introduced to the city through the lens of a particular discipline, focusing on themes of immigration, race/ethnicity, religion, wealth and poverty, and the environment. You may also take an Archaeological Fieldwork course, surveying or excavating sites throughout the city’s five boroughs under the guidance of Anthropology faculty members. In Art in New York, you tour the city’s major galleries and museums to view their collections. Other minor courses feature New York’s neighborhoods, people, natural history, and political dynamics. Most include field trips; you’ll head off campus and make New York City your classroom.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MINOR IN NEW YORK STUDIES?

Due to the interdisciplinary nature of the minor, you develop an understanding of urban studies through a wide range of disciplines, using New York City as context for your studies. This broad approach to a subject of interest helps prepare you in the methods of inquiry and problem-solving that are invaluable to success in today’s global and interdependent fields. With a rich knowledge of the city of New York and its far-reaching legacy and influences, you have a strong foundation for any work related to urban life, development, culture, and history.
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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The minor in New York Studies provides detailed analyses of New York as a global city. It uses a multidisciplinary approach to investigate urban research, urban policy, and social activism. The minor also offers the foundation of a comparative perspective for students who study abroad in other cities such as Rome and Paris.

This minor actively reflects the mission of St. John’s University as a metropolitan university benefiting from the cultural diversity, intellectual and artistic resources, and unique professional opportunities offered by New York City. Please feel free to contact me to discuss how the New York Studies minor can help you anticipate and respond to the educational, ethical, cultural, social, professional, and religious needs of dynamic cities in a dynamic world.

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SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

The University strives to place an outstanding higher education within the financial reach of all qualified applicants. Each academic year, the Office of Student Financial Services awards more than $500 million in aid to students who demonstrate financial need. The Office of Undergraduate Admission also awards competitive academic scholarships.

For more information about scholarships and financial aid, please visit stjohns.edu/admission-aid/tuition-and-financial-aid.

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