

**NYU****ARTS & SCIENCE
LIBERAL STUDIES**

Welcome to Your Gap Semester

Your gap semester is a chance to chart your own course! Will you explore a commitment by volunteering your time? Take a college course? Pursue a resume-building work experience? [Let us know!](#)

Meanwhile, you'll be preparing for arrival to NYC next semester, and we're here to help. Check this Spring into Liberal Studies newsletter for important academic deadlines and upcoming opportunities to connect with us. Look for it on the first Friday of each month! You can continue to refer to [NYU Spring Admissions](#) for reminders from other NYU offices, such as Housing and Residence Life.

For international students, please be sure to connect with the [Office of Global Services \(OGS\)](#) to review your visa requirements. [Click this link to schedule an appointment with an OGS Advisor.](#)

However you choose to spend your gap semester, we hope it will be a productive and fulfilling experience. Contact your advisor if you have any questions along the way!

PRE-ARRIVAL CHECKLIST

September To-Do's:

- Complete the [Gap Semester Survey](#)
 - Accept any financial aid
 - Submit your final HS transcript to NYU - [more information here](#)
 - Send [APs, IBs and A Level exam results](#) to NYU
 - Contact your LS advisor about any math, science, or elective credits you intend to transfer
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IMPORTANT LINKS

- [NYU Spring Admission](#)
 - [Advanced Standing Credit Policy \(i.e. APs, IBs and A Level Exams\)](#)
 - [Gap Semester Survey](#)
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UPCOMING!

- **October:** Submit scores any advanced standing credit you earned in high school to NYU, if you haven't already.
 - **October:** Apply for housing on or around 10/15. More information to come from the Office of Residential Life and Housing Services, so read your emails!
 - **October:** Receive our Spring 2024 Registration Guide via email from your advisor. This guide will provide detailed information on registration, including enrollment time, program instructions, required courses, suggested elective courses, placement exams and so much more.
 - **October:** Attend the registration webinar on Wednesday, October 25th, at 6:00pm EDT. Details and registration information will be linked in the October newsletter
 - **November:** Register for classes the week of November 13th. Look out for more detail in the Registration Guide.
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GET TO KNOW YOUR ADVISOR



Nadine Griffith

Hello! I am so looking forward to meeting you in January! I am a 3rd Culture Kid - born in South Africa, and raised in Canada, Switzerland and Belgium! I moved to the U.S. when I was 18 to pursue my bachelor's degree at James Madison University, where I had received a field hockey scholarship. I've lived in Virginia, Texas, California, Washington and now live in Jersey City, just across the Hudson River! We have two dogs who have my whole heart, and I love reading, going on bike rides in Liberty State Park, and exploring all that NYC has to offer. We are

thrilled that you have decided to join us in the LS Core, and can't wait to help you achieve your dreams here at NYU!

Danny Velardo

Hey! I'm excited to help you achieve academic success here at NYU Liberal Studies! I have undergrad and graduate degrees in



history from Stony Brook University and King's College London, respectively. I'm a native New Yorker, passionate football fan (Come on, Chelsea!), music lover, and food adventurer. Whether it's a question about what's north of 14th street or what classes to take, I'm here to guide you.



Lacey Campbell

As a recent graduate of NYU Global Public Health and a scholar of interdisciplinary work, I am passionate about all that LS has to offer. I completed my Masters at NYU in Bioethics, and I completed my undergraduate degree in Neuroscience & Behavioral Biology and Philosophy at Emory University. In addition to my degrees, I have served in a variety of capacities within academia, including as an academic program assistant, an administrative aide, a tutor, and a substitute teacher. External to my studies and career, I enjoy painting, running, reading, and

exploring New York City. I look forward to hearing from you and getting to know you soon!



Mateo Díaz

Hey, I am excited to meet you all come January! I grew up across the river in the lovely Garden State of New Jersey where the best bagels exist! I received my B.A. in Women's & Gender Studies and Sociology at William Paterson University and received my Master's in Education for College Student Affairs at Rutgers University. I made my first big move out of state to New Hampshire to work as an Education and Outreach Coordinator in The Aulbani J. Beauregard Center for Equity, Justice and Freedom at the University of New Hampshire. Before joining NYU Liberal Studies, I returned to NYC to serve as a Residence Hall Director at Columbia University. I am passionate about Fat Liberation and Social Justice advocacy. In my personal life, I enjoy supporting local drag shows, reading science fiction &

fantasy novels and playing Mario Kart with friends on my switch.

Melina Cary

Welcome to Liberal Studies! As an alumna of Liberal Studies myself, I am passionate about our curriculum and the Liberal Studies experience. After spending my freshman year studying abroad in Shanghai in 2011-2012, I completed a major in East Asian Studies and a minor in French Studies at NYU. My study abroad experience through LS inspired me to return to China after graduation, where I worked for two years as a high school



English teacher in Hunan Province, and two years as a Global Writing & Speaking Fellow at NYU Shanghai. Following my time working in China, I came back to the U.S. and completed a Master in Teaching degree at Clark University. After teaching for a couple years, I decided to return to NYU as an Academic Advisor to share my passion for the power of Liberal Studies! In my spare time I love to sing, write, and play with my mischievous cat, Carmela. I look forward to meeting you and learning about your interests!



Michael Healy

Hi! I'm very much looking forward to meeting you in January! I'm originally from the South Shore of Massachusetts. I earned my undergraduate and first graduate degrees in English Education from the Wheelock College of Education and Human Development at Boston University and am currently finishing my PhD in Comparative Literature at The Graduate Center, CUNY. My dissertation focuses on modernism in English, French, and Spanish. I've taught world literature and writing at Baruch College since 2014 and I taught Arts and Cultures towards the Crossroads in Liberal Studies previously. I'm passionate about expanding access to the humanities, liberal arts education, and experiential education opportunities. My hobbies include learning foreign languages, running, studying visual art, music, film, and

television.

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