

## EUGENE LANG COLLEGE THE NEW SCHOOL FOR LIBERAL ARTS

Eugene Lang College The New School for Liberal Arts, the four-year undergraduate division of The New School, is one of the newest and fastest-growing urban liberal arts schools in the country, combining the advantages of a small college with all the resources of a major university in New York City. Named by the Princeton Review one of the best colleges for encouraging debate and discussion, Lang attracts top students who value individualized attention and the opportunity to be challenged in small seminars. Committed scholars, writers, artists, and leaders teach these young people in an interdisciplinary context. For more than 20 years, Lang has remained true to its founding goals: offering rigorous education, promoting social justice and political responsibility, and fostering critical thinking and cultural awareness in order to bring about change in the world.

### Academics

Lang offers a bachelor of science degree in environmental studies and bachelor of arts degrees in 13 majors: The Arts, Culture and Media, Economics, Education Studies, Environmental Studies, Global Studies, History, Interdisciplinary Science, Liberal Arts, Literary Studies, Philosophy, Psychology, and Urban Studies. Students can supplement their course of study by taking advantage of Lang's new cluster offerings. These interdisciplinary options draw on courses offered in other divisions of the university and include Chinese Studies, Civic Engagement, Ethnicity and Race, French Studies, Gender Studies, Hispanic Studies, Japanese Studies, and Jewish Studies. As part of a larger university, The New School, Lang is also able to offer a dual BA/BFA, in which a BA is combined with a BFA from either Parsons The New School for Design or The New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music.

Lang offers students the opportunity to study abroad through in-house exchange and other approved programs. Studying abroad encourages students to investigate political and historical change and the milieu in which artistic production takes place and provides them with an international context in which to understand their education. Lang students have recently examined the twin legacies of fascism and communism in Kraków, Poland; the aftermath of apartheid in Cape Town, South Africa; and post-tsunami rebuilding efforts in Sri Lanka. They have also studied Shakespeare in Verona and explored Indian culture in Bangalore and Mexican history in Mexico.

Central to education at Lang is the school's involvement with Project Pericles, a national consortium of universities committed to civic engagement. Through structured partnerships with community organizations in New York and beyond, students explore major social and political issues in a hands-on environment. Whether in the classroom or in the field, students grapple with the complexities of immigration, literacy, homelessness, poverty, pollution, urban redevelopment, and public education. Lang's commitment to civic engagement is more than an intellectual exercise: Students learn valuable and marketable skills that they carry into the world beyond college.

Lang's sister divisions in the New School offer students the opportunity to broaden their intellectual experience by doing graduate work at The New School for Social Research (including combined BA/MA programs), taking art and design classes at Parsons, and studying with faculty at The New School's jazz, classical music, and drama conservatories and the graduate school for management and policy.

### Students and Faculty

With more than 1,400 undergraduate students and 145 full-time and part-time faculty, Lang attracts a diverse population to its Greenwich Village campus, fostering an unusual and rewarding academic experience. The student-to-faculty ratio of 10:1 enables teachers to provide individualized attention to Lang undergraduates. Both students and faculty benefit from Lang's setting in the heart of Greenwich Village. Partnerships with cultural institutions ranging from the Guggenheim Museum to the Eldridge Street Museum and Synagogue provide openings at

institutions in the city. Students have access to abundant opportunities for internships, volunteerism, and community activism, and faculty encourage students to treat New York as a laboratory in which ideas, values, and commitments can be developed, tested, and strengthened. Outdoor programs in boating, bicycling, running, and working throughout New York's urban parks connect students to physical activities with an environmental and socially conscious emphasis.

### **Notable Alumni**

Lang alumni go out into the world to tackle a variety of social issues. Alumni include a journalist reporting from the Iraqi front line, a professor of intellectual heritage at Temple University in Philadelphia, a documentary filmmaker, the program director of a leading political action group, a scholar and practitioner of mural painting, a Hasidic rapper, a sociologist at the University of California, Berkeley, and a youth literacy advocate.

### **History**

Although Lang was founded in 1985, its roots go back to 1972, when The New School launched a progressive freshman-year program to address the educational needs of a younger generation. The program proved successful with high school students across the country and abroad, but because no undergraduate degree was offered, New School freshmen were forced to finish college elsewhere. In 1975, the Seminar College—the direct precursor of Eugene Lang College—was established to remedy this problem, and a four-year college program for all ages was instituted. The Seminar College was renamed Eugene Lang College ten years later, when educational philanthropist Eugene Lang and his wife, Theresa, made a generous \$5 million donation to the school.

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