

# ACADEMIC CENTERS AND INSTITUTES: DYSON GRADUATE PROGRAMS

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**Center for Applied Ethics:** A forum where advances in professional work and science confront the values mirrored in the humanities and described in social science.

**The Center for Community Action & Research (CCAR):** A program of the Dyson College of Arts and Sciences that supports the development of community-based learning courses for the Core Curriculum and research on the pedagogy of community-based learning. The Center also sponsors educational forums and civic engagement opportunities on issues of social responsibility, democracy, and global citizenship.

**Center for East Asian Studies:** Sponsors curricula and faculty development in Far Eastern and other cross-cultural studies.

**Center for Religious Studies:** Offers scholarly lectures and discussions on world religious thought and practice.

**Center for Undergraduate Research Experiences (CURES):** Provides leadership, coordination and support to student-faculty research collaborations, grant-funded research projects and programs, and opportunities for service-based internships.

**The Confucius Institute:** This institute at Pace University (Pace CI) functions as a center for language instruction, cultural immersion, teacher training, scholarship, and testing. It works closely with Dyson College's Graduate Publishing program as well as undergraduate programs in English, Modern Languages and Cultures, and East Asia Studies.

**The Dyson Children's Institute:** Sponsors projects that focus on improving the lives of children, particularly in Westchester County.

**The Dyson College Institute for Sustainability and the Environment (DCISE):** Established to address major issues in sustainability, resilience, the growing urbanization of the 21st century and the impact of these changes on the global environment, through multidisciplinary programs encompassing research, policy-making, education and building greater community awareness and consensus on how to manage these issues. This institute serves as a home to the Academy for Applied Environmental Studies, the Environmental Consortium of Colleges & Universities, and the Nature Center (formerly known as the Environmental Center).

- **Academy for Applied Environmental Studies:** Its mission of this Academy is to advance the understanding of the mutually enhancing relationship between nature and society through interdisciplinary pedagogy, scholarship, policy development, and service
- **Environmental Consortium of Colleges & Universities:** Pace University is the founding and host institution for the Consortium, a model for ecosystem-based collaboration. The mission of the Consortium is to harness higher education's intellectual and physical resources to advance regional, ecosystem-based environmental research, teaching, and learning with a special emphasis on the greater Hudson-Mohawk River Watershed.
- **Nature Center:** An educational center dedicated to guiding people of all ages to a lifestyle which is in close harmony with our natural environment and serves as a resource to Pace and the outside community. This center emphasizes Pace's commitment to a philosophy of environmental education and provides students with opportunities for hands-on field studies.
- **The Pace Institute for Environmental and Regional Studies (PIERS):** Provides leadership in the study of the complex interrelationships between human culture and nature, with special emphasis on the Hudson River bioregion and its diverse ecological, social, and cultural values.

**The Haskins Laboratories:** A scientific research center dedicated to exchanging ideas, fostering collaborations and forging partnerships across the sciences. It produces ground-breaking research that enhances our understanding of parasitic disease and reveals new ways to improve human health across the world.

**Institute of Latin American Service and Studies:** Develops innovative Latin American curricula and organizes service learning trips.

**Michaelian Institute for Public Policy and Management:** Provides research and training in the public and nonprofit sectors.

**The Straus Thinking and Learning Center:** Serves as an integral component of the Dyson College of Arts and Sciences' mission to provide all Pace students with a general education that fosters a community of learners among faculty and students. The Center assists faculty in developing innovative educational experiences that incorporate interactive learning methodologies; focus on student learning outcomes; foster critical thinking skills; and link content, pedagogy, competencies, collaborative learning, and reflection.

**The Thomas J. McShane Center for Psychological Services:** Offers a broad range of psychological services to community residents and referred Pace students.

**Web 2.0 Interdisciplinary Informatics Institute (WEB III):** A virtual research institute to examine evolving rules and norms guiding Web 2.0 technologies in professional and civic contexts.