

PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES MINOR

Interdisciplinary Minor

Peace and conflict studies is an interdisciplinary area of study that emerged in the post-World War II era that seeks to promote a greater understanding of causes of war and ways of resolving conflicts without resorting to violence.

The goals of the minor are to expose students to the nature of contemporary conflicts, increase awareness about the practices and philosophies that guide peacemaking, and to help students develop a critical understanding of policies and values about conflict, war, and peace. The minor is composed of six courses, as well as either an experiential learning component or a senior capstone project. Minors are encouraged to meet with the program advisor prior to the second semester of their sophomore year to develop a coherent course of study.

Peace & Conflict Studies Minor Requirements

This Minor requires POL 201 Theories of Peace and Conflict and (5) additional four-credit courses from three categories described below. No more than two courses taken at abroad institutions may count toward the minor and they must be approved by the Peace & Conflict Minor Director.

| Code | Title | Credits | Notes |
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| 1. Required Course | | 4 | |
| POL 201 | Theories of Peace and Conflict | | |
| 2. Two courses on the philosophical approaches and practical applications of peace and peace processes. Courses in this category include religious approaches to our conceptions of peace and those focusing on the resolution of conflict and peacebuilding. | | | |
| Select 1 course | | 4 | |
| POL 373 | Human Rights & Social Justice | | |
| POL 374 | International Organization & Law | | |
| POL 386 | Comparative Peace Processes | | |
| Select 1 Course | | 4 | |
| PHL 111 | Intro Comparative Religion: Western | | |
| PHL 112 | Intro Comparative Religion: Eastern | | |
| PHL 225 | Ethical Theory | | |
| PHL 235 | Foundations of Morality | | |
| PHL 335 | Philosophy of Law | | |
| POL 373 | Human Rights & Social Justice | | |
| POL 374 | International Organization & Law | | |
| POL 386 | Comparative Peace Processes | | |
| 3. One Course in Contemporary Conflict | | | |
| Select 1 course | | 4 | |
| HIS 360 | Modern Germany | | |
| HIS 371 | History of South Africa | | |
| HIS 381 | History of Modern China | | |
| HIS 383 | History of Modern Japan | | |
| HIS 392 | Russia and the Soviet Union | | |
| POL 348 | Latin American Politics | | |
| POL 351 | Politics, Religion, Ethnicity in S. Asia | | |
| POL 356 | Africa in the World | | |
| POL 382 | U.S.- Latin American Relations | | |
| POL 384 | International Relations of East Asia | | |
| POL 388 | U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East | | |
| 4. Two courses on the structural causes of violence and conflict, including inequality, poverty, racism, repression, and demographic stresses | | | |
| Select 1 Course | | 4 | |
| POL 341 | Politics of Development | | |
| POL 371 | International Politics | | |

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| POL 389 | Gender and Conflict | | _____ |
| Select 1 Courses | | 4 | _____ |
| ANT 320 | Race and Ethnicity | | _____ |
| ECN 305 | Economic Development | | _____ |
| PHL 303 | Environmental Ethics | | _____ |
| POL 341 | Politics of Development | | _____ |
| POL 371 | International Politics | | _____ |
| POL 389 | Gender and Conflict | | _____ |
| SOC 221 | Social Inequalities | | _____ |
| SOC 240 | Criminology | | _____ |
| 5. Complete an experiential learning exercise or a Senior Capstone Experience related to peace and conflict studies. ¹ | | | _____ |
| Total Credits | | 24 | _____ |

¹ For the Experiential Learning option, students are required to participate in a semester-long applied learning experience in the field of conflict resolution. Such activities include the Model United Nations course, internship, or volunteer activity. Alternatively, minors may complete a senior capstone experience in their respective major discipline on a topic related to peace and conflict studies. Minors should seek the approval of program advisor prior to either endeavor.

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Affiliated Faculty

Jennifer Benson – Philosophy and Religion
 Clayton Black – History
 Anjali Chandra – Economics
 Rachel Durso – Sociology
 Nick Garcia – Sociology
 Aaron Lampman – Anthropology
 Matthew McCabe – Philosophy and Religion
 Carrie Reiling – Political Science and International Studies
 Tahir Shad – Political Science and International Studies
 Bin Song – Philosophy and Religion
 Christine Wade – Political Science and International Studies
 Carol Wilson – History

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