

## PEACE, CONFLICT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

**T**he Peace, Conflict Resolution and Social Justice Minor offers students a curriculum that helps them reflect on the origins and causes of violence, as well as exposing them to non-violent approaches to social change. The minor also introduces students to strategies for resolving interpersonal, communal and international conflicts peacefully, as well as tactics that promote the common good in a way that addresses the structural origins of violence. All courses included in the program present at least a module in which nonviolent approaches to social change, resolving conflicts or furthering the common good are explicitly addressed. The Peace Studies Minor was designed to address the need for a critical examination of the origins and root causes of violence and conflict. The minor includes frank debate about the efficacy of nonviolent in comparison with violent approaches to social change. The inclusion of conflict resolution as part of this program is a distinctive aspect of this program and the arena of conflict resolution offers many potential career options. The minor emphasizes hands-on, experiential components in the introductory course, the final seminar/internship and the emphasis on skill training in the workshops.

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## MINOR REQUIREMENTS

The minor in Peace, Conflict Resolution and Social Justice is a 28 quarter hour program structured as follows:

1. **PAX 200 Introductory to Peace Conflict Resolution and Social Justice:** A required, four-credit course.

2. **Three areas of concentration:**

### a) **Peacemaking and International Relations**

This concentration refers to the study of international peacemaking as a use of diplomatic means to persuade parties in conflict to cease hostilities and to negotiate a peaceful settlement of their dispute. Students may choose from the following courses: ANT 324 Colonialism to Global Society, ANT 326 Transitional Cultures, CTH 386 The Catholic Church in World Politics, GEO 201 Geopolitics, GEO 215 Regional Inequity, HST 226 Islam and the West, HST 229 Africa from 1900 to the Present, HST 241 Global Refugee Crisis, HST 272 Fascism and Counterrevolution, HST 277 War and Peace in the Modern Age, HST 310 Inter-American Affairs, HST 383 The Development of the American Empire, INT 365 Topics in War and Peace, INT 366 Topics in International Law, INT 374 Topics in International Organization, PHL 237 Philosophy, Conflict and Peace, PSC 140 Conflict and Cooperation Among Nations, PSC 233 Political Ideas and Ideology, PSC 252 Latin American Politics, PSC 255 Middle East Politics, PSC 341 The Viet Nam War, PSC 342 Arms, Security and War, PSC 345 The Catholic church in World Politics, PSC 346 The UN and World Problems, PSC 347 Ethics in World Politics, PSC 352 Authoritarian Regimes, PSC 356 Ethnic Conflict in the Third World, REL 202 Ethical Worlds: Moral Issues Across Cultures, REL 260 Religion and Political Violence, REL 264 Building Through Resistance: The Religions of Colonized Peoples, ANL AI 283 Visionaries of Peace, SNL Cinema As an Agent of Change, SNL HC 172 Human Rights at Home and Abroad, SNL HC 219 The Holocaust and Its Implications for the Future. SNL HC 344 International Relations, SNL HC 369 Africa: A Changing Continent.

### b) **Interpersonal Violence and Conflict Resolution**

This area of concentration will focus on analyzing different conflict resolution methods, educating students how to choose appropriate methods to reduce interpersonal conflict and providing skills workshops on how to implement these methods. Students may choose from the following courses: CMN 203 Intercultural Communication, CMN 211 Interpersonal Communication, CMN 212 Small Group Communication, CMN 304 Multicultural Communication in the U.S.A., CMN 351 Organizational Communication, HSC 200 Communication Strategies for Effective Human Interaction, HST 251 Assassination and Terrorism in the U.S., PHL 240 Love Hatred and Resentment, SNL HC 274 The Bill of Rights

in Contemporary Life and Work, SNL AI 294 The Practice of Peace, SNL HC 203 Managing in a Cross-Cultural Environment, SNL HC 299 Assessing and Managing Conflict, SOC 214 Police and the Urban Community, SOC 316 Street Gangs, WMS 303 Women and Violence, WMS 339 Divided Sisters.

### **c) Structural Violence and Social Justice**

This concentration focuses on the structures of oppression and injustice that rob people of the opportunity to lead full lives and, in many cases, quite literally destroy their lives. Students may choose from the following courses: ANT 317 Language Identity and Power, CMN 323 Rhetoric of Oppression and Resistance, CPL 306 Utopian Literature, REL 283/CTH 247 Catholic Social Thought, ENG 377 Writing and Social Engagement, GEO 310 Land-Use Ethics, HST 241 World Refugee Crisis, INT 360 Topics in Development and Anti-Development, INT 362 Language and the Politics of Terror, INT 371 International Environmental Politics, LSE 254 The Politics of Education, LSE 258 Education and Social Justice, PHL 231 Philosophy and the Question of Race, PHL 241 Ethics and Public Policy, PSC 214 Multiculturalism and Democracy, PSC 232 Legal Theory and Social Justice, PSC 235 Equality and Justice, PSC 235 Equality and Social Justice, PSC 282 Political Action and Social Justice, PSC 324 Inequality in American Society, PSC 344 World Political Economy, PSC 351 Revolution, PSC 358 Global Gender Issues, PSC 364 Comparative Protection of Individual Rights, PSY 305 Psychology and Social Justice, REL 259 Religion and Social Engagement, REL 351?CTH 341 Liberation Theology, SNL HC 154 Race and Relations, SNL HC 263 Civil Rights: Forces and Counter-Forces Shaping American Society, SNL HC 281 Culture and the Politics of the 1960's, SOC 292 Collective Action, SOC 318 Culture Change in the Developing World, SOC 340 Social Inequality, WMS 310/REL 322 Feminist Ethics, WMS 314 Antiracist Feminisms, SOC 357 Latin American Political Economy/Society, SOC 358 Revolutions and Peasant Rebellions, WMS 332/PSC 312 Creating Change, WMS 215 Gender and Education.

Students will take four 4-credit courses distributed over at least two of these concentrations. This will allow some students to develop a specialized interest but still promote the goal of breadth of understanding. At least one of these four courses will need to be a service learning course in order to preserve the experiential dimension of the program.

### **3. Workshops**

Students will take two 2-credit workshops that will focus on training in various skills related to nonviolent approaches to conflict resolution and social change.

**4. PAX 392 Seminar/Internship:** The final required, four-credit course in the program is an internship (100 hours) in an organization working in one of the three areas of concentration.

## **COURSES**

Please visit Campus Connection at <https://campusconnect.depaul.edu> for current course information. If you do not have a password for Campus Connection you may log on as a guest. Once you are on Campus Connection please select Course Descriptions followed by the department.