Peace Studies

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The Peace Studies Program offers systematic study of peace—what it means and how it is achieved. Interdisciplinary in its orientation, the program encourages students to approach the problem of peace from a variety of viewpoints. The focus of the program addresses the conditions that give rise to violence and how to prevent them, the conditions that constitute alternatives to violence and how to promote them, and the strategies for achieving peace in its various forms.

The peace studies minor is available to university undergraduate students. There are no requirements for admission to the program.

Graduate students who want to concentrate on peace studies should contact a member of the steering committee. Most 400-level courses, including courses numbered 407 and 410, are offered for graduate credit under 500-level numbers.

Steering Committee

Shaul E. Cohen, geography

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Undergraduate Studies

Minor Requirements

Core Courses		
Select three of the following:		12
INTL 250	Value Systems in Cross-Cultural Perspective	
PHIL 307	Social and Political Philosophy	
SOC 464	Systems of War and Peace	
Conditions that Give Rise to Violence		
Select two of the following:		8
HIST 240	War in the Modern World I	
HIST 241	War in the Modern World II	
PSY 456	Social Psychology	
SOC 345	Race, Class, and Ethnic Groups	
SOC 445	Sociology of Race Relations	
SOC 464	Systems of War and Peace	
Values and Arrangements Necessary to Transcend Violence		
Select one or two of the following:		4-8
GEOG 441	Political Geography	
INTL 250	Value Systems in Cross-Cultural Perspective	
PPPM 322	Introduction to Public Service Management	
PS 225	Political Ideologies	
SOC 450	Sociology of Developing Areas	
Strategies for Achieving Peace		
Select one or two of the following:		4-8
ANTH 314	Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective	
HIST 350	American Radicalism	
HIST 351	American Radicalism	
INTL 420	International Community Development	
INTL 421	Gender and International Development	
INTL 431	Cross-Cultural Communication	
PPPM 446	Socioeconomic Development Planning	
PS 420	International Organization	
SOC 313	Social Issues and Movements	
Total Credits		32-36

Additional Requirements

A grade of mid-C or better must be earned in each of the eight courses taken to fulfill requirements for the peace studies minor.

Students may take a maximum of 9 credits of courses in any one department. With advisor's consent, students may substitute a course numbered 199, 407, 408, or 410 for one approved group-satisfying course for the minor.

Internships are offered through some of the departments listed.

More information is available from a cochair.