

PEACE & CONFLICT STUDIES MINOR

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The interdisciplinary field of peace and conflict studies examines the nature of conflict and violence, the possibilities of social change and the means for resolving and transforming conflict nonviolently. The minor draws on Guilford's Quaker heritage by seeking the roots of situations of injustice and oppression, exploring nonviolent social change, emphasizing each individual's search for truth within different levels of community, and focusing on practical problem solving. Peace and conflict studies melds two related fields of study, conflict resolution and peace studies, in a complementary, creative interaction. It encourages an interdisciplinary, holistic relationship between personal and social change, structured modes of conflict resolution and creative nonviolent activism, careful analysis of structural violence and exploration of spiritual foundations for peaceable living and action. Students in the minor engage in critical analysis in several key components of the field: theories of war and peace; central concepts in peace research; the interrelation among the personal, local and global levels of conflict and possibilities of reducing conflict; and methods and practices of conflict resolution, reduction and transformation. Students build skills that help them to solve problems of violence and conflict, to listen carefully and caringly to others in the midst of conflict, and to contribute to organizing groups and actions concerned with social change and conflict resolution and transformation.

The minor in peace and conflict studies is not available to peace and conflict studies majors.

Minor Requirements

The minor requires a minimum of 16 credit hours (four courses).

Code	Title	Credits
PECS 110	Introduction to Peace & Conflict Studies	4
Select one course at the 200 level or above from the following:		4
PECS 235	Peacebuilding in Divided Societies	
PECS 236	Conflict Transformation for Peacebuilding and Justice (JPS 236)	
PECS 250	Special Topics	
PECS 315	Human Rights	
PECS 316	Globalization: Economics & Social Justice	
PECS 330	Nonviolence: Theories and Practice	
PECS 345	Social Change: Promoting Peace	
PECS 350 or PECS 450 Special Topics	Special Topics	
PECS 360 or PECS 460 Independent Study	Independent Study	
PECS 363	Reconciliation and Justice	
PECS 390	Internship	
Select two courses at the 300 or 400 level from the following:		8
PECS 315	Human Rights	
PECS 316	Globalization: Economics & Social Justice	
PECS 330	Nonviolence: Theories and Practice	
PECS 345	Social Change: Promoting Peace	

PECS 350 or PECS 450 Special Topics	Special Topics
PECS 355	Culture, Conflict, Negotiation
PECS 360 or PECS 460 Independent Study	Independent Study
PECS 363	Reconciliation and Justice
PECS 390	Internship
PECS 465	Senior Seminar
PECS 468	Religion, Spirituality and Social Change
Total Credits	16

Total credit hours required for peace and conflict studies minor is 16 credits

Credit for courses taken at other institutions or while studying abroad: Before attending other institutions, students should obtain a "Request to Take Coursework at Another Institution" form from the Registrar's Office and have their courses approved in writing by the PECS department chair. Departmental approval to take a course off campus is contingent upon the content and evaluation requirements of the course, whether the course appropriately fits the PECS curriculum, the student's academic standing and level, and the extent to which the course is consistent with the student's educational goals.