## PRINCIPLED PROBLEM SOLVING EXPERIENCE

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## **Minor Requirements**

The minor requires a minimum of 14-16 credit hours (4 full courses).

Courses include a selection of established disciplinary courses curated by each PPSE minor's faculty leadership, PPS 151 and PPS 251 dedicated theory and praxis seminars shaped by the minor topic, and possibly relevant internship or fieldwork and independent study credits. The Principled Problem Solving Experience minor is a unique learning community in which students will demonstrate sophisticated understanding of the relationship between one or more of Guilford's Core Values and a specific and significant real world problem. PPS Experiences require a significant commitment on the part of a student and are available only to those students at the beginning of each PPSE. PPSE minor topics and learning communities rotate and change and are offered with fixed calendar parameters so please consult with the Center for Principled Problem Solving for PPSEs currently accepting students. PPS Experience minors typically involve a mix of traditional coursework and experiential opportunities (e.g., internships, abroad or field experiences, research, community service, etc.) and rely upon perspectives from a variety of disciplines. Real-world problems and the College's Core Values are not exclusive to a single discipline. Interdisciplinary learning represents a key component of each PPS Experience. Finally, students will have common experiences and courses that seek to build and strengthen the PPSE learning community for each student.

## **Current PPSE Minors Include:**

PPSE Minor. Forced Migration and Resettlement Studies

In this one-of-a-kind minor, students not only learn about forced migration and resettlement. Because of Guilford College's location in Greensboro, NC (a very active refugee resettlement hub in the U.S.) as well as the presence of the Every Campus A Refuge (ECAR) program on campus, students will be able to immerse themselves in refugee support history, networks, and service-providers as well as do the handson work of hosting refugees on Guilford's campus and supporting them in resettlement. ECAR is an initiative that mobilizes college and university campus resources (within and without the institution's physical borders) to provide housing and other forms of assistance to refugees seeking resettlement in the institution's local area. In partnership with local resettlement agencies, universities and colleges can make a big difference in refugee resettlement in terms of numbers of refugees resettled, quality of resettlement and the shaping of public discourse around refugees and immigrants. This PPSE minor formalizes the educational components of the initiative and engages students in disciplinary, interdisciplinary and place-based experiences that facilitate:

## **Required Courses**

Code	Title	Credits
PPS 151	Ethics and Leadership I	1-4
PPS 251	Ethics and Leadership II	1-4

One course focused on the voice, agency and perspectives of (im)migrants and displaced individuals such as:

Code	Title	Credits	
JPS 336	Understanding Oppressive Systems	4	
SPAN 310	Contemporary Latin America	4	
SOAN 331	Latinx Migration Patterns	4	
HIST 310	Advanced Seminar in Global History	1-4	
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HIST 314	Immigration & a Multicultural Europe, 1800- Present	4	
HIST 238	War and Peace: 20th-Century Europe, 1914-199	99 4	
Or a similar course chosen by the student and approved by the minor's coordinators.			

One course focused on the voice, agency and perspectives of (im)migrants and displaced individuals such as:

Code	Title	Credits
ENGL 350	Special Topics	1-8
HIST 310	Advanced Seminar in Global History	1-4
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IDS 421	Border Crossings	4
Or a similar course chosen by the student and approved by the minor's coordinators.		
GERM 400	Seminar	4

One course focused on building community, advocacy, organizing such as:

Code	Title	Credits
PPS 110	Introduction to Civic Engagement	2
PPS 211	Change, Innovation and Impact	4
JPS 103	Community Problem Solving	4
JPS 220	Community Building and Organizing	4
PECS 110	Introduction to Peace & Conflict Studies	4
EDUC 302	Field Study in Cross-Cultural Education	

Or a similar course chosen by the student and approved by the minor's coordinators.