

Peace Studies, Minor

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Reflecting the reality that issues of peace and justice permeate our lives, Peace Studies is one of the fastest growing academic fields. As a peace studies major or minor you can choose from classes in many disciplines (including anthropology, biology, education, health, history, management, nursing, philosophy, political science, psychology, sociology, theology, and other fields) to first understand the causes of conflict and inequality; second, develop ways to nonviolently resolve and prevent conflict and to reduce human and material inequities; and third, build sustainable and just systems and societies. Through course work you analyze conflicts and inequities varying in scope from international to local through lenses of peacemaking, conflict resolution, reconciliation, community-building, restorative justice, human rights and sustainability.

Peace studies emphasizes valuable skills such as strategic thinking, conflict resolution, restorative practices, creative problem solving, negotiation, persuasion, critical analysis and effective communication. These skills and experiences are attractive to a wide variety of employers including peace and justice organizations, nonprofit and social service organizations, law (e.g., human rights, immigration), nursing, public health, journalism, management, education, counseling and more.

Peace Studies Minor

The major consists of six courses (18 cr. hrs.), comprising two required courses (6 cr. hrs.) and four elective courses (12 cr. hrs.). The elective options are listed below in four focal areas to help students identify courses that align with their interests. Students may choose elective courses from one focal area or from multiple focal areas. The focal areas are as follows:

1. Theories and Practices of Peacemaking. Analyze the underlying causes of violence and war. Learn strategies to resolve and transform conflict. Explore historic examples of nonviolent social change.
2. Justice, Human Rights, and Reconciliation. Examine the social conditions and legal protections necessary for advancing and preserving human rights. Learn practices and policies that prevent conflict from erupting into violence and build a culture of sustainable peace, which includes such fundamentals as human rights, the rule of law, and an equitable economy.
3. Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice and Sustainability. Explore issues of access to basic needs, human rights, social justice, and equitable and sustainable uses of resources. Study social systems, such as education and health, that promote resilient communities.
4. Structural Violence and Positive Social Change. Investigate complex issues of structural exclusion and violence at the intersection of social class, gender, sexuality, race, national origin, affiliation, region and religion. Learn strategies that hold out the promise for positive social change in emerging peace research.

Students normally complete INPS 4997 Capstone Seminar in Peace Studies during the last spring term in residence at Marquette.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses:		
INPS 2010	Introduction to Peace Studies	3
INPS 4997	Capstone Seminar in Peace Studies	3
Elective Courses - choose four of the following: ¹		12
Focal Area 1: Theories and Practices of Peacemaking		
ANTH 4320	Culture, Law and Violence	
CMST 3120	Interpersonal Communication	
CMST 4150	Communication and Conflict	
CMST 4400	Cross-Cultural Communication	
ENGL 4221	The Rhetoric of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X	
ENGL 4223	The Rhetoric of Black Protest	
INPS 3960	Research in Peace Studies ²	
MANA 3034	Negotiation	
PHIL 3501	Philosophy of War and Peace	
POSC 4631	World Conflict and Security	
POSC 4636	Terrorism	
PSYC 3201	Introductory Social Psychology	
PSYC 3210	The Psychology of Prejudice	
SOCI 3700	Social Movements, Protest and Change	
SOCI 4400	Social Inequality	

SOCI 4600	The Social Reality of Crime and Justice
SOWJ 2300	Conflict Resolution and Restorative Justice
SOWJ 2600	Community Organizing
SOWJ 3400	Advocacy and Social Change: Theory and Practice
SOWJ 4600	Faith-based Activism
THEO 2500	Theologies of Nonviolence
or THEO 2500H	Honors Theologies of Nonviolence
or THEOI 2500	Theologies of Nonviolence-International
Focal Area 2: Justice, Human Rights and Reconciliation	
CRLS 4180	Empathy, Crime and Justice
CRLS/INPS 4300	Transformative Justice ³
EDUC 1000	Educational Inquiry 1: Critical Perspectives on Education
ENGL 4840	Postcolonial Literatures
FREN 4330	Francophone Studies in Human Rights
HIST 4460	Race and History of South Africa
PHIL 3710	Political Philosophy
PHIL 3750	Philosophy of Law
PHIL 4320	Contemporary Ethical Problems
PHIL 4330	Business Ethics
POSC 4251	The Politics of Civil Rights and Liberties
POSC 4601	International Law
POSC 4611	International Organizations
POSC 4633	Human Security
POSC 4646	Politics of Migration
POSC 4651	The Politics of Human Rights
SOWJ 2150	Immigrants and their Communities
Focal Area 3: Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice and Sustainability	
BISC 4381	Politics of U.S. Health Care
BISC 4461	Comparative Health Politics and Policy
ECON 4016	Environmental and Natural Resource Economics
ECON 4047	Development Economics
ENGL 4850	Global Literatures
FINA 4370	Sustainable Finance
HEAL 1025	Culture and Health
HEAL 1400	Veteran Health and Culture
HIST 3800	Environmental History: Ecology and Society in the Modern World
MANA 3002	Business and Its Environment
NURS 1001	Nursing and Health in the Jesuit Tradition
PHIL 3350	Philosophy of the Environment
PHYS 1009	Earth and Environmental Physics
POSC 4281	Urban Public Policy
POSC 4351	Environmental Politics and Policy
POSC 4641	Politics of the Illicit Global Economy
POSC 4661	The Political Economy of Development
SOCI 3720	Environment and Society
SOCI 4730	Capitalism, Socialism and Emancipation
SOWJ 4700	Global Aid and Humanitarianism
THEO 3530	Theology and Economics
or THEO 3530H	Honors Theology and Economics
THEO 4440	Foundations of Ecological Ethics
Focal Area 4: Structural Violence and Positive Social Change	
COMM 4500	Race and Gender Issues in Mass Media

CRLS 3140	Race, Crime and Punishment
CRLS 3640	Domestic Violence in the United States
CRLS 3680	Family Violence and Public Intervention
ENGL 4810	Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies
ENGL 4820	Studies in Critical Race and Ethnic Studies
ENGL 4825	Native American / Indigenous Literatures
ENGL 4830	Africana Literatures
HIST 4135	African-American History
HIST 4155	A History of Native America
HIST 4266	Nazi Germany and the Holocaust
HIST 4600	Comparative Twentieth-Century Genocides
MANA 3035	Diversity in Organizations
PHIL 3390	Latin American Philosophy
PHIL 3770	Feminist Philosophy
PHIL 3780	Africana Philosophy
SOCI 4250	African-American Social Thought
SOCI 4430	Christianity and Sexuality in the U.S.
SOCI 4450	Sociology of Sex and Gender
SOWJ 3450	Arabs and Muslims in Global Context
SPAN 4150	Spanish in the United States
THEO/INPS 3250	Contemplation and Action ³
THEO 3420	Race and Theology
or THEO 3420H	Honors Bridging the Racial Divide
THEO 3470	Women and Theology Across Cultures
or THEO 3470H	Women and Theology Across Cultures

Total Credit Hours:

18

- ¹ Other relevant upper-division courses, special topics courses, and independent studies may be applied to the elective requirement with permission of the program director.
- ² Completing fewer than 3 credit hours of INPS 3960 Research in Peace Studies does not fulfill the elective requirement. Students are advised either to take the course once for 3 credit hours or multiple times with credit hours totaling 3 or more.
- ³ Students may earn credit only for one of these cross-listed courses.

Additional notes:

- Where a course has a prerequisite or prerequisites unfeasible for the student to complete, students are encouraged contact the program director for guidance.
- Students are encouraged to visit the Center for Peacemaking (<https://www.marquette.edu/peacemaking/>) to explore internship opportunities, summer fellowships, and events supporting their studies.

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