



Peace and Conflict Resolution

College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies

Minor

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Peace and Conflict Resolution is an interdisciplinary minor with most of its courses drawn from the Social Sciences. The courses introduce students to the processes of understanding and changing social conditions in order to lead to a more peaceful, just and conflict-free society and world.

We find that war and oppression are subject to study and to change, and the university is an appropriate setting for the study and pursuit of alternate means of resolving conflicts.

The minor complements a number of majors, including many in the Humanities, Social Sciences and Professional Schools.

Special Features

- A philosophy basic to the study of Peace and Conflict Resolution is praxis, the creative combination of analysis and action. Students in the program are encouraged to develop the knowledge base, skills, and political courage necessary for effective leadership in a democratic society.
- The program's faculty is widely published and active in a number of fields related to peace and conflict resolution.
- The goal of the program is to educate adults to be responsible and courageous citizens, and, if the students choose, to become professional peace workers. To achieve this end we practice an interdisciplinary approach, drawing upon courses and faculty in several academic areas including anthropology, communication studies, economics, education, government, environmental studies, ethnic studies and women's studies.

Requirements • Minor

Total units required for Minor: 21

- (9) Select three of the following:
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| ANTH 105 | Anthropology of War |
| COMS 119 | Conflict Resolution Through Communication |
| ENVS 112 | International Environmental Problems (Passing score on WPE) |
| GOVT 132 | War and Peace in the Nuclear Age |
| GOVT 134 | War, Peace and the Mass Media |
- (12) Four elective courses selected from Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies courses with advisor approval. Courses taken as part of the specified core may not be counted toward the electives. No more than 6 units may be applied from a single academic discipline.

Faculty

Raghuraman Trichur, Anthropology; Peter Baird, Duane Campbell, John McFadden, Education; David R. Andersen, Ron Fox, Government; Clifford E. Anderson, Philosophy;

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