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
- SOC 345 Race and Ethnicity
- SOC 445 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity: [Topic]
- 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
- 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

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.