

# PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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The certificate in Peace and Conflict Studies is an interdisciplinary program that examines the causes of violent conflict; mechanisms and models for dealing with violent conflict; and norms, practices, and institutions for building a just and sustainable peace. The Peace and Conflict Certificate prepares students to think critically in the midst of geopolitical complexities like war, genocide, terrorism, and human rights violations. The program combines theoretical rigor with theological, moral, and ethical reflection on topics related to war and peace.

## Requirements

**Requirements for a Certificate in Peace and Conflict Studies** are 24 hours of coursework according to the following distribution. Students from all majors are eligible to receive a certificate in Peace and Conflict Studies.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Requirements</b>		<b>14</b>
<i>Introduction</i>		
PACS 101	Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies	4
<i>Theology or Political Philosophy</i>		
Select one of the following:		
BITH 375	Christian Ethics	
BITH 384	Political Theology	
PSCI 343	Political Ethics	
PHIL/PSCI 349	Christian Political Thought	
<i>Reconciliation</i>		
COMM 367 or IR 329	Reconciliation & Conflict Resolution Forgiveness & Reconciliation	2
<i>Senior Capstone</i>		
PACS 494	Senior Seminar in Peace and Conflict Studies: Peace, Reconciliation, and Justice	2
<i>Internship or Practicum/Experiential</i> <sup>1</sup>		
PACS 496	Internship	4
<b>Electives</b>		<b>10</b>
Select 10 credits (see list)		

<sup>1</sup> Internships must be substantively related to themes of Peace and Conflict Studies and pre-approved by the director. Internships for other majors may count for Peace and Conflict Studies.

**Electives (10 hours)** Electives for the Peace and Conflict Studies Certificate cover two major topical areas: Community Transformation and Global Justice. These foci are consonant with two major levels of conflict and peacebuilding and will help prepare students to pursue fields and post-graduate studies in areas such as community development, international development, and conflict mediation.

The Community Transformation (CT) courses focus primarily upon factors and conditions that spur violence within communities, resources for conflict management and resolution at the local level, and movements, ideas, and methods for building peace locally and

domestically. While the global context is consequential for local and domestic violence and peace efforts, the unit of analysis in the majority of these courses is the local and/or domestic level.

The Global Justice (GJ) courses focus primarily upon factors and conditions that spur violence within and between state and non-state actors, resources for conflict management and transformation at the national and international levels, and methods and strategies for building peace among and within nations. While the local context remains consequential, the unit of analysis is the national and/or international level.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Electives</b>		
ANTH 354	Culture in the Contemporary World (GJ)	4
ART 329	Community Art (CT/GJ)	3
ART 429	Community Art II (CT/GJ)	3
COMM 223	Communication & Diversity (CT)	2
COMM 367	Reconciliation & Conflict Resolution (CT/GJ)	2
ECON 347	Urban Economics (CT)	4
ECON 362	Wealth & Poverty of Nations (GJ)	4
ECON 365	Economic Growth & Development (GJ)	4
ECON 378	Economics of Labor & Poverty (CT)	4
ENVR 221	Living in the Environment: An Introduction to Environmental Science (CT/GJ)	4
ENVR 319	Environmental Ethics (CT/GJ)	4
HIST 349	Origins of Contemporary Europe (1870-1950) (GJ)	4
HIST 361	The Global Cold War (GJ)	4
HIST 374	Nazi Germany (GJ)	4
IR 315	Politics of Global Development (GJ)	4
IR 329	Forgiveness & Reconciliation (CT/GJ)	2
IR/URBN 362	Urban Politics in a Global Age (CT/GJ)	4
IR 375	Globalization (GJ)	4
IR 378	U.S. Foreign Policy (GJ)	4
MSCI 211	American Military History (CT/GJ)	2
PHIL 241	Suffering (CT/GJ)	4
PHIL 251	Global Justice (GJ)	4
PSCI/URBN 385	Urban Politics (CT)	2
PSYC 235	Cross-Cultural Psychology (GJ)	2
PSYC 241	Social Psychology (CT)	4
SOC 337	Racial and Ethnic Relations (CT)	4
SOC 341	Social & Political Movements (CT)	4
SOC 347	Gender & Society (CT)	4
SOC 355	Social Class & Inequality (CT)	4