

PEACE AND JUSTICE STUDIES, B.A.

Peace & Justice Studies is an interdisciplinary program that builds on the College's remarkable resources in and commitment to this area of inquiry and practice. The program approaches Peace & Justice Studies from the broad perspective of promoting human dignity and respecting human rights, within both local and global contexts – contexts shaped by political, social, cultural, religious, and historical forces. Peace and justice are basic human goods. They are conditions of human flourishing and also indications of it. Peace & Justice Studies draws on the approaches and resources of many academic disciplines to enable people to work more effectively for peace and justice, to resist and overcome oppression and violence and to envision and build better human communities. While Peace & Justice Studies has a rich and growing body of theory and empirical research at its disposal, its goal is practical: the creation of more just and peaceful societies conducive to the fuller realization of human potential.

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Learning Outcomes

Students completing the Peace & Justice Studies major will:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of theories of justice and how to apply these theories to real-world problems.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between self and society and articulate a philosophy of social change based on that understanding.
3. Explore the link between justice and violence. They will deal with the question of whether justice is a necessary prerequisite to a world without violence. Or they may argue that justice and peace be understood as distinct concepts.
4. Articulate, as specifically as possible, the major goals of a social justice organization. This will include a demonstrated understanding of the social justice issue within the community that this organization intends to serve. In addition, the student will critique the effectiveness of the organization.
5. Complete substantive research on a contemporary peace and justice issue and will make recommendations on how to deal with that issue.

Requirements

Students must achieve the following program requirements for all courses listed under "Program Required Courses" for the Peace and Justice Studies major.

Program Requirements

Major Credits: 40

Major Residency Credits: 24

Minimum GPA: 2.3

Minimum Grade: C

Program Required Courses

At least 24 of these credits must be upper-division (3000 or higher). Students interested in majoring in PJS should consult with the program coordinator.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
PJS 2102	Introduction to Peace and Justice Studies	4
GCL 3301	Human Rights	4
PJS 4555	Peace and Justice Internship ¹	4
PJS 4777	Topics in Peace and Justice (Capstone Seminar)	4
TRS 2501	Theologies of Peace and Justice	4
Elective Courses		
An additional twenty credits from the options listed below ^{2,3}		20
HECUA ⁴		
Washington Semester Program ⁵		
Other study-abroad courses or programs with coordinator approval ⁶		
BIO 1103	Current Environmental Topics	
ASL 2305	Deaf Culture in the World	
BIO 1115	Global Problems, Scientific Solutions	
BIO 4170	Ecology	
CTA 2525	The Media, Race and Gender	
CHM 1010	Chemistry and Sustainability	
ECN 3335	Contemporary Healthcare Economic Systems	
GCL 1101	Introduction to Global, Cultural and Language Studies	
GCL 2050	Introduction to Mexico	
GCL 2111	Migration, Diaspora, Identity	
GCL 2201	Peaceful Resolution of International Conflicts	
GCL/WGS 2231	Cultural Anthropology	
GCL 2480	Community Nonprofits	
GCL/POL 3001	Politics of Globalization	
GCL 3101	Advanced Social and Cultural Theory	
GCL 3200	Popular Music and Political Movements	
GCL 3302	Europe Today	
GCL/SPN 3303	The Other Americas	
GCL 3305	Contemporary Africa	
GCL/HIS 3307	Modern Latin American History	
GCL 3401	Healthcare Across Cultures	
GCL/POL 4402	Environmental Politics	
HIS 3214	The World Since 1945	
HIS 3300	Russia: Kievan Beginnings - 1917	
HIS 3301/ GCL 3304	Russia Since 1900	
HIS 3310	United States Foreign Relations	
HIS/WGS 3325	African American History II	
HIS 3327	U.S. Economic History	
HIS/WGS 3350	Feminism and Globalization: Women, Religion, and the Body	
HIS 3355	Islam and the Modern World	
HIS 3356	History of Modern India	
HON 4885	The Holocaust	

HSC 2203	U.S. Healthcare System
HSC 3101	Health for All: A Global Perspective
HSC 3311	Religious Perspectives on Healthcare Ethics
NAS 1101	Introduction to American Indian Studies
NAS 2610	Indigenous Peoples of North America
NAS/PHL 3301	American Indian Philosophy
NAS 3320	American Indian Women: Myth/Reality
NAS 4410	Counseling the American Indian
NAS/SWK 4415	American Indian Families
NAS/SWK 4420	Human Behavior and the American Indian Community
PHL 2205	Philosophy of Person
PHL 2223	Political Philosophy
PHL 3360	Philosophies of Feminism
POL 2001	Introduction to Political Science
POL 2280	Rethinking Religion and Culture after 9/11
PSY 3327	Social Psychology
PSY 3330	Research Methods
PSY 3331	Statistics
PSY 3340	Psychology of Gender
SOC 1125	General Sociology
SUS 1777	Topics in Sustainability
SWK 3360	American Social Welfare Policy
SWK 3362	Human Behavior in the Social Environment
SWK 3390	Understanding Immigration/Refugee Issues in Social Work Practice
TRS 1102	Sin, Suffering and Salvation
TRS 2101	Contemporary Moral Issues
TRS/WGS 2243	Women and Religion
TRS 2601	Religions of the World

Upper Division Credits: 42
Residency Requirement: 32
Minimum GPA: 2.0

Total Credits **40**

¹ May be met though HECUA or Washington Semester.

² At least eight credits should be upper-division. No more than 12 credits should be taken in the same department. In addition to the courses listed below, special topics courses in ECN, HIS, HON, PHL and SOC can be used to fulfill the requirements of the Peace & Justice Studies Major with the approval of the coordinator.

³ This list is not intended to be exhaustive or exclusive.

⁴ Up to 16 credits, including internship.

⁵ Up to 12 credits, including internship.

⁶ Up to 12 credits.

Students are strongly encouraged to include PSY 3331 Statistics or PSY 3330 Research Methods in their major. Other courses in quantitative analysis or research methods can be included with the permission of the coordinator.

Degree Requirements

To graduate from the College of St. Scholastica, baccalaureate students must meet the following minimum degree requirements.

Total Credits: 128