Peace and Conflict Studies (PCS)

PCS 112 Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies 3
Explore sources of conflict, war, social oppression, and violence and the challenges of promoting peace and justice. Examine the strategies for introducing equitable and nonviolent methods for conflict transformation.
GE Core: GSB

PCS 205 Violence in the Modern World 3
Designed to provide a cross-disciplinary examination of violence and peace. Students will be engaged in an exploration of world issues and their impact at the local level.
GE Marker: GN

PCS 215 Conflict Transformation 3
Examine the theory, practice, and narrative of conflict transformation. Transformative models, locally and globally, are explored and, the process of ending destructive action and promoting constructive change are engaged.

PCS 218 Managing Conflict in Professional Contexts 3
Through the study and application of multiple theories, principles, and skills, students will learn about methods and processes for managing conflict in professional contexts.

PCS 300X Experimental Course 1-6
This number reserved for experimental courses. Refer to the Course Schedule for current offerings.

PCS 305 Foundations of Peace and Conflict Studies 3
This course surveys the basic practical and theoretical foundations of peace and conflict transformation. The basic theories of conflict transformation provide a framework for understanding the dynamics of practice.
GE Marker: GN

PCS 308 Working through Interpersonal Conflicts 3
Explores the causes of interpersonal and inter-group tensions and the techniques (micro-level processes) to address them effectively whether in the workplace, community, or at home.

PCS 309 Conflict and Culture 3
Critical multiculturalism provides the framework for exploring multiple dimensions of diversity and its impact on creating and transforming conflicts. The impact of cultural interactions is a core focus.
GE Marker: GN

PCS 311 Conflict Research 3
This course is an introduction to qualitative, quantitative and mixed method research from social, organizational and conflict perspectives. Emphasis is placed on research design, question formulation, sampling, recruiting, data analysis and practical research activity.
Prerequisites: PCS 305.

PCS 312 Conflict Systems and Analysis 3
This course examines the practical and theoretical approaches to evaluating and remediating organizational conflict. Organizational analysis techniques and internal dispute resolution systems are explored.

PCS 400X Experimental Course 1-6
This number reserved for experimental courses. Refer to the Course Schedule for current offerings.

PCS 405 Localizing Peace 3
This course will investigate local peace-building and sustainable development within diverse political, cultural and economic contexts. It explores models for collective action toward non-violent conflict and positive peace.

PCS 406 Environmental Justice: Interdisciplinary Response for Sustainability 3
Interdisciplinary exploration of models that address social, economic, environmental justice concerns and their impact on community, economic, and environmental sustainability.
Notes: Same as SWK 405.

PCS 415 Global Peacebuilding 3
This course explores the complexity of engaging local and global peace and conflict practice (macro-level process) that enhances the building and nurturing of civic society in the 21st century.

PCS 416 Practicum I 4
Through a directed learning experience in a practicum setting, students engage with communities through entry level practices and engaged inquiry experiences reflecting on the field of Peace and Conflict Studies.
Prerequisites: PCS 218, PCS 305, PCS 308, PCS 309, PCS 311. PCST major; Junior or senior standing.

PCS 417 Practicum II 3
Emphasis is placed upon extended application and evaluation in the practice or research environment. Continues critical review and analysis of setting for engagement.
Prerequisites: PCS 416. PCST major; senior standing; Corequisites: PCS 415.

PCS 418 Peacebuilding Challenges in a Complex World 3
Introduction to the interdisciplinary theory, research, and intervention strategies used in peacebuilding operations.

PCS 420 Senior Seminar 3
Final capstone course in which students integrate theory, models of practice and research/evaluation through a community based project documented with an electronic portfolio for presentation.
Prerequisites: PCS 215, PCS 218, PCS 305, PCS 308, PCS 309, PCS 311. PCST major; senior standing; Corequisites: PCS 416.

PCS 430 The Power of Nonviolence for Social Change 3
Nonviolent protest has an important role to play in the 21st century for achieving justice, assuring human rights, and removing repressive regimes. The course considers the theory and practice of successful nonviolent movements such as the Liberian women's peace movement, the Velvet Revolution, and the outing of Serbian dictator Milosevic.

PCS 432 Conflict Transformation at the Food-Water Nexus 3
Contemporary issues in food and water systems are examined using the lens of conflict transformation. Through this lens, we will analyze associated social and environmental conflicts, with an emphasis on dynamics of power and justice. Students will learn about transformative interventions associated with the conflicts we cover in class.

PCS 433 Restorative Justice: Theory and Models 3
Examines the principles and practices of restorative justice, evaluating the potentials and limitations of restorative methods and interventions in the US and internationally.
Notes: Same as SWK 433.
PCS 434 Reconciliation, Spirituality, and Community in Peacebuilding 3
This course analyzes the concept and process of reconciliation as an advanced form of community-based conflict transformation from within the broader framework of interdisciplinary Peace and Conflict Studies. We will explore and assess mechanisms of reconciliation as a means of transforming conflict and building peace in the context of transitional societies and indigenous/local/global relations, considering the role of local spiritual beliefs and practices for the reconciliation of divided societies in relation to key concepts such as truth-telling, apology, forgiveness, justice and healing.
Prerequisites: Upper-division undergraduate status.
Notes: Same as WGS 540.

PCS 440 Social Entrepreneurship: Justice and a Green Environment 3
Interdisciplinary engagement of social entrepreneurship as model for change on an issue of environmental sustainability. Exploration of models that respond to social, economic, environmental, and justice issues.
Prerequisites: PCS 600 and PCS 601 or permission of instructor.
Notes: May be repeated for credit when topic varies.

PCS 450 Independent Study in Peace and Conflict Studies 1-3
Independent study opportunity for students to engage in an in-depth exploration of a topic of special interest within the context of Peace and Conflict Studies.
Prerequisites: Permission of instructor.
Notes: May be repeated once for credit when topic varies.

PCS 456 Sports, Conflict, and Peacebuilding 3
The role that sports play in reflecting political, religious, ethnoracial, and social class conflicts is explored. The possibilities for using sports to teach skills for peaceful transformation are examined.

PCS 479 Gender and Peacebuilding 3
Examines the role of gender, sex, diversity, and power relations in the creation and resolution of conflict and building of peace.
Notes: Same as SWK 479.

PCS 505 Environmental Justice: Interdisciplinary Response for Sustainability 3
Interdisciplinary exploration of models that address social, economic, environmental justice concerns and their impact on community, economic, and environmental sustainability.
Notes: Same as SWK 505.

PCS 540 Social Entrepreneurship: Justice and a Green Environment 3
Interdisciplinary engagement of social entrepreneurship as model for change on an issue of environmental sustainability. Exploration of models that respond to social, economic, environmental, and justice issues.
Notes: Same as ENT 540, PCS 540, WGS 540.

PCS 579 Gender and Peacebuilding 3
Examines the role of gender, sex, diversity, and power relations in the creation and resolution of conflict and building of peace.
Notes: Same as SWK 579.

PCS 600 Principles and Practice of Conflict Management and Resolution 3
Introduction to the interdisciplinary theory, research conflict analysis and intervention strategies which form the foundation of peace and conflict studies.

PCS 600X Experimental Course 1-6
This number reserved for experimental courses. Refer to the Course Schedule for current offerings.
PCS 627 Seminar in Contemporary Issues in Peace and Conflict Studies 3
An investigation of current Global North and Pan-Western peace and conflict models and their impact on human security and humanitarian assistance.

PCS 630 The Power of Nonviolence for Social Change 3
Introduces students to the theory and practice of nonviolence as a manner of social change and as a philosophy. Explores classic thinking on nonviolence by Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. as well as current research on nonviolent social change.

PCS 631 Crisis Management: Response and Resolution 3
Overview of critical incident response, management and resolution in relation to individual, family, community, and organizational perspectives.

PCS 632 Conflict Transformation at the Food-Water Nexus 3
Contemporary issues at the nexus of food and water systems are examined using the lens of conflict transformation. Through this lens, we will analyze associated social and environmental conflicts, with an emphasis on dynamics of power and justice. Students will learn about transformative interventions associated with the conflicts we cover in class.

PCS 634 Reconciliation, Spirituality, and Community in Peacemaking 3
Explores reconciliation and spiritual beliefs in community settings to address local and global conflicts. Includes discussion of both indigenous beliefs and global social, political, and environmental consciousness in healing.

PCS 650 Independent Study 3
Intensive study guided by the graduate faculty.
Prerequisites: Permission of instructor or the Program Director.

PCS 665 Religion: Conflict and Confrontation 3
Overview of conflict analysis and intervention strategies in religious communities and organizations. Analyze and implement models of reconciliation and forgiveness.

PCS 676 Peace Development and Community Building 3
Approaches to community and peacebuilding, with emphasis on understanding power and conflict, are taught within a global context. Strategies are developed for building peace and community through civic engagement.
Prerequisites: PCS 600 and PCS 601 or permission of instructor.

PCS 677 International Human Rights Advocacy 3
Course will explore international human rights norms, laws, theory and practice, with an emphasis on analytical and advocacy skills. Current debates in the field will be explored with implications for policy.

PCS 685 Resolving Conflict in Health Care Systems: Achieving Peace through Health 3
Peace building and conflict resolution in health care and humanitarian initiatives; human rights and social justice perspective.

PCS 690 Integrated Colloquium: Professional Development Project 3
Final capstone course in which students integrate theory, research, and practice skills through an integrative project. (Research or Field Hours required).
Prerequisites: PCS 600, PCS 601, PCS 605, PCS 609, PCS 610.
Corequisites: PCS 606, PCS 607.

PCS 750X Experimental Course 1-6
This number reserved for experimental courses. Refer to the Course Schedule for current offerings.

PCS 803 Research Extension 1-3