Peace & Conflict Studies, Minor

**DEPARTMENT**

BA in Philosophy, B.A.
MN in Philosophy, Minor
BA in Philosophy - Religious Studies Option, B.A.
BA in Philosophy - Prelaw Option, B.A.
MN in Peace & Conflict Studies, Minor
MN in Middle East Studies, Minor

**REQUIREMENTS**

Department of Philosophy

**Peace and Conflict Studies Minor Requirements**

Peace and Conflict Studies (21-unit minor) prepares students, including potential leaders, with peacemaking and conflict management skills they can apply to daily life situations. This interdisciplinary minor is open to students in any academic discipline or chosen profession. The program has been developed to provide an interdisciplinary perspective to the study of conflict, violence, war, and peace. Such an approach is essential in view of the highly complex, interconnected, interdependent world in which we live. This requires an understanding that allows people to respond creatively, rather than thoughtlessly, to conflict and violence at various levels.

**Core Faculty**

Veena Howard, Philosophy, Coordinator
Andrew Fiala, Philosophy

**Requirements for the Minor**

A total of 21 units, which will include:

1. 15 units from the Areas of Study. It is strongly recommended that 3 units be taken from each of the five Areas of Study. However, four out of the five areas must be covered.
2. PAX 185I - Internship (3 units) or PAX 190 - Independent Study (3 units).
3. PAX 100. Peace and Conflict (3 units)
   Provides an overview of causes and types of conflict, critical examination of issues related to war, peace, and justice.
4. The minor also requires a minimum 2.0 GPA and six upper-division units in residence.
5. Courses also can fulfill General Education requirements as appropriate.

**Areas of Study**

**AREA I - Personal and Interpersonal Issues**

SOC 162, 165, 168; COMM 108, 162; PHIL 10, 157; PSYCH 61

**AREA II - Community and Social Issues**

ANTH 120; AFRS 144; CRIM 140; CLAS 128; ECON 140; ISC 93; SOC 111; PHIL 120, 125W; PLSI 116; WS 108, 116

**AREA III - International and Global Issues**

AGBS 140; AFRS 150; BA 174; ECON 114, 179; GEOG 163; HIST 105; PLSI 120, 121, 122, 125; SOC 157

**AREA IV - Conflict Management**

AGBS 117; BA 156; HIST 166, 185; HRM 152; PLSI 126; COMM 164, 169
AREA V - Education for Peace and Nonviolence

AFRS 145; KINES 111; PHIL 131; SOC 122

FACULTY

The department has a diverse and well-trained faculty with special interests ranging from logic and scientific method to existentialism and philosophy of religion. All members of the department share the conviction that the best way to teach philosophy is through an intense but sympathetic interchange between the teacher and the student.

For faculty phone numbers and e-mail, see the campus directory.

For more on the faculty, see the faculty pages.
The faculty pages are updated by the department or program.