

# Peace and Conflict Studies

## College of Social Sciences

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## Peace and Conflict Studies Minor

### Certificate in Peacebuilding and Mediation

## Peace and Conflict Studies

The overall purpose of the program in Peace and Conflict Studies (21-unit minor) is to prepare students, including potential leaders, with peacemaking and conflict management skills they can apply to daily life situations, regardless of their academic disciplines or chosen professions. 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. This interdisciplinary program is open to all students.

## Core Faculty

Sudarshan Kapoor, *Social Work Education*

Pamela Lane-Garon, *Educational Research and Administration*

Marilyn Shelton, *Literacy and Early Education*

## Affiliated Faculty

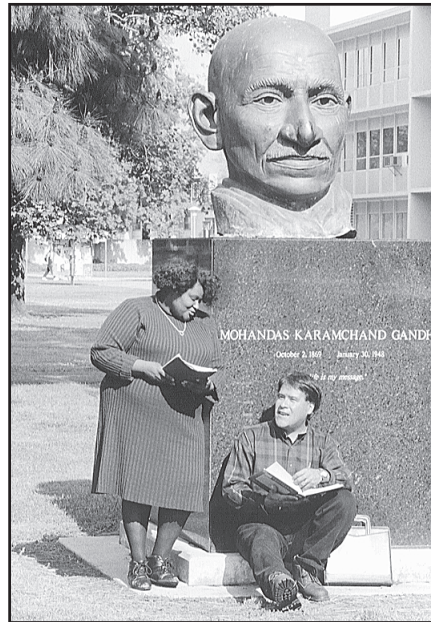
Barbara Birch, *Linguistics*

Jeronima Echeverria, *History*

## 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 185 - Internship (3 units) or PAX 190 - Independent Study (3 units).



3. **PAX 100. Peace and Conflict (3)**  
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; PAX 110; PHIL 10, 157; PSYCH 61, 178

### AREA II — Community and Social Issues

ANTH 120; AAIS 144; ECON 167; CRIM 140; CLS 128; ECON 140; ISC 93; SOC 111; PHIL 120, 125; PLSI 116; PSYCH 156; WS 108, 116

### AREA III — International and Global Issues

AGEC 140; AAIS 150; BA 174; ECON 114, 179; GEOG 163; HIST 105, 180; PLSI 112, 120, 121, 122, 125; SOC 157

### AREA IV — Conflict Management

AGEC 117; BA 156; HIST 166, 185; HRM 152; PLSI 126; COMM 164, 169

### AREA V — Education for

#### Peace and Nonviolence

AAIS 145; EHD 101; KINES 111; PHIL 131; SOC 122

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12 units: Peacebuilding, Mediation, Internship, and Elective

Open to all majors. Contact the coordinator for details.

## COURSES

### Peace and Conflict Studies (PAX)

#### PAX 100. Peace and Conflict (3)

Provides an overview of causes and types of conflict. Critical examination of issues related to war, peace, and justice. Principled negotiation; cultural awareness.

#### PAX 110. Peacebuilding (3)

Theories, methods, and skills in personal transformation, anger management, communication, engaging cooperation, building community, reducing prejudice, maintaining relationships, and consensus decision-making. Emphasizes multi-cultural perspectives.

#### PAX 120. Mediation (3)

Includes such topics as interest-based bargaining, anger management, values, communication, and conflict management, all in the context of mediation. Participants acquire and practice mediation skills and observe the process as practiced by skilled professional mediators.

#### PAX 185. Internship (1-3; max total 6)

Prerequisite: permission of instructor and sponsoring agency. Internships in peacebuilding, reconciliation, conflict resolution and mediation with local social service agencies, the Better Business Bureau, school districts, and corporations. Hours to be arranged. *CR/NC* grading only.

#### PAX 190. Independent Study (1-3; max total 6)

See *Academic Placement — Independent Study*. Approved for *RP* grading.