BA in Interdisciplinary with Emphasis in Peace Studies

Degree Program Description

Peace Studies is offered as an emphasis area in the BA in Interdisciplinary Studies. Students with this emphasis examine issues related to global peace and social justice. The emphasis in Peace Studies helps prepare students for employment, volunteer assignments, and graduate study in such areas as conflict resolution, human rights, humanitarian assistance, sustainable development, social justice, nonviolent social change, and the understanding of global cultural diversity.

Major Program Requirements

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The peace studies emphasis area addresses a wide range of issues concerning peace and justice, including international and civil war and peace; global social and environmental justice; nonviolent social movements, process, and change; cultures, intellectuals, and war and peace; and indigenous peoples and the imperial state. Our courses provide a liberal arts foundation: students explore values to set goals; they evaluate evidence to assess alternate means to achieve goals. Some courses focus on practical issues of community organization (PEA_ST 4341), sustainable development (PEA_ST 1120) and construction, and public health (PEA_ST 3401), that students are likely to encounter in work, internship, or volunteer positions. Study abroad courses taught by MU faculty are regularly offered. Since issues of peace and conflict cut across disciplines, the curriculum includes courses offered by both the program itself and cross listed between Peace Studies and other programs and departments of the University.

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Core requirements

Select 12 credits from the following. It is recommended that students pick four courses distributed in at least four of the following areas

Area 1: International and Civil War and Peace

PEA_ST 1051 International Conflict Resolution and Group Reconciliation (Section 2 is writing intensive, section 1 not)
PEA_ST 2200 Nuclear Weapons: Environmental, Health and Social Effects (Section 2 is writing intensive, section 1 not)
PEA_ST 2410 Philosophies of War and Peace
PEA_ST 2550 Human Rights, Law, War and Peace
PEA_ST 3230H Terrorism and Conflict Resolution - Honors
PEA_ST 3610 Ireland, 1100s to 1850
PEA_ST 3611 Ireland, 1850-1923
PEA_ST 3612 Ireland, 1920-Present
PEA_ST 4331 Nonproliferation Issues for Weapons of Mass Destruction

Area 2: Global Social and Environmental Justice

PEA_ST 1050 Introduction to Peace Studies
PEA_ST 1052 Global Warming, Climate Change, Catastrophic Climate Destabilization (Section 2 is writing intensive, section 1 not)
PEA_ST 1120 Population and Ecology
PEA_ST 2000 Exploration in Social and Economic Justice
PEA_ST 2284 Critical Dialogs: Global Environmental Policy Conflicts
PEA_ST 2600 CAFO: Concentrated Animals, Deep Ecology (Section 2 is writing intensive, section 1 not)
PEA_ST 3600 Criminology
PEA_ST 3401 Global Public Health and Health Care Systems
PEA_ST 3870 Social Revolution in Latin America

Area 3: Nonviolent Social Movements, Process, and Change

PEA_ST 2182 Critical Dialogues: Nonviolence in Peace/ Democracy Movements (Section 2 is writing intensive, section 1 not)
PEA_ST 2285 Large Corporations, Economic Crisis, Social Responsibility
PEA_ST 2810 Think Global: Fundamentals of Globalization and Digital Technologies
PEA_ST 3520 Collective Behavior
PEA_ST 3521 Group Decision Making Processes
PEA_ST 3522 New Media, Conflict and Control
PEA_ST 4341 Building Communities from the Grassroots

Area 4: Cultures, Intellectuals, And War and Peace

PEA_ST 2280 Race, Democracy, and Violence in Cuba and Haiti (Section 2 is writing intensive, section 1 not)
PEA_ST 2320 Literature of Spanish Civil War
PEA_ST 3140 Art of War and Peace
PEA_ST 3400 Politics of the Media
PEA_ST 3780 World Political Geography
PEA_ST 4600 Political and Social Philosophy
PEA_ST 4830 Journalism and Conflict

Area 5: Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights, and The Imperial State

REL_ST 2100 Indigenous Religions
ENGLISH 2490 Introduction to Native Studies
ENGLISH 3490 Native Writing and Representation
PEA_ST 3496 Digital Indigenous Studies
PEA_ST 3496H Digital Indigenous Studies - Honors
GEOG 3560 Native American Geographies
PEA_ST 4550 Gender and Human Rights in Cross Cultural Perspective

Other Peace Studies courses counted toward the emphasis requirements 15

Semester Plan

Refer to the Semester Plan for the BA in Interdisciplinary Studies (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/interdisciplinary/ba-interdisciplinary-studies).