

Peace and Conflict Studies Minor

(18 credits)

The Peace and Conflict Studies minor takes a dynamic and interdisciplinary approach to studying inclusive and sustainable strategies for managing, transforming, and resolving conflict and promoting peaceful societies, systems, policies, and institutions. The curriculum explores theoretical foundations and practical strategies (advocacy, consensus-building, partnership development, and intervention tools) for advancing human rights, social justice, restorative goals, and cultural awareness by exploring real life settings and situations. Foundation courses prepare students to more closely examine questions related to peace and conflict across the undergraduate curriculum. The minor also provides students with an enhanced understanding of the varied causes, conduct, and consequences of conflict, representations of conflict and peace, theories of conflict mitigation and resolution, practices in humanitarian assistance, and related mechanisms for the prevention and containment of violence through statecraft and international peace promotion efforts and organizations. The PACS curriculum also includes multiple opportunities to prepare for taking the Foreign Service Exam, which is offered every semester and available through the CCU Testing Center.

The minor requires successful completion of eighteen (18) credit hours from categories A, B, and C below, with a minimum grade of C in each course. No more than nine (9) credit hours can be in a single discipline. Up to six (6) credit hours may be double dipped with other programs.

A) **Introductory Course.** Take one (1) course from the following:

POLI 101	Introduction to World Politics (3 credits)
PACS 207Q*/ HIST 207Q*	Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies (3 credits)
HIST 106Q*	Modern World (3 credits)

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B) **Thematic Courses.** Take three (3) courses from the following:

ARTH 349	Representations of Peace and Conflict in the Arts (3 credits)
COMM 345	Communication Activism (3 credits)
COMM 470	Communication and Conflict Management (3 credits)
HIST 321	Topics in Diplomatic History (3 credits)
HIST 338	War & Memory (3 credits)
HIST 342	Twentieth Century Europe (3 credits)
HIST 456	Genocide in Comparative Perspective (3 credits)
HIST 344	Conflict & Society (3 credits)
HIST 462	The Causes, Conduct, and Consequences of War (3 credits)
INTEL 343	Terrorism and Political Violence (3 credits)
INTEL 344	Weapons of Mass Destruction (3 credits)
PACS 308	Special Topics in Peace and Conflict Studies (3 credits)

POLI 340	International Negotiations (3 credits)
POLI 342	European Union Institutions and Policymaking (3 credits)
POLI 408	Utopian Political Thought (3 credits)
POLI 438	International Human Rights (3 credits)
PHIL 311	Ethical Theory (3 credits)
PHIL 305Q*	Contemporary Moral Issues (3 credits)
PHIL 322Q*	Philosophical Issues in Feminism (3 credits)
RELG 300	Religion in Public Life (3 credits)
SOC 309	Social Inequality (3 credits)
SOC 380	Collective Action and Social Movements (3 credits)
WGST 310Q	Women and Allies (3 credits)
WGST 401	Feminist Theory (3 credits)

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C) Topical Electives. Take two (2) courses from the following*:

COMM 301	Intercultural Communication (3 credits)
COMM 302	Communication Law and Ethics (3 credits)
COMM 304	Gender Communication (3 credits)
COMM 367Q*	Political Communication (3 credits)
ECON 375	Economics and National Security (3 credits)
ENGL 371	Topics in World Literature (3 credits)
ENGL 372	Special Topics in Russian Literature (3 credits)
GEOG 344	Turf Wars (3 credits)
HIST 306	The French Revolution (3 credits)
HIST 308	Interwar Europe (3 credits)
HIST 309	WWII and the Cold War (3 credits)
HIST 311	Environmental History (3 credits)
HIST 320	Topics in Cold War History (3 credits)
HIST 338	War & Memory (3 credits)
HIST 339	The Great War (3 credits)
HIST 350	Vietnam: The American Experience (3 credits)
HIST 356	History of Latin American Foreign Relations (3 credits)
HIST 357	Exploring Middle Eastern Conflict (3 credits)
HIST 375	Exploring Peace in the Middle East (3 credits)
HIST 379	America in World War II (3 credits)
HIST 440	The Pacific Front of WWII (3 credits)
HIST 443	Modern Colonialism (3 credits)
HIST 454	Seminar in Conflict, Peace, and Social Justice in Latin America (3 credits)
HIST 460	American Military History (3 credits)
INTEL 330	National Security (3 credits)
INTEL 341	Intelligence and War (3 credits)

JOUR 308	Public Opinion and Propaganda (3 credits)
LIS 301	Intercultural Communication (3 credits)
LIS 401	The Holocaust (3 credits)
LIS 402	Gender and Sexuality in German and Austrian Culture (3 credits)
LIS 403	Nazi Cinema (3 credits)
PHIL 312	Intelligence Ethics (3 credits)
PHIL 316	Criminal Justice Ethics (3 credits)
PHIL 319	Environmental Ethics (3 credits)
PHIL 335	Military Ethics (3 credits)
POLI 331	The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict (3 credits)
POLI 332	Conflict in the Persian Gulf (3 credits)
POLI 410Q	International Organizations (3 credits)
POLI 438	International Human Rights (3 credits)
RELG 320	Introduction to Buddhism (3 credits)
RELG 322	Introduction to Islam (3 credits)
RELG 323	Christianity: Sects and Practices (3 credits)
RELG 324	Hinduism (3 credits)
RELG 330	Introduction to Judaism (3 credits)
SOC 306	Religious Cults and Violence (3 credits)
SOC 341	Organized Crime (3 credits)
SOC 353	Criminology (3 credits)
SOC 450	Victimology (3 credits)
WGST 301	Women of Color (3 credits)
WGST 305Q*	Gender, Sexuality, Race, and Class in Popular Culture (3 credits)

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* Students are encouraged to pursue related upper-level coursework across the disciplines. Special topics courses, independent studies, senior theses, and courses offered with study-abroad programs with significant content in Peace and Conflict Studies may also be approved by the minor adviser.