PEACE AND JUSTICE

The Peace and Justice Studies Minor prepares students to assume their roles as global citizens and leaders through the development of knowledge and strategies for engaging a global society and promoting a peaceful and just world.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The minor takes an interdisciplinary approach to understanding peace theory, application and strategy. It introduces students to the academic study of the religious, historical, political, environmental, sociological, cultural and economic causes of conflict, as well as the psychological, philosophical, religious and communication processes of building peace and justice.

Graduates will be positioned to pursue post-graduate work with:

• The Peace Corps
• Non-Government Organizations (NGO’s)
• Religions Organizations
• International Agencies and Corporations
• Political Organizations
• Environmental Groups
• Economic and Development Organizations
• Peace and Justice Foundations

MINORS

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Students pursuing the Peace and Justice Studies Minor will gain an understanding of conflict from interpersonal to international contexts, by becoming more aware of their own and others’ identities, cultures and communities.

REQUIRED COURSES

IDS 296 - Introduction to Peace Studies, 4 credits
REL 460 – Christianity and the Quest for Peace, 4 credits

ELECTIVES

12 credits of approved electives (course descriptions and details are listed with the corresponding department) selected from:
Students will be encouraged to supplement their minor with study abroad, internships, conferences and other experiential activities.

**Other Requirements**

- When selecting electives for the minor, students should keep in mind they may only count one course towards both their major and minor.
• Students are required to select electives from at least 2 different departments and programs to achieve the broadest possible perspectives on the conditions that affect the processes of peace and justice.
• No more than two courses can be from the same department.
• Students may only take one elective that is also a general education course.
• At least 2 of the electives must be at the 200-level or above.

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