



COLLEGE OF
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Peace, Justice and Conflict Resolution Studies Minor

Building more peaceful societies

The peace, justice and conflict resolution studies program provides students with an interdisciplinary approach to understanding war and peace, violence and non-violence. It challenges students to resolve conflict and explore the peaceful settlement of disputes through a variety of perspectives and pedagogies.

The Program

While many academic disciplines examine war and peace, peace studies is the only area of study that puts them as the focus of study. The Peace Studies program helps students develop competence in ethical and moral reasoning (a Winthrop University Core Commitment) by giving students the tools to analyze the dynamics of power, wealth and persistent poverty that create the conditions for violence and injustice. Finally, this program seeks to provide students with the practical knowledge and the theoretical background to help build more peaceful societies.

Program of Study

This interdisciplinary minor includes PEAC 200 (Introduction to Peace, Justice, and Conflict Resolution Studies, 3 credit hours) plus 15 additional credit hours of coursework. Within the 15 credit hours, students must include 3 credit hours focusing on social movements, 3 credit hours focusing on international relations, and 9 additional credit hours from a list of electives. At least 6 credit hours must be in coursework numbered above 299. The approved lists of courses in each of these categories can be found in the Winthrop Undergraduate Catalog (www.winthrop.edu/recandreg).

Choices of courses to fulfill the peace studies minor cover a wide range of disciplines such as history, African American studies, sociology, political science, philosophy, and psychology. You will find this minor accessible and one that can accommodate many interests and career goals.

Careers

The peace, justice, and conflict resolution studies minor complements many majors on campus and will help prepare students for graduate study in peace and conflict resolution studies; for work in the nonprofit sector; and for occupations in which skills in mediation and conflict resolution are required such as business, counseling, education, international relations, law, and social work.

Scholarships

The Father David Valtierra Peace Studies Scholarship is an endowed scholarship named after an Oratory priest and Winthrop peace studies committee member who passed away in 2010. Each year students apply for the scholarship in the spring semester. Rising sophomores, juniors and seniors with a 3.0 G.P.A. may apply. See www.winthrop.edu/peacestudies for more information.

Campus Activities

Each year the peace studies program sponsors many speakers and events on campus. Examples of successful events include a death penalty series (featuring a talk by Sister Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking*) and a series on conflict resolution at the local, national and the international levels. In addition, we have co-sponsored the annual interactive Hunger Banquet, have hosted meditation workshops and have twice hosted the biennial Peace History Society Meeting. We often collaborate with other interdisciplinary programs to sponsor events.

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