Peace, Justice, and Conflict Transformation

Peace Studies is an interdisciplinary field. Its focus includes analysis of conflict and its causes; transformation of conflict through nonviolent methods; and the proactive practice of peace building at the individual, community, national and international levels.

Degree Programs

The Peace program offers a 12-hour undergraduate certificate. In addition to PEAC courses, students choose electives from approximately 150 courses offered by the following eighteen units, departments, and programs:

- Anthropology
- Art
- Chinese Studies
- Communication
- Criminal Justice
- English
- Geography and Geosciences
- Health and Sports Science
- History
- Latin American and Latino Studies
- Pan-African Studies
- Philosophy
- Psychological and Brain Sciences
- Political Science
- Social Change
- Sociology
- Social Work
- Sports Administration
- Theatre Arts
- Women's and Gender Studies

Career Opportunities

Employers seek applicants with skills in listening, cross-cultural communication, and understanding conflict as well as the ability to work through it. The certificate program provides these and other life skills.

Specifically, our students seek careers as mediators, writers, teachers, community organizers and workers, counselors, diplomats, therapists and supporters of local non-profit and international aid organizations among many other possibilities.

Student Opportunities

A core principle of Peace Studies recognizes that every individual has agency, the power and ability to make changes in ourselves, the societies we inherit, and the world we inhabit. PEAC 325 includes a final project that encourages students to act this way, and the program offers many other opportunities for students to become engaged. The program's capstone course, PEAC 550, requires 80 hours of service learning with a local, national, or international organization that contributes to peace building.

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