

Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS)

Courses

PACS 10 Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies 4 Units

This course introduces students to a broad range of issues, concepts, and approaches integral to the study of peace and conflict. Subject areas include the war system and war prevention, conflict resolution and nonviolence, human rights and social justice, development and environmental sustainability. Required of all Peace and Conflict Studies majors.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 10 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

8 weeks - 7 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Peace and Conflict Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Sanders

PACS 24 Freshman Seminar 1 Unit

The Freshman Seminar Program has been designed to provide new students with the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member in a small seminar setting. Freshman seminars are offered in all campus departments, and topics vary from department to department and semester to semester. Enrollment is limited to 15 freshmen.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of seminar per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Peace and Conflict Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

PACS 94 Theory and Practice of Meditation 1 Unit

A practicum using a modern method for systematically reducing random activity in the mind, with comparative studies of relevant texts from monastic and householder traditions, East and West.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Peace and Conflict Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam required.

PACS 98 Directed Group Study 1 - 3 Units

Group discussion, research and reporting on selected topics.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-3 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Peace and Conflict Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

PACS 100 Peace Theory: Approaches and Analyses 3 Units

This course will explore the historical development of the field through analysis of the operative assumptions, logic, and differing approaches of the seminal schools and thinkers that have shaped the field. Students will become familiar with the body of literature and major debates in peace studies and research.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 10

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 5.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Peace and Conflict Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Sanders

PACS 119 Special Topics in Peace and Conflict Issues 4 Units

Course will focus on specific issues of current research and issues in the field of peace and conflict studies. Topics will be different each term and reflect the current research of the instructor. Students will be required to do extensive reading on a weekly basis, participate in assigned projects, and complete one major research project and class presentation. Actual assignments may vary from term to term depending upon the subject.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

3 weeks - 15 hours of lecture per week

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Peace and Conflict Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PACS 125AC War, Culture, and Society 4 Units

This course examines the experience and meaning of war in the formation of American culture and society. It considers the profound influence war has had in shaping the identities and life chances of succeeding generations of American men and women. It will take special note of the role of race, ethnicity, and class as prisms that filter this process. This course also explores how different interpretations of democracy and nationalism have served as a catalyst for social conflict and change in racial and ethnic identity and relations, especially as reflected in war.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 10 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Peace and Conflict Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PACS 126 International Human Rights 4 Units

This course provides an overview to the historical, theoretical, political, and legal underpinnings that have shaped and continue to shape the development of human rights. Students are introduced to substantive topics within human rights and provided an opportunity to develop critical thinking, oral presentation, and writing skills. We discuss where the concept of human rights originates, how these ideas have been memorialized in international declarations and treaties, how they develop over time, and how they are enforced and monitored. We examine a variety of issues and encourage students to think differently--to analyze world and community events through a human rights framework utilizing some of the necessary tools to investigate, research, and think critically about human rights and the roles that we may assume within this arena. The course requires two six-page papers, participation in a team debate, and an independent reading assignment.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Peace and Conflict Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PACS 127 Human Rights and Global Politics 4 Units

After World War II, we witnessed a "revolution" in human rights theory, practice, and institution building. The implications of viewing individuals as equal and endowed with certain rights is potentially far reaching as in the declaration that individuals hold many of those rights irrespective of the views of their government. Yet, we also live in a world of sovereign states with sovereign state's rights. We see everyday a clash between the rights of the individual and lack of duty to fulfill those rights when an individual's home state is unwilling or unable to do so. After introducing the idea of human rights, its historic development and various international human rights mechanisms, this course will ask what post-World War II conceptions of human rights mean for a number of specific issues including humanitarian intervention, international criminal justice, U.S. foreign policy, immigration, and economic rights. Looking in-depth at these five areas, we will ask how ideas about human rights, laws about human rights, and institutions to protect human rights have on how states and other global actors act, and how individuals have fared.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Peace and Conflict Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: 127B

PACS 128AC Human Rights and American Cultures 4 Units

The course analyzes the theory and practice of human rights for three groupings in the United States and examines questions of race and ethnicity as they are embedded in various international human rights instruments. The course utilizes an interdisciplinary approach to the study of developing systems, laws, and norms for the promotion and protection of human rights while considering each group's underlying political, literary, and cultural traditions.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Peace and Conflict Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PACS 130 Cross-Listed Topics 1 - 4 Units

This course is designed to accommodate cross-listed courses offered through other departments, the content of which is applicable to Peace and Conflict Studies majors.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 1.5-7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Peace and Conflict Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PACS 135 Special Topics in Regional Conflict 3 Units

Topics vary from semester to semester. The course will offer a critical interdisciplinary study of geo-political regions and the sources of their conflicts.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 5.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Peace and Conflict Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PACS 148AC Social Movements, Urban Histories, and the Politics of Memory 4 Units

Course examines the history of progressive social movements in the San Francisco Bay Area. Combining history, sociology, urban geography, and ethnic studies, we ask: why and how these movements emerged? What cultural, racial, ethnic and political identities were drawn from, reconfigured, and created within these movements? What kinds of knowledge and institutions were created by these movements, and how have these legacies shaped (and been shaped by) the geography, culture, and politics of the area. As part of the ACES program, this course also engages students in creating social movement documentation through collaborations with community partners. Small student groups, supervised by an ACES Fellow, will carry out documentation projects.

Objectives Outcomes

Course Objectives: To collectively grapple with responsibilities, opportunities, and ethical dilemmas of community-engaged scholarship and partnership.

To engage students in broader theories and debates of knowledge production through specific examination of how movements develop analysis of poverty, justice, the state, citizenship, democracy, capitalism, race, class, gender, and history.

To examine U.S. social history (specifically urban histories of the SF Bay Area) through comparing and integrating analytical tools of a variety of theoretical traditions including: ethnic studies, feminist and queer theory, working-class studies, and disability studies.

To introduce students to questions, methods, and theoretical frameworks of social movement scholarship through investigating how culture, geography, ecology, and politics of the San Francisco Bay Area have shaped and have been shaped through progressive social movements.

To introduce students to various methods of community history documentation.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Peace and Conflict Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Burns

Also listed as: IAS 158AC

PACS 149 Global Change and World Order 3 Units

This course will analyze emerging trends, patterns, and problems associated with the phenomenon of globalization. Particular attention will be given to world economic and social integration, ethno-religious nationalism and identity politics, domestic politics, and foreign policy. Special emphasis is placed on the prospects of peace and world order in the post-cold war era.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 5.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Peace and Conflict Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Sanders

PACS 150 Conflict Resolution: Theory and Practice 3 Units

This course will investigate theories of individual and group conflict as a conceptual framework for practical application. Students will engage in practice as parties to conflicts and as third-party intervenors. The course will look at the sources of conflict, including multicultural aspects, and will emphasize the opportunities for growth and development in conflictive incidents.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Peace and Conflict Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PACS 150AC Conflict Resolution: Theory and Practice 3 Units

This course explores the nature of interpersonal and group conflict, resolution, and their relationship to culture. The course examines the intersection between conflict and race and ethnicity in particular, with an emphasis on the major racial/ethnic groups in the United States. Other dimensions of diversity such as gender, class, and sexual orientation in conflict situations are also explored. The goal is to apply this understanding to resolving intercultural conflicts through mediation.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for 150AC after taking 150.

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the American Cultures requirement

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Peace and Conflict Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PACS 151 International Conflict: Analysis and Resolution 3 Units

Inspired by the changed meaning of international conflict and the expanding mission of conflict resolution in the post-cold war era, this course will study the contemporary context and issues of conflict by examining the evolution in thinking about conflict, the resolution, and their application in practice.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Peace and Conflict Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Sanders

PACS 154 Multicultural Conflict Resolution 4 Units

This course will investigate the special issues involved with facilitating resolution of cross/multicultural conflicts. Topics will include cultural contrasts (e.g., values, communication, and problem solving styles), mediator (facilitator/negotiator), credibility, cultural (including gender) contributions to conflict resolution and unique ethical dilemmas. Course includes field immersion, conflict resolution process evaluation and design, and the opportunity to participate in mediation of a cultural mediation.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 150 and 153, or consent of instructor

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for 154 after taking 154AC.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 10 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Peace and Conflict Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PACS 164A Introduction to Nonviolence 3 Units

An introduction to the science of nonviolence, mainly as seen through the life and work of Mahatma Gandhi. Historical overview of nonviolence East and the West up to the American Civil Rights movement and Martin Luther King, Jr., with emphasis on the ideal of principled nonviolence and the reality of mixed or strategic nonviolence in practice, especially as applied to problems of social justice and defense.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive .6 units for 164A after taking 164.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Peace and Conflict Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PACS 164B Nonviolence Today 3 Units

The development of nonviolence since the Civil Rights movement. Nonviolent theory and practice seen in recent insurrectionary movements (freedom struggles), social justice struggles, nonviolent intervention across borders and protection of the environment in the emerging world of global corporatism.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 164A or consent of instructor

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive 2.4 units for 164B after taking 164.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Peace and Conflict Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PACS 170 Conflict Resolution, Social Change, and the Cultures of Peace 4 Units

A comprehensive exploration of the concepts and processes of conflict resolution, using this term in the broadest sense. In particular, the course elaborates upon the relationships among conflict resolution, social change, and cultures of peace with examples drawn from the domestic and global levels.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Peace and Conflict Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PACS 190 Senior Seminar 4 Units

Students prepare a major analytical paper synthesizing what they have learned in the major and give an oral presentation on their area of concentration. Students review literature and issues of peace and conflict studies appropriate to focus of senior paper and participate in regular consultations with instructor scheduled outside of class hours in preparing paper for presentation. All students will be expected to read and critique a common core of literature as well as readings specific to their concentration.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Senior standing. Course should be taken in final year of study and is only open to PACS majors

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Peace and Conflict Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

PACS 195 Senior Thesis 3 - 4 Units

Research paper or suitable research project done under the direct supervision of a faculty sponsor. Subject must be approved by faculty sponsor no later than the preceding semester in which the course is to be taken.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Senior standing in PACS

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Peace and Conflict Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

PACS H195 Senior Honors Thesis Seminar 4 Units

Students are required to research and write a thesis based on the prospectus developed in International and Area Studies 102 or a prospectus approved by the instructor before the first class meeting. The thesis work is conducted in regular consultation with the Honors Seminar instructor and a second topic expert reader to be selected based upon the thesis topic. Weekly progress reports and written work are required.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Senior standing; 3.6 GPA in major; 3.5 GPA overall in coursework undertaken at Berkeley; International and Area Studies 102; and consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar and 1 hour of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of seminar and 2.5 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of seminar and 2 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Peace and Conflict Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

PACS 197 Field Studies 1 - 4 Units

Supervised experience relevant to specific aspects of Peace and Conflict Studies in off-campus organizations. Regular individual meetings with faculty sponsor and written reports required.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Upper division standing, consent of instructor and PACS chair

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of fieldwork per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of fieldwork per week

8 weeks - 1.5-7.5 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Peace and Conflict Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

PACS 198 Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students 1 - 3 Units
Group discussion, research, and reporting on selected topics. Student initiation in choice of subjects is solicited and welcome.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 2.0 GPA, upper division standing

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-3 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Peace and Conflict Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

PACS 199 Supervised Independent Study 1 - 4 Units

Supervised independent study or research on topics relevant to Peace and Conflict Studies that are not covered in depth by other courses. Topics to be covered are initiated by students.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Upper division standing and consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 1.5-7 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Peace and Conflict Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.