

PEACE AND JUSTICE STUDIES (PJS)

PJS 1000 Introduction to Peace and Justice Studies

[3 credit hours]

This survey course provides an overview to fundamental peace knowledge: theories of peace, ethics, violence, conflict and change in the context of historical and 21st century issues and events.

Term Offered: Spring, Fall

Core Social Sciences

PJS 2000 Nonviolence and Conflict Transformation Theory and Practice

[3 credit hours]

This course provides an overview of theories and principles of nonviolence, ethics of conflict, and conflict transformation; it engages students in the application of practical methods and skills of peacebuilding through the lenses of these theories and principles.

Core Arts & Humanities

PJS 2500 Peace Education Facilitating Learning for Change in Schools and Beyond

[3 credit hours]

The purpose of this course is to introduce the basic concepts, theories, and approaches to peace education. The course explores the theories of peace education, including pedagogical approaches to peace-learning for formal, informal, and non-formal learning settings. The course also introduces the substantive areas of peace education.

Prerequisites: PJS 1000 with a minimum grade of D- and PJS 2000 with a minimum grade of D-

Term Offered: Spring, Fall

PJS 3000 Peace Lab Issues and Practices in Peace

[3 credit hours]

Peace Lab is an experiential, issue-focused laboratory that introduces students to practical skills of research or program design for applied peacebuilding in a variety of settings. The project developed by the student is informed by and demonstrates understanding of their core peace studies knowledge. Students present their projects to the public in a scholarly fair/ conference organized by the course.

Prerequisites: PJS 1000 with a minimum grade of D- and PJS 2000 with a minimum grade of D- and PJS 2500 with a minimum grade of D-

PJS 4000 Senior Capstone Seminar

[3 credit hours]

The Capstone Seminar provides the opportunity for the student to develop a formal, independent study culminating in a written discourse that advances our understanding of peace studies or a formal, independent project applying principles of peace studies to analyze a particular problem and culminating in a written discourse. The course builds on the work projects formulated in the Peace Lab (PJS 3000).

Prerequisites: PJS 1000 with a minimum grade of D- and PJS 2000 with a minimum grade of D- and PJS 2500 with a minimum grade of D- and PJS 3000 with a minimum grade of D-