

PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES PROGRAM



Swarthmore College

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COURSES IN PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES

The following courses constitute the foundation for work in Peace and Conflict Studies. Student programs may, subject to prior approval by the Committee, also include independent study; special attachments to courses that are not listed here; and courses offered at Haverford College, Bryn Mawr College, the University of Pennsylvania and abroad. Courses may not be offered every semester.

Economics

- 012. Games and Strategies (Bayer)
- 051. The International Economy (Golub)*
- 053. International Political Economy (Golub /Hopkins)* (cross-listed with POLS 068)
(see notes on cross-listed courses: [course minor](#) , [honors minor](#))
- 081. Economic Development (O'Connell)*
- 082. Political Economy of Africa (O'Connell)
- 151. International Economics: Seminar (Golub)*

History

- 013. War and Revolution in the Modern Middle East (Jones) (Fall 2006)
- 028. Nations and Nationalism in Eastern Europe: 1848-1998 (Judson)
- 037. History and Memory: Perspectives on the Holocaust (Faber/Weinberg) (cross-listed with LITR 037G)
(see notes on cross-listed courses: [course minor](#) , [honors minor](#))
- 049. Race and Foreign Affairs (Murphy)
- 134. U.S. Political and Diplomatic History (Murphy)

Modern Languages and Literatures

- 037G. History and Memory: Perspectives on the Holocaust (Faber/Weinberg) (cross-listed with HIST 037)
(see notes on cross-listed courses: [course minor](#) , [honors minor](#))
- 061. Women's Testimonial Literature of Latin America (Camacho de Schmidt)

Peace & Conflict Studies

- 015. Introduction to Peace Studies

This course addresses not only the proliferation of coercive and violent means of conducting conflict but especially the growth of nonviolent alternatives, both institutional and grassroots, global and local. These include nonviolent collective action, diplomacy, mediation, peacekeeping, community relations work, and aid and development work. Several theoretical and philosophical lenses will be used to explore human nature, conflict in human societies, and conceptualizations of peace. The course will take an interdisciplinary approach with significant contributions from the social sciences. 1 credit. *L. Smithey*

- 041. Humanitarian Intervention: Nonviolent Options 1 credit. *G. Lakey* (Fall 2006)

Citizens of conscience as well as democratic states face dilemmas when widespread human rights abuses, ethnic cleansing, and even genocide occur in other parts of the world. Nor is it easy to know what to do when violence happens closer to home -- even in one's neighborhood, or down the hall in a dorm. Participants will learn about and assess nonviolent methods which have so far been generated for interventionary use, and the class will take a bold look at the "impossible cases," where it seems that nonviolent methods are yet to be devised, and see if creative leaps put us closer to developing plausible scenarios. In addition to reading analyses and cases, students will be invited to develop beginners' skills in these four methods for possible application in conflicts in their communities. [See a more detailed course description](#) .

NEW! : 042. Nonviolent Responses to Terrorism 1 credit. *G. Lakey* (Spring 2007)

Nonviolently confronting those who seek to prevail through intimidation and terror may seem impossible, until we analyze carefully the variety of interests underlying the choice of terrorist strategies and draw upon the rich history of nonviolent counter-terrorist tactics in many settings, including within the U.S (such as the experience of African Americans). In this course, we will deconstruct "terrorism," study the dynamics of cultural marginalization, and build on promising nonviolent cases to construct hypotheses and even venture into policy alternatives. [See a more detailed course description](#) .

056. Human Rights, Refugees, and International Law

This course will explore international human rights vis-à-vis the United Nations and related agencies (including the politics leading to their development, their mandate, and their limit.) In addition, the course will analyze major human rights treaties and the politics of their enforcement in the international arena. Finally, the course will examine causes and effects of human rights violations, resulting in refugees and their search for asylum. 1 credit. *Chang-Muy*

NEW! : 077. Peace Studies and Action

Peace Studies is an interdisciplinary project, but its basis in peace values and action distinguishes it from other academic disciplines or programs. What are the values and theory that undergird peace research and activism? How do peace studies and research translate (or not) into action? Students will examine their own intellectual interests, actions, vocational plans and the future they envision for human relations locally and globally. Guest lectures, fieldtrips, and contact with local peace organizations will provide the opportunity for students to engage activists and educators on the intersection of peace studies and action. Pre-requisite: Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies PEAC 015. 1 credit. *L. Smithey and G. Lakey*

070. Research Internship/Field Work

090. Thesis

180. Senior Honors Thesis

Political Science

004. International Politics (Hopkins)

045. Defense Policy (Kurth)

047. Global Policy and International Institutions: Hunger and Environmental Threats (Hopkins)

061. American Foreign Policy (Tierney)

066. Transitional Justice (Murphy) **NEW!**

068. International Political Economy (Hopkins/Golub)* (cross-listed with ECON 053)

(see notes on cross-listed courses: [course minor](#) , [honors minor](#))

073. Comparative Politics: Special Topics*

074. International Politics: Special Topics (Kurth)*

111. International Politics: Seminar (Hopkins)

113. International Politics Security Issues (Tierney)

Psychology

026 Prejudice and Social Relations (Browne)

035. Social Psychology * (Ward, Hoshino Browne)

047. Negotiation: Theory and Practice * (Kronzon) (Spring 2007 only)

Religion

023. Living in the Light: Quakers Past / Present * (Ross)

110. Religious Belief and Moral Action (Deutsch)

021B. The Latin American Religious Arena (Berryman; Spring 2006)

Sociology/Anthropology

003D. International Human Rights/Local Culture (Hultin) **NEW!**

010J. War, Sport, and the Construction of Masculine Identity (Mullan)

022E. Indigenous Resistance and Revolt in Latin America (Díaz-Barriga)

022G. Social Movements in Latin America (Díaz-Barriga)

025B. Transforming Intractable Conflict (Smithey)

026C. Power, Authority, and Conflict (Wagner-Pacifici)

035B. Nonviolent Social Movements (Smithey)

043D African Human Rights and Social Conflict (Hultin) **NEW!**

046B. Social Inequality (Wagner-Pacifici)

056B. Standoffs, Breakdowns, and Surrenders (Wagner-Pacifici)

* Courses marked with an asterisk (*) are eligible for a Peace and Conflict Studies minor upon special arrangement with the instructor and the program chair. Students should arrange approval before taking the course, and course

materials may be requested for confirmation after the course is completed. [Download the appropriate form here](#) .

Courses offered by semester (in reverse order)

Course offerings in future semesters are subject to change, but this list should aid students in planning their studies.

Spring Semester 2009

Fall Semester 2008

- POLS 066. Transitional Justice (Murphy)

Spring Semester 2008

- ECON 081. Economic Development*
- ECON 082. Political Economy of Africa
- ECON 151. International Economics: Seminar*
- POLS 004. International Politics
- POLS 061. American Foreign Policy
- POLS 075. Theorizing Terror*
- PSYC 035. Social Psychology*
- RELG 110. Religious Belief and Moral Action

Fall Semester 2007

- HIST 028. Nations and Nationalism in Eastern Europe, 1848 to 1998
- PEAC 015. Introduction to Peace Studies
- POLS 004. International Politics
- POLS 045. Defense Policy
- POLS 113. International Politics: Security Issues
- PSYC 035. Social Psychology*
- SOAN 022G. Social Movements in Latin America

Spring Semester 2007

- ECON 081. Economic Development*
- ECON 082. Political Economy of Africa
- HIST 037. History and Memory: Perspectives on the Holocaust
- PEAC 077 Peace Studies and Action
- PEAC 042. Nonviolent Responses to Terrorism (Lang Professor George Lakey)
- POLS 004. International Policy
- POLS 047. Global Policy and International Institutions: Hunger and Environmental Threats
- POLS 061. American Foreign Policy
- POLS 066. Transitional Justice (Murphy)
- POLS 111. International Politics: Economics and Organizational Issues
- PSYC 035. Social Psychology*
- PSYC 047. Negotiation: Theory and Practice*
- SOAN 025B. Transforming Intractable Conflict
- SOAN 046B. Social Inequality

Fall Semester 2006

- ECON 012. Games and Strategies
- ECON 081. Economic Development*
- HIST 013. War and Revolution in the Modern Middle East (Jones) (Fall 2006)
- LITR 061. Women's Testimonial Literature of Latin America (Camacho de Schmidt)
- PEAC 015. Introduction to Peace Studies
- PEAC 041. Humanitarian Intervention: Nonviolent Options (Lang Professor George Lakey)
- POLS 004. International Politics
- POLS 045. Defense Policy
- POLS 073. Comparative Politics: Special Topics*
- POLS 113. International Politics: Security Issues
- PSYC 026. Prejudice and Intergroup
- PSYC 035. Social Psychology*
- RELG 023. Living in the Light: Quakers Past and Present*
- SOAN 022G. Social Movements in Latin America
- SOAN 035B. Nonviolent Social Movements

- SOAN 043D Afr, Human Rights, Soc Conflict (Hultin)

Spring 2006

- ECON 053. International Political Economy
- ECON 081. Economic Development*
- ECON 151. International Economics*
- POLS 004. International Politics
- POLS 061. American Foreign Policy
- POLS 068. International Political Economy*
- POLS 111. International Politics
- POLS 113. International Politics Security Issues
- PSYC 035. Social Psychology * (Ward, Browne)
- RELG 021B. The Latin American Religious Arena (Berryman; Spring 2006)
- RELG 110. Religious Belief and Moral Action
- SOAN 025B. Transforming Intractable Conflict
- SOAN 056B. Standoffs, Breakdowns, and Surrenders

Fall 2005

- ECON 012. Games and Strategies
- PEAC 015. Introduction to Peace Studies
- PEAC 070. Research Internship/Field Work
- PEAC 090. Thesis
- POLS 004. International Politics
- POLS 045. Defense Policy
- POLS 047. Int'l Policy: Hunger and Environmental Threats
- POLS 073 Comparative Politics: Special Topics*
- PSYC 026 Prejudice and Social Relations
- RELG 023. Quakers Past/Present*
- SOAN 022G. Social Movements in Latin America
- SOAN 035B. Non-Violent Social Movements

Spring 2005

- ECON 053. International Political Economy*
- ECON 151. International Economics*
- PEAC 070. Research Internship/Field Work
- PEAC 077. Peace Studies and Action
- PEAC 090. Thesis
- POLS 004. International Politics
- POLS 068. International Political Economy*
- POLS 073. Contemporary Politics of the Middle East *
- POLS 075. Theorizing Terror *
- POLS 111. International Politics
- SOAN 025B. Transforming Intractable Conflict
- SOAN 046B. Social Inequality

Fall 2004

- ECON 012. Games and Strategies
- ECON 082. Political Economy of Africa
- HIST 028. Nations and Nationalism in Eastern Europe, 1848-1998
- PEAC 015. Introduction to Peace Studies
- PEAC 070. Research Internship/Field Work
- PEAC 077. Peace Scholarship and Action
- PEAC 090. Thesis
- POLS 004. International Politics
- POLS 045. Defense Policy
- POLS 047. Global Policy and International Institutions
- RELG 023. Quakers Past / Present *
- SOAN 026C. Power, Authority and Conflict
- SOAN 035B Nonviolent Social Movements
- 070. Research Internship/Field Work
- 090. Thesis

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