

PEACE, CONFLICT AND SECURITY STUDIES

Peace, conflict and security studies (PACS) is an interdisciplinary field focused on advancing our understanding of conflict dynamics and improving our ability to wisely, equitably and efficiently handle conflict.

The program empowers students by teaching sophisticated advocacy, collaboration and peace-building skills that are essential to solving today's big problems.

PACS offers an individually tailored program of study that provides students with:

- the ability to more constructively handle conflict in family, workplace and community settings;
- a foundation for peace-and conflict-related careers; and
- a better understanding of public policy controversies.

Course code for this program is PACS.

Certificate

- Peace, Conflict and Security - Certificate (catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/programs-study/peace-conflict-studies/peace-conflict-security-certificate)

Faculty

While many faculty teach both undergraduate and graduate students, some instruct students at the undergraduate level only. For more information, contact the faculty member's home department.

Castel, Alison Rebecca (https://experts.colorado.edu/display/fisid_158167)

Instructor; MS, University of Pennsylvania

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Faculty Director; PhD, University of Utah

Courses

PACS 2500 (3) Introduction to Peace, Conflict and Security Studies

Introduces the related fields of peace, conflict and security studies. Examines causes and dynamics of conflict and violence (interpersonal to global). Examines theory and research concerning peace movements, conflict resolution and security institutions. Explores career options in related fields.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-Global Perspective
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

PACS 3700 (3) Communication and Conflict Management

Examines interdisciplinary concepts and theories enabling students to better understand different types of conflict, sources of conflict, and communication patterns that serve to create, maintain and transform conflict. Teaches practical skills in conflict management areas such as bargaining, facilitation, mediation and negotiation.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: COMM 3700

Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

PACS 3800 (3) Security Studies

Provides an introduction to the academic field of "Security Studies".

Focuses on motives, institutions and processes associated with societal defense against threats posed to cherished possessions and the pursuit of stable, autonomous and prosperous existence. Reviews related theoretical traditions associated with militarism, war and conflict. Covers key concerns of (in-)security in post 9/11 global society, including surveillance, terrorism, genocide and insurgency.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: PSCI 3123

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours.

Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

PACS 4500 (3) Senior Seminar in Peace, Conflict and Security Studies

Uses theoretical perspectives in peace, conflict and security studies to conduct in-depth research projects, using a case-study approach. Emphasizes use the critical thinking skills in writing, presentations and class discussion. Case study examples include: U.S. militarism, humanitarian intervention in genocide and environmental conflict resolution.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours.

Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of PACS 2500 (minimum grade C-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Junior or Senior).

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences