

# Peace and Justice Studies

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Peace and Justice Studies is the academic program that embraces Manhattan College's Lasallian commitment to advancing social justice. One of the oldest programs of its kind in the United States, the Peace and Justice Studies program is interdisciplinary in nature, drawing on the strength of faculty in areas such as Communications, Economics, English, Environmental Science, History, Management, Modern Languages, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, and Religious Studies. The program's fundamental goal is to understand and evaluate structural injustice, the aspects of human nature that lead to violence and war, and the work of social movements that seek to realize peace, nonviolence, and social justice.

Manhattan College offers Peace and Justice Studies as a major or minor field of study leading to the B.A. degree. It is encouraged that students interested in a major in Peace and Justice Studies pair it with a major in another academic discipline.

Peace and Justice Studies is housed in the School of Liberal Arts, but is also available as a major or minor for students in the Schools of Science and Engineering, and is possible as a minor for students in the School of Business.

## **Goals of the Peace and Justice Studies Major**

*A Major in Peace and Justice Studies will be able to:*

- Identify current issues of conflict and injustice.
  - Fulfilled by *Conflicts and Injustices and Internship* course requirement
- Describe normative models about peace, nonviolence, and social justice.
  - Fulfilled by *Introduction to Peace and Justice Studies* course requirement and *Concepts in Peace and Justice Studies* course requirement (2 courses in 2 different departments)
- Explain how both the psychological make-up of humans and social structures promote conflict and injustice and/or promote positive peace and social justice.
  - Fulfilled by *Concepts in Peace and Justice Studies* course requirement (2 courses in 2 different departments)
- Synthesize knowledge across academic disciplines concerning the psychological and structural dimensions that promote conflict and injustice with the goal of creating blueprints to achieve negative and positive peace
  - Fulfilled by *Methods* course requirement and by *Capstone* course requirement
- Apply specific skills that will enable them to understand and critique problems of conflict and injustice, as well as contemplate solutions to these problems. These skills may include a knowledge of quantitative and qualitative data analysis, so that one can both identify and separate accurate evidence from misinformation or poorly gathered data, and also generate accurate evidence, or conflict resolution skills that can be employed in their own lives.

- Fulfilled by *Methods* course requirement, by *Capstone* course requirement and by *Peacebuilding Skills* requirement

## Requirements for Majors

Majors must take 30 credits, including the following:

### A. Introductory Course 3

PEAC 201	Introduction to Peace and Justice Studies
RELS 255	Introduction to Peace and Justice Studies
POSC 207	Introduction to Peace Studies

### B. One of the following Methods courses 3

HIST 300	Historical Methods
POSC 210	Research Methods in Political Science
PSYC 314	Statistics and Research Methods II <sup>+</sup>
SOC 307	Research Methods

### C. One of the following Capstone courses 3

HIST 490	Senior Seminar
PEAC 401	Senior Seminar in Peace and Justice Studies
POSC 405	Special Topics: Senior Seminar: United States Government and Politics
POSC 412	Senior Seminar: Women in Politics
PSYC 414	Senior Capstone: Advanced Research Methods
POSC 420	Senior Seminar: Conflict Resolution
POSC 426	Senior Seminar: The Politics of Race, Ethnicity, and Class in the United States
POSC 440	Seminar: European Politics
POSC 450	Senior Seminar: Politics of International Economics
POSC 452	Special Topics Senior Seminar: Comparative Politics
POSC 455	Seminar: Diplomacy
POSC 473	Senior Seminar: Contemporary Western Political Thought
POSC 480	Special Topics Senior Seminar: Political Theory
SOC 416	Seminar in Sociology

Another capstone course approved by the Program Director of Peace and Justice Studies

### D. Two of the following Concepts in Peace and Justice Studies courses: <sup>\*</sup> 6

COMM 371	Intercultural Communication
CRES 150	Introduction to Critical Race & Ethnicity Studies
ENGL 347	Literature and War
ENGL 348	Postcolonial Literature
PHIL 238	Philosophies of War and Peace
PHIL 325	Marx and Marxism
POSC 324	Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties
POSC 354	Human Rights

POSC 351	International Relations
POSC 352	International Organizations
PSYC 321	Social Psychology
PSYC 330	Special Topic: in Psychology (Peace Psychology)
PSYC 348	Cultural Psychology
RELS 204	Religion and Social Justice
RELS 238	Theologies Of Liberation
RELS 254	Catholic Social Teaching
RELS 381	Religious Dimensions of Peace
RELS 333	Non-Violent Revolution
SOC 302	Race And Resistance
SOC 304	Social Inequalities
SOC 319	Practicing Empowerment
SOC 327	Power and Conflict
<b>E. One of the following Conflicts and Injustices courses:</b>	
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HIST 231	Introduction to African American History
HIST 306	History of the Modern Middle East
HIST 307	Genocide and Racism
HIST 314	Modern Africa
HIST 328	Cold War Diplomacy in Asia
HIST 334	Diplomatic History of the Vietnam Wars
HIST 357	Nazi Germany and the Holocaust
HIST 362	US Foreign Relations, 1900 to the Present
HIST 366	US Labor Patterns and Movement
HIST 383	Civil War and Reconstruction
HIST 390	Terror and Terrorism
HIST 391	Decolonization: The End of Empires
HIST 392	History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
LABR 201	Labor Studies Colloquium
POSC 251/ INTL 201	Global Issues
POSC 331	Government and Politics of Russia and Selected Soviet Successor States
POSC 332	Government and Politics of Central and Eastern Europe
POSC 340	Government and Politics of Asia
POSC 343	Government and Politics of the Middle East
POSC 344	Government and Politics of the Caribbean
POSC 345	Government and Politics of Latin America
POSC 346	Government and Politics of Africa
POSC 348	Government and Politics of the European Union
POSC 357	United States Foreign Policy

RELS 342	Islam and Politics
RELS 399	Criminal Justice Ethics
SOC 212	Migration, Globalization, and Culture
SOC 220	Social Problems
SOC 262	Contemporary Latin American Development
SOC 273	Mass Incarceration and Collateral Consequences
SOC 328	Societies and Cultures of Latin America
SOC 329	Political Economy of Global Migration
SOC 332	Labor Studies Colloquium
SOC 369	Current Issues in Criminal Justice

**F. One of the following Peacebuilding Skills courses 3**

COMM 217	Introduction to Public Relations
COMM 307	Writing for Public Relations
MGMT 201	Introduction to Management
MGMT 450	Negotiation & Conflict Mgmt **
POSC 318	Community Organizing for Social Change
SOC 318	Community Organizing for Social Change

A Language course in addition to the two language courses required by the Liberal Arts core.

Another course approved by the Program Director of Peace and Justice Studies

**G. One field work, internship or community engaged learning 3**

PEAC 451	Peace and Justice Field Project
PEAC 453	Community Engaged Learning
PEAC 475	Internship
RELS 205	Urban America and Catholic Social Teaching

**H. Two Electives 6**

See list below.

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**Total Credits 30**

- + PSYC 214: Statistics and Research Methods is a prerequisite for this course. Majors can use one of their electives to take this course prior to enrolling in PSYC 314.
- \* Courses should be selected from different departments.
- \*\* Requires prerequisites

Students may choose to write a senior thesis, for which they should register for PEAC 421 Independent Study or PEAC 422 Independent Studies: Peace and Justice.

A minimum grade of C is required for credit toward the major.

## Requirements for Minor

Minors must take 15 credits, including the following:

**A. Introductory Course 3**

PEAC 201	Introduction to Peace and Justice Studies
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POSC 207 Introduction to Peace Studies

RELS 255 Introduction to Peace and Justice Studies

**B. 12 additional credits chosen from the list of courses above in consultation with the Program Director. No more than 6 of these 12 credits can come from the same department** 12

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**Total Credits** 15

A minimum grade of C is required for credit toward the minor.

## Elective Courses for Peace and Justice Studies Majors and Minors

BIOL 223	Ecology	4
COMM 217	Introduction to Public Relations	3
COMM 307	Writing for Public Relations	3
COMM 340	Media Criticism	3
COMM 371	Intercultural Communication	3
CRES 150	Introduction to Critical Race & Ethnicity Studies	3
ECON 334	International Economics	3
ECON 412	Economic Growth and Development	3
ENGL 265	Global Literature in English	3
ENGL 279	Literature and the Environment	3
ENGL 345	Environmental Literature and Ecocriticism	3
ENGL 347	Literature and War	3
ENGL 348	Postcolonial Literature	3
ENGL 380	Growing Up Ethnic: The Ethnic-American Bildungsroman	3
HIST 231	Introduction to African American History	3
HIST 306	History of the Modern Middle East	3
HIST 307	Genocide and Racism	3
HIST 313	Vietnam to the Philippines	3
HIST 314	Modern Africa	3
HIST 319	The Crusades	3
HIST 326	Diplomatic History of Europe 1815-1914	3
HIST 328	Cold War Diplomacy in Asia	3
HIST 334	Diplomatic History of the Vietnam Wars	3
HIST 347	The Sixties	3
HIST 351	Age of the French Revolution	3
HIST 354	History of the Soviet Union	3
HIST 355	East Europe in Modern Times	3
HIST 357	Nazi Germany and the Holocaust	3
HIST 358	The Industrial Revolution	3
HIST 362	US Foreign Relations, 1900 to the Present	3
HIST 366	US Labor Patterns and Movement	3

HIST 383	Civil War and Reconstruction	3
HIST 389	Gender and Sexuality in the Modern Middle East	3
HIST 390	Terror and Terrorism	3
HIST 391	Decolonization: The End of Empires	3
HIST 392	History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict	3
HIST 393	Global Feminisms	3
MGMT 201	Introduction to Management	3
MGMT 309	Management of International Business	3
MGMT 450	Negotiation & Conflict Mgmt	3
PEAC 302	Special Topic	3
PEAC 421	Independent Study	3
PEAC 451	Peace and Justice Field Project	3
PEAC 452	Peace and Justice Field Project	3
PEAC 453	Community Engaged Learning	3
PEAC 475	Internship	3
PHIL 201	Ethics	3
PHIL 238	Philosophies of War and Peace	3
PHIL 325	Marx and Marxism	3
POSC 209	Comparative Politics	3
POSC 222	Power in the City	3
POSC 223	Environmental Politics	3
POSC 251	Global Issues	3
POSC 254	Global Cities	3
POSC 318	Community Organizing for Social Change	3
POSC 324	Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties	3
POSC 331	Government and Politics of Russia and Selected Soviet Successor States	3
POSC 332	Government and Politics of Central and Eastern Europe	3
POSC 340	Government and Politics of Asia	3
POSC 343	Government and Politics of the Middle East	3
POSC 344	Government and Politics of the Caribbean	3
POSC 345	Government and Politics of Latin America	3
POSC 346	Government and Politics of Africa	3
POSC 348	Government and Politics of the European Union	3
POSC 351	International Relations	3
POSC 352	International Organizations	3
POSC 354	Human Rights	3
POSC 357	United States Foreign Policy	3
POSC 367	Model United Nations	3
POSC 368	Model United Nations II	3
POSC 491	SUNY Washington Internship Program	15

POSC 493	SUNY Summer Washington Internship Program	6
POSC 494	American University Seminar Program	15
PSYC 321	Social Psychology	3
PSYC 330	Special Topic: in Psychology (Peace Psychology)	3
PSYC 348	Cultural Psychology	3
RELS 204	Religion and Social Justice	3
RELS 205	Urban America and Catholic Social Teaching	3
RELS 238	Theologies Of Liberation	3
RELS 254	Catholic Social Teaching	3
RELS 310	Religion & The Holocaust	3
RELS 320	Race, Religion & Resistance	3
RELS 333	Non-Violent Revolution	3
RELS 342	Islam and Politics	3
RELS 362	Ethics in the Workplace	3
RELS 377	Religion and Environmentalism	3
RELS 381	Religious Dimensions of Peace	3
RELS 399	Criminal Justice Ethics	3
SOC 212	Migration, Globalization, and Culture	3
SOC 220	Social Problems	3
SOC 225	Telling Stories with Maps	3
SOC 250	Introduction to GIS	3
SOC 262	Contemporary Latin American Development	3
SOC 273	Mass Incarceration and Collateral Consequences	3
SOC 275	Police & Society	3
SOC 290	Codes of Gender	3
SOC 294	Gender, Crime & Justice	3
SOC 295	Capitalism	3
SOC 296	Introduction to Human Geography	3
SOC 302	Race And Resistance	3
SOC 304	Social Inequalities	3
SOC 317	Anthropology of Drugs	3
SOC 318	Community Organizing for Social Change	3
SOC 319	Practicing Empowerment	3
SOC 324	Sociological Theories	3
SOC 329	Political Economy of Global Migration	3
SOC 332	Labor Studies Colloquium	3
SOC 333	US Labor Patterns and Movements	3
SOC 334	Sustainable Development	3
SOC 364	Law and Society	3
SOC 361	Criminal Justice Administration	3

SOC 327	Power and Conflict	3
SOC 328	Societies and Cultures of Latin America	3