# Peace and Conflict Studies, Minor

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

## Program Description

This minor may be pursued by students in any major. It is designed to help students take a coherent set of courses organized around the study of the sources of international conflict, peace movements, and peace building. The minor requires 18 credits, of which at least nine must be upper division, including six credits at the 400 level. Students will be required to take two prescribed courses, one introductory and one capstone. They also will take three credits of additional courses with an international focus and nine credits from a list of supporting courses, which includes the study of conflict in race relations, family, community, and the development of personal peace as a precursor to peace building. The full requirements with the lists of additional and supporting courses are available in the Peace and Conflict Studies program office. Substitutions for requirements require the permission of the Peace and Conflict Studies minor adviser at Penn State Brandywine.

See this minor list for Brandywine at [http://ww.brandywine.psu.edu/Academics](http://ww.brandywine.psu.edu/Academics) for additional information.

## What is Peace and Conflict Studies?

Conflicts can range from interpersonal to a global level. Peace and Conflict Studies is an interdisciplinary program designed to give students in any program of study the skills and knowledge to understand and resolve conflicts peacefully. It may include the study of philosophy, political science, geography, economics, psychology, sociology, international relations, history, anthropology, religious studies, and gender studies, as well as a variety of others.

### You Might Like This Program If...

- You enjoy studying and thinking about human behavior.
- You are interested in history and especially periods of conflict.
- You are a problem solver.
- You enjoy reading about issues from different perspectives.
- You want to add a unique skill set to your program of study.

## Program Requirements

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## Requirements for the Minor

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the minor, as specified by Senate Policy 59-10 ([http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/59-00-minors-and-certificates/#59-10](http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/59-00-minors-and-certificates/#59-10)).

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<td>PLSC 91</td>
<td>Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies</td>
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## Additional Courses

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<td>INTU 200</td>
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<td>or PLSC 14</td>
<td>International Relations</td>
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## Supporting Courses and Related Areas

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## Academic Advising

The objectives of the university’s academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in- and out-of-class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee’s unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information need to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY ([http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy](http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy))

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## Career Paths

Through peace studies you can learn strategies to build trust and peacefully resolve conflict. These skills may be applied to all settings including families, organizations, communities and nations.

### Careers

You might apply peace and conflict management skills if your goal includes a career in human service agencies, corporate negotiation, government, public relations, non-profit management or education.

### Opportunities for Graduate Studies

You might find these skills helpful in graduate study in many areas, in addition to research or law school.

## Contact

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