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://www.brandywine.psu.edu/ Academics (http://www.brandywine.psu.edu/Academics/) for additional information.

What is Peace and Conflict Studies?

Peace and Conflict Studies examines how human beings get into and out of violent conflicts. The field sizes up the costs of war, examines the processes and challenges of peace, reflects on the characteristics of human conflicts at all levels. The field is interdisciplinary, drawing together elements of political science, international studies, cultural anthropology, psychology, sociology, economics, military history, war game theory, and studies of literature and expressive culture. Topics include diplomacy, nonviolence, failed states, ethnic struggle, gender mainstreaming, economics of war and peace, and cyber warfare.

You Might Like This Program If...

You want to add a background in international conflict, conflict escalation, peace movements, and peace-building to your four-year degrees. The program is a perfect match for students who plan to work in government, technology, international studies, cybersecurity, and other related fields.