



Peace & Conflict Resolution in Undergraduate IS

In collaboration with the Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) program, the Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution offers a flexible, student-designed B.A. in Peace and Conflict Resolution (36 credit hours). The program's core includes three courses that give students basic skills and knowledge of conflict resolution as well as the opportunity to practice. Students are then free to design an academic program that aligns with their interests, needs, and goals. Students work closely with faculty advisors from the Institute and IS to develop a coherent, multidisciplinary course of study. Students have the flexibility to concentrate on a specific area of interest or to take a broader approach to peace and conflict studies.

Qualifications for a B.A. Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies

- Enrollment in the College of Arts & Sciences.
- Proposal of course study submitted.
- Minimum GPR (Grade Point Ratio) of 2.0 or higher if you are including courses from other programs with higher admission demands.
- Upon acceptance of your Peace and Conflict Resolution proposal, a minimum of 21 credits must be completed under this program *at the start of the subsequent semester*.
- Required 2.5 GPA in your major.
- No grade below a C.

The Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution

We are a multi-disciplinary community of scholars, students, and practitioners who through academic programs and outreach promote cross-cultural understanding and collaborative problem-solving. Residing within the Public Policy Center (PPC), the Institute emphasizes critical thinking and collaboration to groom future leaders to address contemporary and complex issues in Hawaii, the Asia-Pacific region, and the world.

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B.A. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 36 Credit Hours

IS majors must meet University core requirements.

Core Courses — 9 credits required

PACE 310	Survey of Peace and Conflict Studies
PACE 495	Practicum and Internship (or faculty approved substitute)

Select one of the following core skills courses:

PACE 447	Mediation Skills—UH Basic; or
PACE 429	Negotiation

Elective Courses — 27 credits required

Selected in consultation with the student's Interdisciplinary Studies and Peace and Conflict Resolution advisors.

ANTH 423	Social and Cultural Change
BIOL 310	Environmental Issues
COM 340	Intercultural Communication
COMG 455	Conflict Management
ECON 414	Global Economic Crisis & Recovery
FAMR 350	Leadership and Group Processes
GEOG 435	Political Geography of Oceans
PACE 315	Personal Peace: Stories of Hope
PACE 345/ANTH 345	Aggression, War, and Peace
PACE 373/POLS 396	Nonviolent Political Alternatives
PACE 399	Directed Reading
PACE 407/ASAN 407	Peace Processes in Philippines and Hawaii
PACE 410	History of Peace Movements
PACE 412	Gandhi, King and Nonviolence
PACE 413	Terrorism
PACE 420	Intro to Human Rights: International and Comparative Perspectives
PACE 430	Leadership for Social Change
PACE 436/GEOG 436	Geography of Peace and War
PACE 450	Protests Under Occupation
PACE 460	Indigenous Nonviolent Action in the Asia-Pacific
PACE 468	Introduction to Facilitating Organizational Change
PACE 470	Advocating for Children: Rights & Welfare
PACE 477	Culture and Conflict Resolution
PACE 478	International Law and Disputes
PACE 480	Managing Human Conflict
PACE 485	Topics in Peace and Conflict Resolution
PACE 489	Hiroshima & Peace (Summer Only)
POLS 319	International Organization
POLS 323*	Model UN (*1-credit course)
POLS 375	Constitutional Law I: Institutional Power
POLS 394	Democracy in Organizations
SOC 433	Analysis in Law and Social Change
WS 304	Women, War and the Military
WS 446/SOC 446	Gender & Violence

Only 9 credit hours from any combination of PACE 399 and PACE 495 courses may be applied toward the major.

Obtaining a Degree in Peace and Conflict Resolution through Interdisciplinary Studies

For more information, contact the Interdisciplinary Studies Program at ISP@hawaii.edu.

