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/POLS 396 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

Step 1: Attend Orientation with Interdisciplinary Studies, Hawai‘i Hall 110

Step 2: See an Interdisciplinary Studies Advisor to work on your proposal

Step 3: Complete a Credit Check with an Interdisciplinary Studies Advisor

Step 4: Consult with a Peace Institute faculty advisor who specializes in your intended area of study

Step 5: Revise Proposal

Step 6: Complete final draft of proposal and submit to Interdisciplinary Studies advisor

Step 7: Proposal reviewed by a second Interdisciplinary Studies advisor

Step 8: Proposal internally reviewed by Interdisciplinary Studies staff

- Proposal is accepted
- Proposal is accepted with revision
- Proposal is rejected
- Return to Step 5

Revise proposal

Step 9: Proposal is reviewed by the Dean of Arts and Sciences

- Proposal is approved
- Proposal is rejected
- Return to Step 5

Congratulations!

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