The Peace Studies minor provides students with the opportunity to complement their major course of study with the systematic study of the causes of conflict and the fundamental conditions for creating a more peaceful and just world today. The minor is interdisciplinary in nature and allows the student to design his or her program of study that focuses on particular issues relating to world peace.

Students who choose to minor in Peace Studies design their programs of study in consultation with a rotating committee of PEAC advisers. The program is administered by the PEAC Committee which must approve all programs of study.

A student’s course of study must have a clearly stated focus and the courses selected must be justified in terms of that focus. Examples: procedures for international conflict management; alternative views on the causes of war and conditions of peace; the role of science and technology in war and peace; the history of peace movements; military history; the variety of potential world order systems; regional conflicts and their management; international law and organization; nuclear weapons and world security; international conflict and human rights; causes and resolutions of human conflict; relationships between inner and outer peace; international environmental policy; economic causes for conflict; international economic development; etc.

The minor consists of 16 semester hours, of which only 7 are required Peace Studies courses. Many courses within existing university curricula are potentially relevant to the minor, and it is the responsibility of the student to design a program (in consultation with a PEAC faculty member) based on his or her own interests and field of specialization prior to submission the PEAC Committee for final approval. Seven hours of the minor must be devoted to the three required courses and the other nine credit hours drawn from existing university courses.

The first required course is PEAC 200 Introduction to Peace Studies and is open to all students regardless of whether they intend to minor in Peace Studies. PEAC 200 can be used to satisfy the Core Curriculum College Core B Humanities/VPA/FL requirement. PEAC 200 can also be used by students pursuing Interdisciplinary Studies / elementary education or middle education to meet 3 hours of the social science concentration requirement.

**Minor Requirements:**
The minor consists of 16 semester hours. Many courses within existing university departmental curricula are potentially relevant to the minor, and it is the responsibility of the student to design a program (in consultation with PEAC faculty) based on his or her own interests and field of specialization prior to submission of the program to the PEAC Committee for approval. Seven hours of the minor must be devoted to three required courses:

PEAC 200, Intro to Peace Studies  ____ (3 SH)
PEAC 300, Special Topics (3 SH) - OR-
PEAC 498, Independent Study (1-6 SH) (this can be a study abroad experience)

PEAC 499, Senior Portfolio (1 SH)
Students will prepare (under the direction of a Peace Studies faculty mentor) a Senior Portfolio of work produced in courses taken for the minor, show how they are all thematically connected, and prepare a public presentation of these examples of work.

Choose nine credit hours of coursework made up of courses from other University departments which support the chosen concentration:

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