Peace and Reconciliation Studies
An academic minor

Division of Lifelong Learning

Program Description
Peace and Reconciliation Studies is defined as the interdisciplinary examination of the conditions that make for peace, with a special emphasis on reconciliation — forgiveness — as a vital factor in the realization of peace. It investigates the obstacles to the realization of these conditions, drawing on theories and methods from diverse disciplines to focus on what makes for the development of a just and peaceful world order. Peace and Reconciliation Studies relates scholarship to praxis and challenges those who engage in it to develop new ways of thinking and acting in the world.

The University of Maine Peace and Reconciliation Studies Program focuses on education for peace, justice, human rights, nonviolence, tolerance, global understanding, interdependence and mutuality, and environmental responsibility. Through its academic studies and various educational, research and outreach programs, Peace and Reconciliation Studies infuses concerns for peace and the practice of transformative conflict resolution into the UMaine campus and community.

Specialized Information
Peace and Reconciliation Studies also offers a 40-hour, 3-credit introductory mediation course. Students successfully completing this course are encouraged to participate in the Conflict Management Program, coordinated by students and staff through the Peace and Reconciliation Studies Program.

For students wishing to deepen their understanding and practice of mediation, an advanced mediation course is available, as is Special Projects in Peace and Reconciliation Studies, which offers advanced individual study and research.

About UMaine
The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state's premier public university. It is among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast and attracts students from across the U.S. and more than 60 countries. It currently enrolls 12,000 total undergraduate and graduate students who can directly participate in groundbreaking research working with world-class scholars. Students are offered 88 bachelor's degree programs, 64 master's degree programs, 25 doctoral programs and one of the oldest and most prestigious honors programs in the U.S. The university promotes environmental stewardship on its campus, with substantial efforts aimed at conserving energy, recycling and adhering to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, go online (umaine.edu). Equal opportunity information also is available online (umaine.edu/eo).

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