

Peace and Reconciliation Studies

An academic minor

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Admission Requirements

Admission requirements are the same as for the college a student is entering. Peace and Reconciliation Studies requires a minimum of 18 credit hours of study: 12 credits of required PAX courses and 6 credits of electives.

Representative Courses

- PAX 250 Peace and Pop! Culture
- PAX 260 Peace Patriots
- PAX 350 Buddhism, Peace and Contemplative Traditions
- PAX 351 This Sacred Earth: Ecology and Spirituality
- PAX 360 Conflict Resolution
- PAX 370 Building Sustainable Communities
- PAX 398 Topics in Peace and Reconciliation Studies
- PAX 400 Martin Luther King Jr. and the Beloved Community
- PAX 401 Women Activists: Warriors for Peace and Justice
- PAX 410 Theories in Peace and Reconciliation Studies
- PAX 451 Mediation: Its Premises, Practices and Policies
- PAX 452 Advanced Study in Transformative Mediation
- PAX 491 Forgiveness: Creating a Culture of Peace and Reconciliation
- PAX 495 Advanced Topics in Peace and Reconciliation Studies
- PAX 498 Special Projects in Peace and Reconciliation Studies
- PAX 598 Independent Graduate Study

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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