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Requirements

The Peace & Reconciliation Studies Interdisciplinary Curriculum requires a minimum of 18 credit hours of study: 12 credits of required PAX courses and 6 credits of electives. Required courses include PAX 201, Introduction to Peace & Reconciliation Studies, PAX 410, Theories in Peace & Reconciliation Studies, and two other PAX courses chosen from all PAX offerings each semester.

There are no admissions requirements beyond those of the college a student is entering. Students who wish to enroll in the Peace & Reconciliation Studies Interdisciplinary Curriculum should contact the Coordinator at the Peace & Reconciliation Studies office, 209 East Annex, 207-581-2609, for further information or assistance. Enrollment is open to all undergraduate students at the University of Maine.

Division of Lifelong Learning

Program Description

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

Curriculum

18 Minimum total credit hours required for the interdisciplinary curriculum.

Required Courses (12 credits)

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| PAX 201 | Introduction to Peace & Reconciliation Studies |
| PAX 410 | Theories in Peace & Reconciliation Studies |
| | 2 other PAX courses from the following list: |
| | PAX 250 Peace and Pop Culture |
| | 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 & Reconciliation Studies (varies each semester) |
| | PAX 400 Martin Luther King Jr. & the Beloved Community |
| | PAX 401 Women Activists: Warriors for Peace & Justice |
| | PAX 451 Mediation: Its Premises, Practices and Policies |
| | PAX 452 Advanced Study in Transformative Mediation |
| | PAX 491 Forgiveness: Creating a Culture of Peace & Reconciliation |
| | PAX 495 Advanced Topics in Peace & Reconciliation Studies (varies each semester) |
| | PAX 498 Special Projects in Peace & Reconciliation Studies (independent study) |
| | PAX 598 Independent Graduate Study |

Elective Courses (6 credits)

In conversation with a Peace & Reconciliation Studies advisor, select two additional university courses.

Specialized Information

The following PAX courses satisfy certain general education requirements:

- PAX 201: Social Contexts & Institutions and Cultural Diversity & Intern. Perspectives
- PAX 350: Cultural Diversity & International Perspectives
- PAX 351: Ethics
- PAX 360: Social Contexts & Institutions
- PAX 370: Cultural Diversity & International Perspectives
- PAX 400: Social Contexts & Inst. and Cult. Diversity & Intern. Persp: Martin Luther King Jr. & the Beloved Community
- PAX 401: Social Contexts & Inst. and Cult. Diversity & Intern. Persp: Women Activists: Warriors for Peace & Justice
- PAX 491: Cultural Diversity & International Perspectives and Ethics.

Specialized Information (continued)

Peace & Reconciliation Studies offers a 40-hour, 3-credit introductory mediation course (PAX 451—Mediation: Its Premises, Practices and Policies). Students successfully completing this course are encouraged to participate in the Conflict Management Program (CMUM), which is coordinated by students and staff through the Peace & Reconciliation Studies Program.

Call 207-581-2639 for more information on CMUM. For students wishing to deepen their understanding and practice of mediation, Peace & Reconciliation Studies offers an advanced mediation course, PAX 452. Also available is Special Projects in Peace & Reconciliation Studies (PAX 498), which offers advanced individual study, research, and projects in Peace & Reconciliation Studies and related areas. This course is conducted under the guidance of a faculty member associated with the Peace & Reconciliation Studies Program, with the approval of the Peace & Reconciliation Studies director.

Certificate in Peace & Reconciliation Studies

Peace & 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 also 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 & Reconciliation Studies relates scholarship to praxis and challenges those who engage in it to develop new ways of thinking and acting in the world.

Curriculum

Peace & Reconciliation Studies offers an 18-credit online interdisciplinary curriculum with the following requirements. Any course with a PAX designator that is offered at any UMS site, is also part of the Peace & Reconciliation Studies Curriculum. If there is a course outside of Peace & Reconciliation Studies that you feel has value and relevance to the concentration, and you wish to take it as part of the program, please contact the academic director, Tina Passman (tina.passman@umit.maine.edu).

Required Courses: (6 credits)

PAX 201: Introduction to Peace & Reconciliation Studies (available live at UMaine, online, and live at the Hutchinson Center)

PAX 410: Theories in Peace & Reconciliation Studies (soon to be PAX 410: Theories in Peace & Reconciliation Studies)

4 other PAX courses from the following list:

PAX 250: Peace and Pop Culture

PAX 350: Buddhism, Peace & Contemplative Traditions

PAX 351: This Sacred Earth: Ecology and Spirituality

PAX 360: Conflict Resolution

PAX 370: Building Sustainable Communities (live course, check for availability and location)

PAX 398: Topics in Peace & Reconciliation Studies (varies each semester)

PAX 451: Mediation: Premises, Practices & Policy (live course, check for availability and location)

PAX 452: Advanced Study in Transformative Mediation (live course, check for availability and location)

PAX 491: Forgiveness: Peace & Reconciliation

PAX 495: Advanced Topics in Peace & Reconciliation Studies (varies each semester)

PAX 498: Special Projects in Peace & Reconciliation Studies (independent study; available upon request and consultation with the director)

Please note that new courses are in development both on site and through distance technology; online courses in related areas are offered each semester and during the summer; a travel-study course in Peace & Reconciliation Studies is often offered over Spring Break. This is a dynamic, engaged faculty, and we welcome your interest in the program!

Graduate Study

The graduate track in Peace & Reconciliation Studies focuses on education for peace, justice, human rights, nonviolence, tolerance, global understanding, interdependence and mutuality, and environmental responsibility. As a dramatically emerging field, Peace & Reconciliation Studies encompasses nine courses in an integrated curriculum that allows teachers and other learners to take graduate-level classes in the interdisciplinary Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program.

Academic Programs 2008-2009

Please refer to the web site (<http://factsheets.umaine.edu/>) for the most updated version of the fact sheets.

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