

PEACE AND JUSTICE STUDIES

The Peace and Justice Studies program is an expression of the Jesuit educational commitment, which is fundamentally identified with the promotion of the values of peace and justice. The program is based on the principle that true peace is not only the absence of hostilities, but also requires the establishment of a just social order providing a decent and dignified life for all. The program gives focus and substance to concerns about troubling social and political issues while providing the academic and real-world skills to address them.

Accordingly, the minor provides students with an opportunity to study systematically a variety of issues in world peace and social justice, including how religions and philosophical traditions approach these values, and the ways in which people from across the globe engage to create positive change for the future.

Programs

- Peace and Justice Studies Minor (<https://catalog.fairfield.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/peace-justice-studies/peace-justice-studies-minor>)

Courses

PJ 0298 Internship in Advocacy and Community Organizing 3 Credits

This internship provides students in the minor with the opportunity to understand, through direct participation, how citizens organize to empower their communities and promote policies that will benefit them. Interns are placed with community organizations in the greater Bridgeport area and some placements include advocacy work in the state legislator in Hartford. The internship requires a journal and final reflection paper based on analysis of the site experience and its relationship to peace and justice. Enrollment by permission only.

PJ 0398 Capstone Research Seminar 3 Credits

This course creates a context for integrating and reflecting on experiences and knowledge acquired in the program by providing the students the opportunity to examine how their major connects to the values and practices of peace and justice. Students undertake a major research project focused on applying their practical engagement with peace and justice issues to broader theoretical frameworks with attention to contemplating a vision for change in the future. The course is built around student-led discussion and an in-depth research project that analyzes an issue from the student's major area of study through the lens of peace and justice.

Faculty

Co-Directors

Labinski (Philosophy)
Sealey (Philosophy)

Coordinating Faculty

Boryczka (Politics)
Cassidy (Politics)
Hohl (History)
Johnson (Modern Languages and Literatures)

Purusotham (History)

Contributing Faculty

Bucki (History)
Garvey (English)
Gorman (Religious Studies)
Lakeland (Religious Studies)
Leatherman (Politics)
Li (History)
Patton (Politics)
McFadden (History)
Pearson (English)
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