

# BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN PEACE STUDIES

GW's peace studies program explores the meanings of peace, the relationship between peace and conflict, and the role of peace locally and internationally. Students examine peace as a vital part of social, economic, and environmental justice, and participate in an internship with an organization relevant to their interests. Today's global economy and its impact on international relations and cultural relevance makes the study of conflict resolution an increasingly important area of interest. GW's location in Washington, DC, provides numerous opportunities to attend speeches and lectures given by global human rights activists and other world leaders, giving students a full educational experience.

For more information, visit program website. (<https://peacestudies.columbian.gwu.edu/>)

## ADMISSIONS

For more information on the admission process, please visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website (<https://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/>). Applications may be submitted via the Common Application (<https://go.gwu.edu/commonapp/>).

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Undergraduate Admissions  
The George Washington University  
800 21st Street NW, Suite 100  
Washington DC 20052

Contact for questions:  
[gwadm@gwu.edu](mailto:gwadm@gwu.edu) or 202-994-6040

## REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Undergraduate Programs (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationstext>).

Program-specific curriculum (below)

Two years of a single foreign language, or placement into the third year of a foreign language by examination, or one year each of two modern foreign languages.\*

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required (6 credits)</b>		
PSTD 1010	Introduction to Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution	

PSTD 3190 Capstone Seminar (Offered only in the fall semester)

### Electives (24 credits)

Eight courses (24 credits) from the following categories as indicated:

Philosophical and religious approaches to peace: two courses (6 credits)

PHIL 2132 Social and Political Philosophy  
or PHIL 2132W Social and Political Philosophy

PHIL 2133 Philosophy and Nonviolence

PHIL 2134 Philosophy of Human Rights

REL 2921 The Religions Wage Peace

REL 2922 Ethics and World Religions

REL 3923 Violence and Peace in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

REL 3931 Interfaith Dialogue in World Religions

REL 3990 Selected Topics in Religion

PSTD 3099 Variable Topics

PSTD 3191 Special Topics Peace Studies

PSTD 3999 Independent Study

International peace and conflict: three courses (9 credits)

ANTH 3506 Politics, Ethnicity, and Nationalism

COMM 3174 Intercultural Communication

GEOG 2120 World Regional Geography

GEOG 2146

GEOG 2147 Military Geography

GER 3185 Literary Voices and the Fascist Experience—in English

HIST 2340 U.S. Diplomatic History

HIST 3033 War and the Military in American Society from the Revolution to the Gulf War

HIST 3035 The United States and the Wars in Indochina, 1945-1975

HIST 3045 International History of the Cold War

HIST 3046 The Cold War in the Third World

HIST 3061	The Holocaust	GEOG 2148	Economic Geography
HIST 3062	War Crimes Trials	GEOG 3132	Environmental Quality and Management
HIST 3332	History of American Foreign Policy Since World War II (Part 1)	GEOG 3143	Urban Sustainability
HIST 3333	History of American Foreign Policy Since World War II (Part 2)	or GEOG 3143W	Urban Sustainability
HIST 3334	The Nuclear Arms Race	GEOL 3131	Global Climate Change
PSC 2334	Global Perspectives on Democracy	GEOL 3193	
PSC 2336	State-Society Relations in the Developing World	PHIL 2124	Philosophies of Disability
PSC 2338	Nationalism	or PHIL 2124W	Philosophies of Disability
PSC 2440	Theories of International Politics	PHIL 2125	Philosophy of Race and Gender
PSC 2442	International Organizations	or PHIL 2125W	Philosophy of Race and Gender
or PSC 2442W	International Organizations	PHIL 2135	Ethics in Business and the Professions
PSC 2444	Public International Law	PHIL 2281	Philosophy of the Environment
PSC 2446	U.S. Foreign Policy	PSC 2108	Freedom and Equality
PSC 2449	International Security Politics	PSC 2221	African American Politics
or PSC 2449W	International Security Politics	PSC 2225	Women and Politics
PSC 2451	Theory of War	PSC 2240	Poverty, Welfare, and Work
or PSC 2451W	Theory of War	PSC 2337	Development Politics
PSC 2476	The Arab-Israeli Conflict	PSC 2367	Human Rights
		or PSC 2367W	Human Rights
	Social, economic, and environmental justice: three courses (9 credits)	PSYC 3125	Cross-Cultural Psychology
ANTH 3513	Anthropology of Human Rights	PSYC 3126	Multicultural Psychology
or ANTH 3513W	Anthropology of Human Rights	or PSYC 3126W	Multicultural Psychology
ECON 2136	Environmental and Natural Resource Economics	PSYC 3151	
ECON 2151	Economic Development	PSYC 3173	Community Psychology
or ECON 2151W	Economic Development	PUBH 2114	Environment, Health, and Development
ECON 2167	Economics of Crime	PUBH 2115	Health, Human Rights, and Displaced Persons
ECON 3161	Public Finance: Expenditure Programs	PUBH 3132	Health and Environment
GEOG 2133	People, Land, and Food	PUBH 3133	Global Health and Development
GEOG 2134	Energy Resources	PUBH 3150	Sustainable Energy and Environmental Health
GEOG 2136	Water Resources	SMPA 3460	Race, Media, and Politics
		SMPA 3471	Media in the Developing World

SMPA 3472	Media and Foreign Policy
SOC 2170	Class and Inequality in American Society
or SOC 2170W	Class and Inequality in American Society
SOC 2173	Social Movements
SOC 2175	Sociology of Sex and Gender
or SOC 2175W	
SOC 2177	Sociology of the Sex Industry
SOC 2179	Race and Minority Relations
SOC 2184	Violence and the Family

Special Topics courses may count toward the major with the approval of the Peace Studies Program Director.

\*Students are encouraged to study abroad.

## GENERAL EDUCATION

In addition to the University General Education Requirement (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/#text>), undergraduate students in Columbian College must complete a further, College-specific general education curriculum—Perspective, Analysis, Communication, or G-PAC (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/gpac/>). Together with the University General Education Requirement, G-PAC engages students in active intellectual inquiry across the liberal arts. Students achieve a set of learning outcomes that enhance their analytical skills, develop their communication competencies, and invite them to participate as responsible citizens who are attentive to issues of culture, diversity, and privilege.

G-PAC approved courses, Dean's Seminars, and Sophomore Colloquia that may be available for registration are listed on the CCAS Advising website (<https://advising.columbian.gwu.edu/general-education-courses/>).

Coursework for the University General Education Requirement is distributed as follows:

- Writing—one approved course in university writing and two approved writing in the disciplines (WID) courses.
- Humanities—one approved course in the humanities that involves critical or creative thinking skills.
- Mathematics or Statistics—one approved course in either mathematics or statistics.
- Natural or Physical Science—one approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry.
- Social Sciences—two approved courses in the social sciences.

Coursework for the Columbian College general education curriculum is distributed as follows:

- Arts—one approved course in the arts that involves the study or creation of artwork based on an understanding or interpretation of artistic traditions or knowledge of art in a contemporary context.
- Global or Cross-Cultural Perspective—one approved course that analyzes the ways in which institutions, practices, and problems transcend national and regional boundaries.
- Humanities—one approved course in the humanities that involves critical thinking skills (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- Local or Civic Engagement—one approved course that develops the values, ethics, disciplines, and commitment to pursue responsible public action.
- Natural or Physical Science—one approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- Oral Communication—one course in oral communication.

Certain courses are approved to fulfill the requirement in more than one of these categories.

Courses taken in fulfillment of G-PAC also may be counted toward majors or minors. Transfer courses taken prior to, but not after, admission to George Washington University may count toward the University General Education Requirement and G-PAC, if those transfer courses are equivalent to GW courses that have been approved by the University and the College.

## SPECIAL HONORS

Special Honors are awarded to students who meet the requirements stated under University Regulations, maintain a grade-point average of 3.5, and receive a minimum grade of A- in PSTD 3190 Peace Studies Seminar.