BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN PEACE STUDIES

George Washington University 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. With its impact on international relations and cultural relevance, today’s global economy 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.

Visit the program website (https://peacestudies.columbian.gwu.edu/) for additional information.

ADMISSIONS

For information about the admission process, including deadlines, visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website (https://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/). Applications can 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 St NW Suite 100
Washington, DC 20052

For questions visit undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/contact-us (http://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/contact-us/).

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Undergraduate Programs (https://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*.

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Electives

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

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

PHIL 2132 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 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
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HIST 3062 War Crimes Trials
HIST 3332 History of American Foreign Policy Since World War II (Part 1)
HIST 3333 History of American Foreign Policy Since World War II (Part 2)
HIST 3334 The Nuclear Arms Race
PSC 2334 Global Perspectives on Democracy
PSC 2336 State–Society Relations in the Developing World
PSC 2338 Nationalism
PSC 2440 Theories of International Politics
PSC 2442 International Organizations
or PSC 2442W International Organizations
PSC 2444 Public International Law
PSC 2446 U.S. Foreign Policy
PSC 2449 International Security Politics
or PSC 2449W International Security Politics
PSC 2451 Theory of War
or PSC 2451W Theory of War
PSC 2476 The Arab-Israeli Conflict

Social, economic, and environmental justice: three courses (9 credits)

ANTH 3513 Anthropology of Human Rights
or ANTH 3513W Anthropology of Human Rights
ECON 2136 Environmental and Natural Resource Economics
ECON 2151 Economic Development
or ECON 2151W Economic Development
ECON 2167 Economics of Crime
ECON 3161 Public Finance: Expenditure Programs
GEOG 2133 People, Land, and Food
GEOG 2134 Energy Resources
GEOG 2136 Water Resources
GEOG 2148 Economic Geography

GEOG 3132 Environmental Quality and Management
GEOG 3143 Urban Sustainability
or GEOG 3143W Urban Sustainability
GEOL 3131 Global Climate Change
PHIL 2124 Philosophies of Disability
or PHIL 2124W Philosophies of Disability
PHIL 2125 Philosophy of Race and Gender
or PHIL 2125W Philosophy of Race and Gender
PHIL 2135 Ethics in Business and the Professions
PHIL 2281 Philosophy of the Environment
PSC 2221 African American Politics
PSC 2225 Women and Politics
PSC 2240 Poverty, Welfare, and Work
PSC 2337 Development Politics
PSC 2367 Human Rights
or PSC 2367W Human Rights
PSYC 3125 Cross-Cultural Psychology
PSYC 3126 Multicultural Psychology
or PSYC 3126W Multicultural Psychology
PSYC 3173 Community Psychology
PUBH 2114 Environment, Health, and Development
PUBH 2115 Health, Human Rights, and Displaced Persons
PUBH 3132 Health and Environment
PUBH 3133 Global Health and Development
PUBH 3150 Sustainable Energy and Environmental Health
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
SPECIAL TOPICS COURSES MAY COUNT TOWARD THE MAJOR WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR.

*Students are encouraged to study abroad.

GENERAL EDUCATION

In addition to the University General Education Requirement (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/), undergraduate students in Columbian College must complete a further, College-specific general education curriculum—Perspective, Analysis, Communication (G-PAC) (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/gpac/) as well as the course CCAS 1001 First-Year Experience. 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.

Coursework (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/#generaleducationtext) for the University General Education Requirement is distributed as follows:

- One course in critical thinking in the humanities.
- Two courses in critical thinking, quantitative reasoning, or scientific reasoning in the social sciences.
- One course that has an approved oral communication component.
- One course in quantitative reasoning (must be in mathematics or statistics).
- One course in scientific reasoning (must be in natural and/or physical laboratory sciences).
- UW 1020 (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/search/?P=UW%201020) University Writing (4 credits).
- After successful completion of UW 1020, 6 credits distributed over at least two writing in the discipline (WID) courses taken in separate semesters. WID courses are designated by a "W" appended to the course number.

Coursework for the CCAS G-PAC requirement is distributed as follows:

- Arts—one approved arts course 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.
- 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 additional 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).
- Humanities—one additional approved humanities course that involves critical thinking skills (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- CCAS 1001 First-Year Experience

Certain courses are approved to fulfill GPAC requirements in more than one category.

Courses taken in fulfillment of G-PAC requirements may also 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.

Lists of approved courses in the above categories are included on each undergraduate major’s (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#majortext) page in this Bulletin.

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.