

# 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) (<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\*.

Code	Title	Credits
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### Required

The following two courses (6 credits):

PSTD 1010	Introduction to Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution	
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PSTD 3190	Capstone Seminar (Offered only in the fall semester)
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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
or PHIL 2132W	Social and Political Philosophy

PHIL 2133	Philosophy and Nonviolence
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PHIL 2134	Philosophy of Human Rights
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REL 2921	The Religions Wage Peace
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REL 2922	Ethics and World Religions
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REL 3923	Violence and Peace in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
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REL 3931	Interfaith Dialogue in World Religions
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REL 3990	Selected Topics in Religion
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PSTD 3099	Variable Topics
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PSTD 3191	Special Topics Peace Studies
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PSTD 3999	Independent Study
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International peace and conflict: three courses (9 credits)

ANTH 3506	Politics, Ethnicity, and Nationalism
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COMM 3174	Intercultural Communication
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GEOG 2120	World Regional Geography
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GEOG 2147	Military Geography
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GER 3185	Literary Voices and the Fascist Experience —in English
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HIST 2340	U.S. Diplomatic History
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HIST 3033	War and the Military in American Society from the Revolution to the Gulf War
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HIST 3035	The United States and the Wars in Indochina, 1945–1975
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HIST 3045	International History of the Cold War
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HIST 3046	The Cold War in the Third World
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HIST 3061	The Holocaust
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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	PHIL 2124	Philosophies of Disability
PSC 2336	State–Society Relations in the Developing World	or PHIL 2124W	Philosophies of Disability
PSC 2338	Nationalism	PHIL 2125	Philosophy of Race and Gender
PSC 2440	Theories of International Politics	or PHIL 2125W	Philosophy of Race and Gender
PSC 2442	International Organizations	PHIL 2135	Ethics in Business and the Professions
or PSC 2442W	International Organizations	PHIL 2281	Philosophy of the Environment
PSC 2444	Public International Law	PSC 2221	African American Politics
PSC 2446	U.S. Foreign Policy	PSC 2225	Women and Politics
PSC 2449	International Security Politics	PSC 2240	Poverty, Welfare, and Work
or PSC 2449W	International Security Politics	PSC 2337	Development Politics
PSC 2451	Theory of War	PSC 2367	Human Rights
or PSC 2451W	Theory of War	or PSC 2367W	
PSC 2476	The Arab-Israeli Conflict	PSYC 3125	Cross-Cultural Psychology
Social, economic, and environmental justice: three courses (9 credits)		PSYC 3126	Multicultural Psychology
ANTH 3513	Anthropology of Human Rights	or PSYC 3126W	Multicultural Psychology
or ANTH 3513W	Anthropology of Human Rights	PSYC 3173	Community Psychology
ECON 2136	Environmental and Natural Resource Economics	PUBH 2114	Environment, Health, and Development
ECON 2151	Economic Development	PUBH 3132	Health and Environment
or ECON 2151W	Economic Development	PUBH 3133	Global Health and Development
ECON 2167	Economics of Crime	PUBH 3150	Sustainable Energy and Environmental Health
ECON 3161	Public Finance: Expenditure Programs	SMPA 3460	Race, Media, and Politics
GEOG 2133	People, Land, and Food	SMPA 3471	Media in the Developing World
GEOG 2134	Energy Resources	SMPA 3472	Media and Foreign Policy
GEOG 2136	Water Resources	SOC 2170	Class and Inequality in American Society
GEOG 2148	Economic Geography	or SOC 2170W	Class and Inequality in American Society
		SOC 2173	Social Movements
		SOC 2175	Sociology of Sex and Gender
		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 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://advising.columbian.gwu.edu/general-education-curriculum-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 University Writing
- 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 can also be counted toward majors or minors. Transfer courses taken prior to, but not after, admission to George Washington University can 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/#majorstext>) 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.