



PEACE STUDIES CONCENTRATION

Credits: 12 credits (selected from the list of elective courses)

Class location: Various

Catalog Description

The Liberal Arts Program offers a concentration on Peace Studies for students interested in pursuing degrees with an emphasis on peace. Students must meet all the requirements for an HTIC Associate in Arts degree in addition to the requirements for the Peace Studies program in order to earn the certificate of completion.

Concentration Description

Students who meet the Peace Studies concentration requirements will receive a certificate of completion upon graduation. The concentration gives students opportunities to explore issues related to peace from interpersonal to global levels. Students who complete this concentration will have gained an interdisciplinary perspective on issues of peace through coursework across a variety of subjects, including American Studies, English, History, Journalism, Political Science, Religion, Science, and Sociology. Courses that count towards the HTIC Associate in Arts degree can also count for the Peace Studies concentration.

Learning Outcomes

For a grade of “C” or better, students must be able to fulfill the following learning outcomes for this concentration:

1. Demonstrate the ability to distinguish between different definitions and perspectives of peace. (*Global Citizenship; Effective Communication Skills; Intellectual and Practical Skills*)
2. Use conflict resolution and peace-building tools to achieve effective cross-cultural communication skills. (*Global Citizenship; Effective Communication Skills*)
3. Analyze and discuss issues relating to peace including: human rights, environmental protection, biodiversity, and sustainable resource development. (*Global Citizenship; Effective Communication Skills; Intellectual and Practical Skills*)

Concentration Requirements

Students in this concentration are required to conduct a research paper or project on a topic related to sustainability and Peace Studies in the IS 200 Sophomore Seminar. In addition to the IS 200 research project, this concentration requires 12 credits of study earned from the following courses:

Elective Course (12 credits)

- AMST 212 Contemporary American Issues: Global Issues (3 credits)
- ENG 259 Literature of Peace (3 credits)
- HIST 284 History of the Hawai’ian Islands (3 credits)

- IS 192 Service Learning (1- 4 credits)
- POLSCI 150 Introduction to Global Politics (3 credits)
- POLSCI 220 International Relations (3 credits)
- REL 150 Introduction to the World's Major Religions (3 credits)
- SCI 122 Introduction to Science: Physical (3 credits)
- SCI 210 Environmental Issues (3 credits)
- SOC 256 Race and Ethnic Relations in Hawai'i (3 credits)
- Internship (3 credits)
- Any other courses designated Peace Studies (PS)

Assessment Methods

All coursework requires critical thinking and organization. Your final grade should reflect your development in the areas of writing, speaking, reading, and participation. Students must earn a C or better in all courses that contribute to the certificate of completion. Students must select a research project with an approved peace theme for the IS 200 Sophomore Seminar: Capstone Course.

Tentative Schedule (subject to change)

Specific to the individual's concentration.