

PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES - B.A.

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Description

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Peace and Conflict Studies (formally called Applied Conflict Management) prepares students for careers or graduate study in the field of conflict management, peace studies and dispute resolution. This major gives students a solid background in managing conflicts in constructive, not destructive, ways. Students learn skills that are not only useful in a variety of workplace settings, but in everyday life and relationships as well.

Program areas of focus include mediation, negotiation, environmental conflict resolution, international conflict resolution, workplace conflict management, nonviolent action and community organizing. As this is an applied program, students learn skills and build professional networks through the internship, which can be completed in a wide variety of contexts.

Fully Offered At:

- Kent Campus

Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

Freshman Students on the Kent Campus: The freshman admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon the following: cumulative grade point average, ACT and/or SAT scores, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. The Admissions Office at the Kent Campus may defer the admission of students who do not meet admissions criteria but who demonstrate areas of promise for successful college study. Deferred applicants may begin their college coursework at one of seven regional campuses of Kent State University. For more information on admissions, including additional requirements for some academic programs, visit the admissions website for new freshmen.

Freshman Students on the Regional Campuses: Kent State campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Regional Academic Center in Twinsburg, have open enrollment admission for students who hold a high school diploma, GED or equivalent.

English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 525 TOEFL score (71 on the Internet-based version), minimum 75

MELAB score, minimum 6.0 IELTS score or minimum 48 PTE score, or by completing the ESL level 112 Intensive Program. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website.

Transfer, Transitioning and Former Students: For more information about admission criteria for transfer, transitioning and former students, please visit the admissions website.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate the research and analytical skills that will be useful while working in the field of peace studies and conflict management.
2. Analyze the dynamics of social conflicts and apply the principles of nonviolent theory and practice in order to wage conflict constructively to bring about social or political change.
3. Utilize conflict management and peace-building skills and knowledge to effectively develop, teach and/or implement approaches to preventing, managing and resolving conflicts
4. Demonstrate an ability to identify and analyze the cultural dimensions of conflicts and conflict management.
5. Describe and interpret the roles that gendered power dynamics play in conflicts and conflict management.
6. Demonstrate a broad grounding in the field of peace and conflict studies by being able to explain the historical evolution of the field, by identifying and analyzing a full range of conflict dynamics, and by designing constructive and appropriate intervention tactics and strategies.
7. Demonstrate an ability to explain the main theories on causes, expression and consequences of international conflicts, and comparatively evaluate different mechanisms of prevention, management and resolution of international conflicts.

University Requirements

All students in a bachelor's degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

NOTE: University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

Destination Kent State: First Year Experience	1
Course is not required for students with 25 transfer credits, excluding College Credit Plus, or age 21+ at time of admission.	
Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG)	2 courses
Students must successfully complete one domestic and one global course, of which one must be from the Kent Core.	
Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)	varies
Students must successfully complete one course or approved experience.	
Kent Core (see table below)	36-37
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)	1 course
Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.	
Upper-Division Requirement	39 (or 42)
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate. Students in a B.A. and/or B.S. degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 42 upper-division credit hours.	
Total Credit Hour Requirement	120

Some bachelor's degrees require students to complete more than 120 credit hours.

Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCOMP)	6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR)	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each)	9
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines)	6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory)	6-7
Kent Core Additional (KADL)	6
Total Credit Hours:	36-37

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
PACS 11001	INTRODUCTION TO CONFLICT MANAGEMENT (DIVD) (KSS)	3
PACS 31002	GENDER, POWER AND CONFLICT	3
PACS 31003	NONVIOLENCE: THEORY AND PRACTICE	3
PACS 31010	CONFLICT THEORY	3
PACS 32030	INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION (DIVG)	3
PACS 35092	INTERNSHIP IN PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES (ELR) ¹	3
PACS 41010	RECONCILIATION VERSUS REVENGE: TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE (DIVG) (WIC)	3
PACS 48080	MEDIATION: THEORY AND TRAINING	3
Major Electives, choose from the following: ²		
PACS 30000	MAY 4 1970 AND ITS AFTERMATH	
PACS 32020	STRATEGIC PLANNING	
PACS 32040	CROSS-CULTURAL CONFLICT MANAGEMENT (DIVG)	
PACS 33030	CONFLICT IN THE WORKPLACE	
PACS 34010	CAREER PATHWAYS IN PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES	
PACS 34040	NEGOTIATION	
PACS 35050	ENVIRONMENTAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION	
PACS 35095	SPECIAL TOPICS IN PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES	
PACS 42020	QUALITATIVE RESEARCH IN PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES	
PACS 49091	VARIABLE TITLE SEMINAR IN PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES	
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)		
UC 10097	DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
Foreign Language (see Foreign Language College Requirement below)		14-20
College General Requirements (must be from Kent Core Basic Sciences) ⁴		3
College General Requirements (must be from Kent Core Social Sciences) ⁵		3
Kent Core Composition		6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning		3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (minimum one course from each)		9

Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines)	3
Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory)	6-7
Kent Core Additional	6
General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 42 upper-division credit hours)	33

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 120

- Maximum 3 credit hours of PACS 35092 may count toward the Peace and Conflict Studies major. Students may enroll in 1-9 additional hours which can count towards upper division credit hours.
- Students who have completed the Columbus Program in Intergovernmental Issues or the Washington Program in National Issues (total 15 credit hours for POL 40980 or POL 40981, respectively) may substitute 3 credit hours for PACS 35092 and 6 credit hours for major electives. The remaining 6 credit hours may be used to fulfill the upper-division requirement and/or as course substitutions for required courses. Course substitutions will be considered on a case-by-case basis in consultation with a program faculty advisor.
- A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.
- One additional course taken from the Kent Core Basic Science courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Biological Sciences (BSCI), Chemistry (CHEM), Geography (GEOG), Geology (GEOL) or Physics (PHY). The course may not be from the student's major.
- One additional course taken from the Kent Core Social Sciences courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Geography (GEOG), Criminology and Justice Studies (CRIM), Political Science (POL), Psychology (PSYC) or Sociology (SOC). The course may not be from the student's major.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

Foreign Language College Requirement

Students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 14-16 credit hours of foreign language. ¹ To complete the requirement, students have the equivalent of Elementary I and II in any language, plus one of the following options:

- Intermediate I and II of the same language ²
- Elementary I and II of a second language
- Any combination of two courses from the following list:
 - Intermediate I of the same language
 - MCLS 10001 INTRODUCTION TO STRUCTURAL CONCEPTS FOR LANGUAGE STUDENTS
 - MCLS 20091 VARIABLE CONTENT SEMINAR IN GLOBAL LITERACY: CASE STUDIES
 - MCLS 21417 MULTICULTURALISM IN TODAY'S GERMANY (DIVG)
 - MCLS 28404 THE LATIN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE (DIVG)

- ¹ All students with prior foreign language experience should take the foreign language placement test to determine the appropriate level at which to start. Some students may begin beyond the Elementary I level and will complete the requirement with fewer credit hours and fewer courses. This may be accomplished by (1) passing a course beyond Elementary I through Intermediate II level; (2) receiving credit through Credit by Exam (CBE), Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) or College Level Examination Program (CLEP); or (3) being designated a "native speaker" of a non-English language (consult with the College of Arts and Sciences Advising Office for additional information). When students complete the requirement with fewer than 14 credit hours and four courses, they will complete remaining credit hours with general electives.
- ² Certain majors, concentrations and minors may require specific languages, limit the languages from which a student may choose or require coursework through Intermediate II. Students who plan to pursue graduate study may need particular language coursework.

Roadmap

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One		Credits
UC 10097	DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
Foreign Language		4-5
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		14
Semester Two		
Foreign Language		4-5
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		13
Semester Three		
Foreign Language		3-5
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Four		
PACS 11001	INTRODUCTION TO CONFLICT MANAGEMENT (DIVD) (KSS)	3
Foreign Language		3-5
College General Requirements		3
College General Requirements		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Five		
PACS 31002	GENDER, POWER AND CONFLICT	3
PACS 31010	CONFLICT THEORY	3
PACS 32030	INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION (DIVG)	3
General Electives		6
Credit Hours		15
Semester Six		
PACS 31003	NONVIOLENCE: THEORY AND PRACTICE	3
PACS 41010	RECONCILIATION VERSUS REVENGE: TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE (DIVG) (WIC)	3
Major Elective		3
General Electives		6
Credit Hours		15
Third Summer Term		
PACS 35092	INTERNSHIP IN PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES (ELR)	3
Credit Hours		3
Semester Seven		
PACS 48080	MEDIATION: THEORY AND TRAINING	3
Major Elective		3
General Electives		9
Credit Hours		15

Semester Eight	
Major Elective	3
General Electives	12
Credit Hours	
15	
Minimum Total Credit Hours:	
120	