



Conflict Resolution & Peace Studies

Bridging Disciplines Programs allow you to earn an interdisciplinary certificate that integrates area requirements, electives, courses for your major, internships, and research experiences.

The Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies BDP offers you the opportunity to both study and promote conflict resolution in interpersonal, institutional, societal, and global contexts. Students in this program will explore the causes and consequences of various forms of violence, as well as the conditions of peace. In exploring peaceful alternatives to violence, you will learn to understand peace as a multi-faceted vision for transformed human relations. In addition to gaining a more sophisticated understanding of peace and conflict, you will also learn about and practice skills necessary for the peaceful resolution of conflicts.

Students in the Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies BDP might choose to focus on a wide range of topics, from disarmament to interpersonal and cross-cultural communication to political, religious, and social pluralism. Along with the opportunity to pursue their specific interests, all students in this BDP will gain a perspective for analyzing situations involving conflict, and for understanding how these situations can be resolved and how transforming these situations might improve lives.

Upon completion of **19 credit hours** from the options listed to the right, you will earn a certificate in Conflict Resolution & Peace Studies.

The Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies BDP is overseen by a panel of faculty members from across campus. Members include Madeline Maxwell (Communication Studies), Joe Cutbirth (Communications Studies), Minette Drumwright (Advertising), Ethan Burriss (Management), Gina Chen (Journalism), Rasha Diab (Rhetoric and Writing), John Dzienkowski (Law), Mike Findley (Government), Steve Friesen (Religious Studies), Diane Ginsburg (Pharmacy), Linda Golden (Marketing), John Luk (Medical Education), Joy Penticuff (Nursing), Robert Prentice (Information, Risk, and Operations Management), Scott Stroud (Communication Studies), Sean Theriault (Government), Juliet Walker (History), and Paul Woodruff (Philosophy).

The Bridging Disciplines Programs offer interdisciplinary certificates in the following areas:

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| Children & Society | Ethics & Leadership in Law, Politics & Government |
| Conflict Resolution & Peace Studies | Human Rights & Social Justice |
| Design Strategies | Innovation, Creativity & Entrepreneurship |
| Digital Arts & Media | Museum Studies |
| Environment & Sustainability | Public Policy |
| Ethics & Leadership in Business | Social Entrepreneurship & Non-profits |
| Ethics & Leadership in Health Care | Social Inequality, Health & Policy |

For more information about the Bridging Disciplines Programs, visit FAC 338, go to www.utexas.edu/ugs/bdp, or call (512) 232-7564.

Foundation Courses (4 Credit Hours)

Foundation courses introduce key methodologies and issues related to Conflict Resolution & Peace Studies. **Choose one from each of the following categories.**

I. Forum Seminar

BDP 101: Intro to Conflict Resolution & Peace Studies

II. Skills Foundation Courses

CMS 333: Case Studies In Argumentation

CMS 354: Conflict Resolution

CMS 367: Difficult Conversations

CMS 310K: Team-Based Communication

CMS 371D: Difficult Conversations

EDP 316: Intergroup Dialogue

MAN 336: Organizational Behavior

MAN 337: Art And Science Of Negotiation

MAN 337: Intercultural Management

RHE 330C: Nonviolent Communication

S W 360K: Perf Of Theatre For Dialogue

Connecting Experiences (6 Credit Hours)

Your BDP advisor can help you find internships and research opportunities that connect Conflict Resolution & Peace Studies to your major. We call these opportunities "Connecting Experiences" because they play such an important role in integrating your studies. Each Connecting Experience counts for 3 credit hours. **You will need to complete two Connecting Experiences.**

I. All students in the Conflict Resolution & Peace Studies BDP must take **CMS 371K: Practicum in Conflict Mediation** as one of your connecting experiences. Upon completion of this course, you will earn a Basic Facilitation Training Certificate. In order to count the practicum as a Connecting Experience, you must attend Connecting Experience check-in meetings and submit a Reflection Essay during the semester you complete the course.

II. For your second Connecting Experience, you may choose to pursue either an undergraduate research experience or an internship experience related to Conflict Resolution & Peace Studies.

For more information and for examples of past connecting experiences, visit www.utexas.edu/ugs/bdp and consult your BDP advisor.

Strand Courses (9 Credit Hours)

In addition to your Foundation Courses and Connecting Experiences, you must complete 9 credit hours of strand courses drawn from two or more of the following concentrations. You should work with your BDP advisor to choose strand courses that will focus your BDP on your specific interests, and that will provide you with an interdisciplinary perspective on your BDP topic. In order to create an interdisciplinary experience, you must choose courses from a variety of disciplines. Individual course listings for these concentrations are located on the opposite side of this page.

Global Conflict Resolution

Interpersonal Conflict Resolution

Institutional Conflict Resolution

Societal Conflict Resolution

Integration Essay

In order to complete your BDP certificate, write a 3-4 page integration essay in which you reflect on what you learned and accomplished through your BDP experience. This essay is your opportunity to draw connections among your interdisciplinary BDP coursework, your Connecting Experiences, and your major. For additional guidelines, please consult your BDP advisor.

Complete 9 credit hours of strand courses drawn from two or more of the following concentrations. Please speak with your BDP advisor about your plan for fulfilling your strand course requirements.

Note that only one of your strand courses may come from your major department(s), or from courses cross-listed with your major department(s).

Global Conflict Resolution

ANS 340: Religions In Contact
ANT 320L: Cross-Cul Comm In Middle East
BDP 319: Human Rights And Social Justice: Theories And Practice
GOV 365L: War/Peace: China/Japan/Taiwan
GOV 365N: Human Rights And World Politics
GOV 365N: Iss Third-World Development
GOV 365N: Relg Ethics Human Rights
HIS 346T: Cuban Revolution & The Us
IRG 301: Intro Intl Rels & Global Stds
J S 365C: Multicultural Israel
M E 379M: Iss in Humanitarian Engr-Fra
MEL 323: Engaging The Middle East
MES 342: Youth/Violence Mid East/Eur
RHE 309K: When Topic Is Appropriate
SOC 308: When Topic Is Appropriate
SPN 355: East/West/New Wrld Encntrs

Societal Conflict Resolution

AFR 317D: MLK Jr: A Moral Obligation
AFR 372F: Urban Unrest
ANT 326L: Cultures in Contact
CMS 340K: Communication and Social Change
CMS 345P: Communication & Public Opinion
E 314L: Banned Books and Novel Ideas
HIS 356P: The US in the Civil Rights Era
J 358N: Online Incivility
RHE 309K: When Topic is Appropriate
S W 325: Foundations of Social Justice
S W 360K: Confronting LGBTQ Oppression
(Must be admitted into Peers for Pride program)

Societal Conflict Resolution (Continued)

SOC 307L: Gender/Race/Class Amer Soc
SOC 307P: Intro Sociology of Health/Well-Being
SOC 308: When Topic is Appropriate
(Past Topic: Critical Issues in Policing)

Interpersonal Conflict Resolution

CMS 334K: Nonverbal Communication
CMS 344K: Lying And Deception
CMS 345P: Communication & Public Opinion
CMS 357: Family Communication
CMS 358: Communication And Personal Relationships
HDF 337: Personal Relationships
J 358N: Online Incivility
MAN 337: Art And Science Of Negotiation
RHE 309K: When Topic Is Appropriate
RHE 330E: 6-NonArgumentatv Rhet in Zen
S W 360K: Perf Of Theatre For Dialogue
SOC 308: When Topic Is Appropriate
SOC 308L: Socl Transformatn Of Love/Rels
T D 357T: Theatre For Dialogue: Exploring Interpersonal Violence

Institutional Conflict Resolution

ALD 331: Restorative Practices
MAN 336: Organizational Behavior
PHL 365: Organizational Ethics
RHE 309K: When Topic is Appropriate
SOC 325L: Sociology of Criminal Justice

Important Notes on Fulfilling Your BDP Requirements

- **PREREQUISITES:** Some courses may have prerequisites. Please consult your BDP advisor to determine your eligibility for enrolling in specific courses.
- **CROSS-LISTINGS:** Note that many courses on this list may be cross-listed with other departments. You may take these courses under any of the cross-listed numbers. Please consult the course schedule or your BDP advisor for cross-listing information.
- **GRADES AND GPA REQUIREMENTS:** In courses taken for a letter grade, you must obtain a grade of C- or better to meet BDP requirements. The cumulative GPA of all courses counting toward your BDP certificate must be at least 2.0.
- **PASS/FAIL:** Only one BDP course, including connecting experience courses, may be taken pass/fail. Any exceptions will be considered by the faculty panel on an individual basis.
- **SIGNATURE COURSES:** Many of the First-Year Signature Courses (UGS 302 and UGS 303) that include significant content related to Conflict Resolution & Peace Studies may also count toward your certificate; please consult your BDP advisor for more information.
- **PETITIONS:** You may be able to count courses toward your BDP certificate that do not appear on this curriculum sheet, if enough of the course content relates to your BDP topic. Please consult your BDP advisor if you would like to petition for a course to count toward your BDP.