CONFLICT AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

This program studies violent conflict between social groups—the biological, ecological, economic, social and political basis of such conflict and its relationship to religion, philosophy and the arts. It examines the history of efforts to resolve or prevent violent conflicts through such means as armaments, negotiations, diplomacy, international law and nonviolent resistance to violence.

Academics

Core Course
- ANTH 261 / POLS 261 / SOCI 261 Conflict and Conflict Resolution

Select one course from each of six of the following seven groups:

I. Evolution, Human Biology and Warfare
- ANTH 353 Anthropology of War
- BIOS 203 Bioethics
- PSYC 273 Brain & Behavior

II. The Social Unit, Aggression and Violence
- COMM 371 Communication in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution
- HIST 303 United States Military History, 1607-1917
- HIST 304 United States Military History Since 1917
- PSYC 401 Psychology and Law
- SOCI 201 Social Problems
- SOCI 491 Political Sociology

III. International Society
- HIST 347 America and the World to 1914
- HIST 348 America and the World Since 1914
- POLS 160 / GLST 160 International Relations
- POLS 469 / POLS 869 International Law

IV. History of Warfare and its Impact on States and Within States
- AERO 441 National Security Affairs and Preparation for Active Duty I & AERO 442 National Security Affairs and Preparation for Active Duty II
- HIST 338 / HIST 838 War and Peace in Europe: 1914 to the Present
- NAVS 321 Evolution of Warfare
- ETHN 217 / SOCI 217 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity

V. Science and Technology: Arms and Arms Control
- NAVS 321 Evolution of Warfare
- POLS 398 Special Topics

VI. Economics and Resource Economics and the Origins of Modern Aggression
- AECN 346 World Food Economics
- ECON 423 / ECON 823 Economics of the Less Developed Countries
- POLS 459 / POLS 859 International Political Economy

VII. Human Cultural Responses to War and its Alternatives
- ENGL 210 Themes in Literature
- PHIL 220 Elements of Ethics

Seminar
- Senior Seminar

For a complete list of applicable courses see minor advisor.
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Academics

18 hours of courses from at least two departments as follows:

FOUNDATIONAL COURSES
Select three courses from List A. Examples include:

- ANTH 476 Human Rights, Environment, and Development
- HIST / WMNS 225 Women in History
- HIST / JUDS 339 The Holocaust
- POLS 384 Liberalism and Its Critics
- POLS 469 International Law
- SOCI / ETHN 217 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity
- WMNS 101 Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies

COURSES FOR FURTHER EXPLORATION
Select two courses from List B. Examples include:

- ANTH / ETHN 362 Peoples and Cultures of Africa
- COMM 465 Communication and Social Identity
- ENGL / WMNS 212 Introduction to LGBTQ Literature
- ENGL / ETHN 445 Ethnic Literature
- HIST 429 History of Fascism in Europe
- POLS / ETHN / LAMS 277 Latin American Politics

CAPSTONE
Select one.

- HRHA 400 Human Rights Capstone (experiential capstone)
- POLS 470 International Human Rights (seminar capstone)

For a complete list of applicable courses see minor advisor.

Experiences and Opportunities

As an HRHA minor, you can explore the world by studying abroad, conducting research with our faculty and by getting involved in our affiliated student organizations, like Amnesty International and Model UN. Our students also pursue a broad range of opportunities to make their mark on the world, from volunteering at a women’s shelter in Rwanda on one of our study abroad scholarships to interning at a local civic organization as part of their experiential capstone course.