

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

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The Peace and Social Justice (PSJ) program and curriculum evolved from student and faculty interest and concern, and has drawn wide attention. Students may elect a minor in Peace and Social Justice. This is an interdisciplinary minor comprised of courses that address program issues and themes. They investigate the causes and manifestations of social injustice and violence in self, in society, and in the world of nations and explore alternatives to violent resolution of conflict. Students are encouraged to develop a closely reasoned philosophical position on peace and social justice that can have lifelong application.

Peace and Social Justice: Requirements for the Minor

PSJ 101	Introduction to Peace and Social Justice	4 credits
PSJ 105	Introduction to Civic Engagement	2 credits
PSJ 215	Conflict Resolution	2 credits

One course from:

PSJ 305	Advanced Civic Engagement	2 credits
PSJ 315	Civic Engagement Mentoring	2 credits

Additional elective courses with a PSJ prefix (at least 6 credits of which must be from upper-division) 8 credits

TOTAL: 18 credits

COURSES

PSJ-101 Intro to Peace & Social Justice

An introduction to the concepts, issues, and approaches relating to peace and social justice. This includes examining forms and contexts of peace, violence, and proposed solutions for reducing violence in all its manifestations and promoting a just peace. Counts toward core requirement: Social Sciences (2010 catalog). 4 credits.

PSJ-105 Introduction to Civic Engagement

Provides students with the opportunity to integrate academic concepts with learning from a civic engagement experience while contributing to the betterment of society or the environment. May be repeated once for credit. Counts toward core requirement: Civic Engagement. 2 credits.

PSJ-155 Special Topics

See department for course description. Credit varies.

PSJ-195 Independent Study

See department for details. Independent study contract required. Credit varies.

PSJ-202 Ethics and Society

An introduction to ethical theories and their application to a variety of moral problems and contemporary ethical issues. We will pay special attention to questions of personal conduct. How should I live? How do my personal choices affect society? What values should guide my decision-making? What would it mean for me to live an ethical life? Also listed as PHIL 202. Offered annually. Counts toward core requirement: Civic Engagement. 4 credits.

PSJ-207 Civic Engagement Immersion

In this short-term immersion experience, students will explore a specific community to provide service and/or advocacy related to issues of inequality, diversity, oppression, social change, and social justice through individual and collective action. Through academic, experiential, and reflective components, students will critically examine existing responses to community problems and formulate their own responses. 40 hours of service and/or advocacy (over 1-3 weeks), preparatory sessions prior to departure, and wrap-up sessions upon return are required. Issues addressed vary and additional fees may be required; see current course list for details. Instructor's consent required. Counts toward core requirement: Civic Engagement and International and Diverse Perspectives. May be repeated for credit with different trips. 2 credits.

PSJ-208 Addictions and Society

Addictions and Society takes a historical and interdisciplinary approach to the question of alcohol, substance abuse and the social costs of addiction and use. The course investigates human motives to alter consciousness using classic and modern research in the physiology of addiction, sociocultural risk factors and changing cultural representations of drug use. Also listed as PSY 208. Prerequisite: PSY-150 with a minimum grade of C. Cross-listed with PSY 208. Counts toward core requirement: Social Sciences (2010 catalog). 4 credits.

PSJ-211 Preparation for Travel in India

This is a course that will prepare students for Travel in India: Gender, Culture and Service, a Winter III course sponsored by the Center for Gender Equity. This course will provide students with the information necessary to help them get the most of their Will experience. The content will cover the basic history, religion, culture, geography, and politics of India. Also listed as HUM 211 and GSS 211. Counts toward core requirement: Comparative Cultural or International Perspectives. 2 credits.

PSJ-212 Civically Engaged Travel

In this short-term travel immersion experience, students will explore a community through the lens of specific social and/or environmental issues it faces, and address those issues with individual and collective action. Through academic, experiential, and reflective components, students will critically examine existing responses to community problems and formulate their own responses. 40 hours of service and/or advocacy (over 1-3 weeks), preparatory sessions prior to departure, and wrap-up sessions upon return are required. Issues addressed vary and additional fees may be required; see current course list for details. Instructor's consent required. Counts toward core requirement: Civic Engagement. May be repeated for credit with different trips. 2 credits.

PSJ-214 Vietnam and the U.S.

This is a survey of the origins, development and results of the American war with Vietnam. This course, however, will be taught more within the context of Vietnamese history and culture than within that of American history and culture. Consequently, more emphasis will be given to the roots of the war in Vietnam than to its origins in U.S. foreign policy. Also listed as HIST 213. Counts toward core requirement: Comparative Cultural. 4 credits.

PSJ-215 Conflict Resolution

Theories, strategies, and skills in resolving conflicts are analyzed and applied. Emphasis is placed on practical application of learned skills through conflict simulations. Counts toward core requirement: Social Sciences (2010 catalog). 2 credits.

PSJ-220 Man's Inhumanity to Man

A study of the problems and solutions to our own inhumanity as they are reflected in the world's literature. 4 credits.

PSJ-221 Ethics & Civic Engagement

An investigation of the role of civic engagement and ethical living. Students will work in groups on particular projects on campus or the surrounding community chosen in consultation with the professor, as well as read and write on civic engagement. Also listed as HUM 221. Offered annually. 2 credits.

PSJ-222 Civil Rights Movement

This course examines the causes, history, and tactics of the struggle to guarantee African-Americans equal treatment under the law in the United States. The primary focus of the course material is on the political movement for racial equality in the United States from 1954-1968. Also listed as POLS 222. Counts toward core requirement: Social Sciences (2010 catalog), Comparative Cultural and/or Diverse Perspectives. 2 credits.

PSJ-225 Middle East

An introduction to the places, people and politics of the Middle East, including such concerns as the influence and importance of religion, the revival of Islam and Islamic fundamentalism, the impact and consequences of Western colonialism, the dream and possibility of panarabism, the Arab-Israeli conflict, and future relations with the West. Counts toward core requirement: Comparative Cultural or International Perspectives. 2 credits.

PSJ-227 Civil Rights Movement

This course examines the causes, history, and tactics of the struggle to guarantee African-Americans equal treatment under the law in the United States. The primary focus of the course material is on the political movement for racial equality in the United States from 1954-1968. Also listed as POLS 227. Counts toward core requirement: Social Sciences (2010 catalog), Comparative Cultural and/or Diverse Perspectives. 4 credits.

PSJ-230 Navajo Service Learning

This course provides selected students with an experience through which they are immersed for three weeks in Navajo society and culture, engaged in projects that address critical needs of the people in and surrounding the Navajo village of Lukachukai, AZ. Instructor's consent required. Counts toward core requirement: Comparative Cultural, Civic Engagement, and/or Diverse Perspectives. 2 credits.

PSJ-235 Prep for International Civic Engagement

This course prepares students for PSJ 335, Travel for International Civic Engagement. However, the course is also open to students interested in the course content, but who do not plan to travel. The content will cover the basic history, culture, geography, politics, and issues of socio-economic concern of the international location. Location varies depending on instructor and student interest. May be repeated for credit in different locations. 2 credits.

PSJ-240 Human Rights

This course offers an in-depth investigation of conceptual and political issues related to rights and human rights, including such issues as the source and extent of rights, the nature of rights-bearers, the justification of rights claims, the legitimacy and means of implementing universal human rights and critiques and evaluations of the social role of rights. Also listed as PHIL 240. 2 credits.

PSJ-251 South Africa: Culture & Politics

This is a course designed to give students a rudimentary understanding of South African culture, gender relationships and politics. The course also acts as the preparation course for travel to South Africa in January following the Fall course. Along with a study of Africa, trip details and logistics will be discussed. Counts toward core requirement: International Perspectives. 2 credits.

PSJ-255 Special Topics

See department for course description. Credit varies.

PSJ-275 Internship

See department for details. Internship contract required. 1-4 credits.

PSJ-295 Independent Study

See department for details. Independent study contract required. Credit varies.

PSJ-300 Community Based Action Research

Students will be introduced to the methodology of action research, which is a combination of quantitative data gathering used with groups, communities, or programs interested in the formulation and assessment of interventions, extant programs, or future needs. Students will work with the professor on specific community based and stakeholder-involved questions (e.g., school programs; campus-based programs; community services). They will acquire social policy knowledge, "real world" experience at sites and the methodological skills required to assist in the formulation of evaluations and proposals of programs. Prerequisites: Junior standing or above (60 or more completed credits). Instructor's consent required. Counts toward core requirement: Social Sciences (2010 catalog). 4 credits.

PSJ-303 Advanced Feminist Theory

This course will provide a detailed examination of the academic discourse known as feminist theory. Utilizing a broad feminist theory framework, including Marxist, poststructuralist, and psychoanalytic perspectives, this course will address a number of social concerns. First, we will address how the concept of gender is socially-constructed through institutional power arrangements, popular culture representations, and everyday social dynamics. Second, we will examine to what extent advanced feminist theory departs from first and second wave feminism. Third, this course will address how feminist theory helps us understand more about the construction of ethnic and sexual identities. Finally, with a special emphasis upon the concept of power, this course will illustrate how feminist theory enables a more broad and inclusive discussion of politics in contemporary society. Also listed as GSS 303. Prerequisite: GSS 201. 4 credits.

PSJ-305 Advanced Civic Engagement

This seminar seeks to build on the mature work and insights of a variety of student placement sights, growing directly from their major course work and a well-considered personal inventory. The seminar is integrative of a wide variety of one's educational experiences at Pacific. Students will apply their academic and personal skills directly into a service-learning site placement, seeking to contribute both to the site and the people there as well as to augment their grasp of the applied knowledge from the chosen major. Prerequisite: PSJ 105. Counts toward core requirement: Civic Engagement. May be repeated once for credit. 2 credits.

PSJ-310 Travel in India: Gender Society Service

Travel in India: Gender, Culture, and Service is a Winter term course sponsored by the Center for Gender Equity. It consists of two and a half weeks travel in southern India during the month of January. The bulk of the course is conducted at Lady Doak College, a small liberal arts women's college in Madurai, India in Tamilnadu. The course consists of lecture and discussion by Lady Doak faculty, service learning, discussion with local service agencies, fieldwork on a topic of the student's choice, and travel to sites of cultural and historic importance. The participant is required to register for HUM 211 the fall semester prior to the travel portion of the class. Also listed as HUM 310 and GSS 310. Prerequisite: HUM 211. Counts toward core requirement: Comparative Cultural, Civic Engagement, and/or International Perspectives. 2 credits.

PSJ-315 Civic Engagement Mentoring

This course will provide the skills and knowledge for students who are already experienced in civic engagement to take the next step to mentor students who are entering this process. Students in PSJ 315 will meet with the instructor to learn how to assist other students with identifying areas of interest in civic engagement, framing their intended work within the Civic Engagement guidelines, identifying potential sites, mentoring and problem-solving techniques, reflection activities, and assisting mentees with the final product of their civic engagement experience. Students may also assist faculty in Civic Engagement courses or take leadership in Civic Engagement programs. Prerequisite: one Civic Engagement designated course and attendance at a pre-semester workshop. Instructor's consent required. Counts toward core requirement: Civic Engagement. May be repeated once for credit. 2 credits.

PSJ-319 Vietnam War Era Literature, Theory, Film and Its Legacy

An in-depth study of the U.S. war in Viet Nam and its repercussions as evidenced in the literature, film, historical commentaries, and theories of war still emerging in response to that war era. We will be examining the war from both the American and Vietnamese perspectives-its background, events, and aftermath. The weekly film showings and critiques will include both American and Vietnamese feature films and documentaries-dating from the early 1970s to the present. Also listed as ENGL 319. Prerequisites: one 200-level ENGW or ENGL course. Offered intermittently. 4 credits.

PSJ-321 Protest, Dissent, & Social Change

This course examines the causes and history of widespread movements that use protest to promote political change. Topics include theories of social movements and case studies that may include the labor movement, the civil rights movement, the women's movement, the environmental movement, and the recent rise of conservative Christian activism. Also listed as POLS 321. Counts toward core requirement: Social Sciences (2010 catalog) and/or Civic Engagement. 4 credits.

PSJ-322 The Suppression of Dissent

This course explores how the state, mass media, and other forces suppress dissent. Students will first gain a theoretical foothold in the field of social-movement studies, along the way exploring the following questions: What is dissident citizenship? How, when, and why does the state suppress dissent? What role do the mass media play in the suppression of activism? Students will also study specific historical instances of political suppression, such as the suppression of the American Indian Movement, civil rights movement, environmental movements, and the Global Justice Movement. Also listed as POLS 322. Counts toward core requirement: Social Sciences (2010 catalog). 4 credits.

PSJ-335 Travel International Civic Engagement

This course combines academic study with civic engagement at international sites where social and environmental inequities impact the local people. Location varies depending on instructor and student interest. May be repeated for credit in different locations. Prerequisite: PSJ 235 (taken as a corequisite when offered in Spring). 2 credits.

PSJ-343 Industrialization, Labor & St in America

This course covers the rise of modern industry in the United States beginning with the 1870s, the struggles of workers in response to these changes, and the steps taken government, both at the state and federal level, to regulate the new economy, beginning with the laissez faire governance of the late nineteenth century and concluding with the full elaboration of FDR's New Deal. The course focuses on social, economic, and political forces. Also listed as HIST 343. Prerequisite: Junior standing or above (60 or more completed credits) or HIST 142. 4 credits.

PSJ-347 Global Cap Neo-Colonial Inequalities

This course explores how global dimensions of capitalism intersect with local cultural identities and practices. Students will learn how transnational markets, global lending institutions, and transnational governments both shape and are shaped by questions of national identity, gender norms, racial categories, environmental policies and sexual practices. This course introduces students to perspectives on the meaning and scope of "globalization" from early industrialization to the current post-industrial economy. We will explore the typography of economic inequality on the global scale and examine specific examples of how it is maintained and resisted. The course includes post-colonial critiques that draw attention to how race, nationalism, gender and sexuality are central to the process of constructing, maintaining and resisting imperial domination. Also listed as SOC 347. Prerequisite: ANTH 101, SOC 101, or SOC 102. Counts toward core requirement: International Perspectives. 4 credits.

PSJ-351 South Africa Travel Course

This is a course designed to give students a lived experience in South Africa where they will be exposed to and interact with South Africans and various aspects of the culture, with a focus on gender, multiculturalism, and service organizations. Prerequisite effective Fall 2012: PSJ 251. Instructor's consent required. Counts toward core requirement: International Perspectives. 2 credits.

PSJ-353 Community Financial Literacy

Students enroll in this 2-credit course to serve as volunteers to help raise financial literacy among individuals in the community. Working through Pacific's Center for Civic Engagement and in partnership with the non-profits Operation Hope and Financial Beginnings, student volunteers are trained and then provide personal financial education to western Washington County residents by visiting classrooms and community groups. Student volunteers teach the basics of personal finance to help individuals build a foundation from which to make informed financial decisions. Topics include the processes and decisions involved in personal banking, budgeting, credit, insurance, and savings. Also listed as BA 353. Prerequisite: BA 201 and BA 202 both with a minimum grade of C-. Counts toward core requirement: Civic Engagement. Pass/No Pass. 2 credits.

PSJ-355 Special Topics

See department for course description. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or above (30 or more completed credits). Credit varies.

PSJ-358 Community Tax Certification

Students enroll in this one-credit preparation course in order to qualify as an IRS-certified Tax-Aide Volunteer. Working with a faculty coordinator and CASH Oregon, students receive appropriate training and guidance to assist low income and elderly clients in the community with their individual tax returns. Also listed as BA 358 Prerequisite: BA 201 and BA 202 both with minimum grade C-. Pass/No Pass. 1 credit.

PSJ-359 Community Tax Engagement

Students enroll in this 2-credit course after becoming a IRS-certified Tax-Aide Volunteer, i.e., the successful completion of BA 358. Students in this course engage directly with members of the local community, serving as a Tax-Aide Volunteer, assisting elderly and low income individuals with their tax returns. Working under the direction of a faculty coordinator and CASH Oregon, students staff tax assistance centers located throughout the community. Also listed as BA 359. Prerequisite: BA 358. Counts toward core requirement: Civic Engagement. Pass/No Pass. 2 credits.

PSJ-360 Civic Practices Seminar

Students in this class will work together with the instructor to develop, assess, and improve civic engagement activities at Pacific. Drawing on the knowledge and skills gained in their majors and other coursework, students will participate in a collaborative process to ensure that civic engagement at Pacific is meaningfully integrated throughout the disciplines and aligns with the interests of the larger community. Specific topics and methods will vary by term, but may include efforts to mobilize students and faculty, create dialogue with community organizations, conduct research to inform decisions, and build systems to facilitate collective action. Prerequisite: one Civic Engagement designated course and a declared major. May be repeated once for credit. 2 credits.

PSJ-395 Independent Study

See department for details. Independent study contract required. Credit varies.

PSJ-450 Seminar in Peace & Social Justice

A course wherein students examine important issues and ideas relative to peace and social justice, required for students completing a minor in PSJ. Instructor's consent required. 2 credits.

PSJ-455 Special Topics

See department for course description. Credit varies.

PSJ-475 Internship

See department for details. Internship contract required. Pass/No Pass. Credit varies.