

HUMAN RIGHTS AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Dr. Michelle Barnello, Director

McMurrin 361A

(757) 594-7556

barnello@cnu.edu

The Minor in Human Rights and Conflict Resolution (18 credits)

The interdisciplinary Minor in Human Rights and Conflict Resolution will explore the different ways in which peace and justice can be achieved. Core issues studied include: the legal, cultural, social, and political basis of human rights, the causes and nature of violence, societal conflict, and war between states, and methods of conflict management, peace implementation, and reconciliation on the personal, group, national, and international levels. The Minor facilitates the discovery of ways to overcome conflict and work towards peace. Critical thinking and interdisciplinary approaches link issues of conflict, conflict resolution, and peace with human rights, the rule of law, and social justice.

Program Objectives:

Upon completing the requirements of the Minor in Human Rights and Conflict Resolution, students will be able to:

1. Analyze the evolution and implementation of human rights and the origin and dynamics of peace and conflict from different disciplinary perspectives, including political science, law, history, psychology, anthropology, communication, economics, philosophy, religious studies, social work, sociology, modern languages, and fine arts.
2. Discuss innovative answers to questions of human rights, conflict and peace. This includes, for example, making connections between all levels of conflict (individual, group, society, and international) and examining peace and human rights implementation across societies.
3. Synthesize approaches to human rights and conflict resolution that are presented in different disciplines. Students are encouraged to develop personal approaches to dealing with conflict resolution and human rights through academic learning, scholarly investigations, discussions with peers and faculty, and practical experiences (service learning and internships).
4. Participate actively in campus and community platforms related to human rights and conflict resolution.

Program Requirements:

1. POLS 215 or SOCL 201;
2. POLS 322 or 329;
3. Four courses (12 credits) chosen from the list of electives. Three of these courses must be taken at the 300-400 level;

4. Courses from three different disciplines must be represented in the 18 hours.
5. Graduation with Service Distinction is encouraged.
6. In addition to the courses listed below, certain study abroad seminars, independent studies, and special topics courses may also count toward the minor as determined by the director.

THE CURRICULUM IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

The following course descriptions appear in appropriate sections throughout the catalog.

Core

POLS 215	Comparative and International Politics
POLS 322	Conflict and Peace Studies
POLS 329	International Human Rights
SOCL 201	Globalization and Society

Electives

ANTH 203	Cultural Anthropology
ANTH 309	The Refugee Experience
ENGL 304	WI: Creativity out of Conflict
ENGL 313	Literature and Social Issues
HIST 326	The Nazi State and the Holocaust
HIST 336	American Foreign Relations
HIST 341	The Long Civil Rights Movement
PHIL 304	Ethics and Current Value Questions
PHIL 337	Radical Evil and the Philosophy of Law
PHIL 386	Values and Postmodernity
POLS 323	American Foreign Policy
POLS 327	International Law & International Organizations
POLS 340	Might and Right Among Nations
POLS 307	Civil Liberties
POLS 410	Ethnic Conflict and Nationalism
POLS 450	Ethics in Government and Politics
PSYC 304	Social Psychology
SOCL 309	The Refugee Experience
SOCL 316	Racial and Ethnic Relations