



Course Description

INS2200 | Introduction to Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies | 3.00 credits

Introduction to Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies is an interdisciplinary course exploring foundational concepts, methodologies, and practical approaches to interstate and intra-state conflicts and how to tackle them. The course has no specific prerequisites and will appeal to a broad audience as it analyzes a broad spectrum of perspectives in the field of conflict and peace studies. By contextualizing the challenge and transmitting the knowledge of peace in normative, empirical and historical frameworks, the course will equip students with a multi-dimensional conceptual toolbox to analyze it while inspiring them to create a more equitable and harmonious world.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The students will demonstrate their understanding and analytical appreciation of the Historical background of Peace and Conflict studies by:

1. Analyzing the historical context and evolution of peace and conflict studies and how the concept of peace as a political condition has interacted with justice and order both institutionally and normatively

Competency 2: The students will demonstrate their knowledge of the multidisciplinary nature of peace studies by:

1. Comparing Peace Studies in the broader debates of International Relations, Sociology and Psychology, Gender Studies, Environmental Studies, and Religious Studies
2. Contextualizing and comparing the various movements and debates within and amongst the disciplines

Competency 3: The students will evaluate Current paradigms, debates, and approaches to peace studies by:

1. Identifying the interaction between peace as a holistic concept and adjacent notions and paradigms like human security, democracy, sustainable development, environmental justice, social equity, welfare, etc.

Learning Outcomes:

- Demonstrate knowledge of diverse cultures including global and historical perspectives
- Create strategies that can be used to fulfill personal, civic, and social responsibilities