

PEACE STUDIES, ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

Banner code: 2_AA_PEAC

Financial aid: Eligible

The overall purpose of the program in Peace Studies is to provide formal training for students, including potential leaders, with peacemaking and conflict management skills they can apply to daily life situations, regardless of their academic disciplines or chosen professions. The program has been developed to provide an interdisciplinary perspective to the study of conflict, violence, war, and peace. Such an approach is essential in view of the highly complex, interconnected, interdependent world in which we live. This requires an understanding that allows people to respond creatively, rather than thoughtlessly, to conflict and violence at various levels.

Program Level Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Characterize the value of peace and demonstrate theories related to both positive and negative peace.
2. Analyze and discuss issues related to peace, conflict and societal problems at all levels.
3. Critically think about their role in the world and demonstrate effective leadership skills by creating communities that are just, compassionate, and sustainable.
4. Articulate an understanding of how the application of negotiation, conflict resolution and peace building tools can be used to achieve personal, communal, national and international goals.
5. Locate and critically evaluate educational materials concerning specific conflicts and their causes in at least two contemporary issues.
6. Apply theory in academic disciplines such as literature, communication, political science and philosophy to the field of peace studies.

Associate Degree Graduation Requirements

(See GWC website (<http://www.goldenwestcollege.edu>) for the most up-to-date information on Associate Degree Requirements (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/golden-west/general-education/associate-degree/>).

1. Completion of General Education Requirements by one of the following methods:
 - a. Completion of a minimum of 18 units as listed under Areas A through E, including the Cultural Diversity Requirement.
 - b. Completion of a minimum of 39 units of CSU General Education requirements. Students who complete this pattern are also eligible to receive the Certificate of Achievement in CSU General Education Breadth (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/golden-west/general-education/csu-ge/>).
 - c. Completion of a minimum of 34 (UC) or 37 (CSU) units of Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) requirements. Students who complete this pattern are also eligible to receive the Certificate of Achievement in IGETC (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/golden-west/general-education/igetc/>).

2. Completion of a Major or Area of Emphasis—a minimum of 18 units.
3. Completion of additional elective units to a total of 60 units.
4. 2.0 overall Grade Point Average at GWC and 2.0 overall Grade Point Average for all colleges attended.
5. At least 12 units completed at GWC.

Students should consult a GWC counselor in order to select the best pathway to meet their educational goals. For students who intend to transfer, the choice of general education will be specific to both their major and transfer institution.

Course	Title	Units
Required Courses		
PEAC G100	Peace Studies Intro	3
PEAC G110	Nonviolence and Conflict Resolution	3
COMM G225	Negotiation and Mediation	3
ENGL G110	Critical Thinking, Reading And Writing Through Literature	4
PEAC G150	Social Justice and Peacebuilding	3
<i>Select one of the following:</i>		3
COMM G100	Interpersonal Communication	3
COMM G255	Intercultural Communication	3
PSCI G110	International Relations	3
PHIL G120	Ethics	3
PEAC G230	Leadership & Peacebuilding	3
Major Total		19
GE Pattern (Local, CSU GE-Breadth, or IGETC)		18-39
Total Units		60