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Professor Meg Daly  
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Re: Approval of Minor in Peace Studies

Dear Meg:

The SBS Panel on March 11, 2015 approved a proposal by International Studies to establish an undergraduate minor program in Peace Studies.

The proposal is motivated by the growing student demand for the study of peace. With the recent acquisitions of faculty in the area, International Studies now has the capability to implement the minor. Most existing peace studies programs are found in smaller colleges, where diversity and quality of courses are severely limited by scale and resources. The proposal notes that, with the rich intellectual and physical resources to draw upon at the university, the proposed program would have a significant advantage over them.

The panel agreed the proposed program is worthwhile. The proposal was approved with the contingency that International Studies clarifies the nature of the concurrences obtained for the proposal. The concurrence issue has been resolved satisfactorily. The proposal was initially submitted in January 2015 and had received feedback from this panel.

The panel's decision to approve the proposal was unanimous.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pok-sang Lam".

Pok-sang Lam  
Chair, ASCC SBS Panel



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Dear Council on Academic Affairs Members,

I am pleased to submit for your consideration a proposal for an undergraduate minor program in Peace Studies. A distinctive strength of this program lies in the systematic study of this values-driven and multidisciplinary applied science. The collaboration of faculty across disciplines in developing and overseeing this program ensures its quality.

The program's interdisciplinarity and flexibility will appeal to many students across the university as an important complement to their major programs. Given the strong and growing communities of faculty researchers in peace studies, I support the undergraduate minor in Peace Studies and I encourage its approval.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier  
Divisional Dean, Social & Behavioral Sciences  
College of Arts & Sciences

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## **PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE A PEACE STUDIES MINOR IN THE UNDERGRADUATE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM**

**To:** The Council on Academic Affairs

**From:** Anthony Mughan, Director, International Studies

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### **Background**

In 2003, the Undergraduate International Studies Program (IS) proposed, and succeeded in, discontinuing *Peace Studies* as a separate specialization, or track, and incorporating it into the *International Relations* track to form the new *International Relations & Diplomacy* (IR&D) specialization, which is one of ten making up the International Studies curriculum. The basic reason was that there were not enough courses available across the university to sustain *Peace Studies* as a stand-alone major. Importantly, though, the introductory course to the *Peace Studies* track, IS201 (now IS2800): Introduction to Peace Studies, was incorporated into the reformed IR&D specialization as a required course for both the major and the minor. In the intervening years, this has proved to be a very popular GE course, offering honors as well as regular sections. In 2012-2013, for example, a total of 226 students took the course and 218 took it in 2013-2014. Moreover, a number of the students who have taken it regularly express their interest in continuing the study of peace beyond the introductory level and independently of an IR&D specialization in which a specific focus on the theory and practice of the study of peace does not loom large. This proposal is designed to fill this gap by adding a minor in Peace Studies to the International Studies curriculum. There are several reasons why this proposal is being made now. One, all the signs are still that there is student demand for such a minor. Two, the Mershon Center, in cooperation with the Department of Political Science, has just appointed Chris Gelpi to the Chair in Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution and he will anchor the peace program. The Mershon Center has also appointed a Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies Coordinator, John Carlarne, who will teach in the program. Three, there are now enough suitable courses available both within International Studies and in the many departments contributing to its curriculum to warrant a minor. Finally, a stable of stand-alone minors has been created in Arts and Sciences in recent years and this proposed minor will enhance this set of offerings.

This proposal envisages the creation of a Peace Studies minor within IS whose focus will be the theory and practice of peace studies on both a national and global scale. This minor will be independent of the existing IS track structure, but will NOT be open to IR&D majors or minors.

### **Rationale**

The field of peace studies has three core characteristics. First, it is values driven. Much like medical science, peace studies has the promotion and maintenance of human wellbeing as its primary goal. Recently this concern for human wellbeing has developed to incorporate a

systemic approach that emphasizes the complex and symbiotic relationship between humanity and the planet upon which it depends. Second, and much like the medical field, peace studies is multidisciplinary in that the fundamental questions it addresses are not solely the purview of those who identify themselves with the field of peace studies. Indeed, such questions as the possibility of universal coexistence and security, and the origins and nature of violence and injustice have occupied the humanities, sciences and social sciences long before the first peace studies programs were established after the Second World War. Third, peace studies is necessarily an applied discipline since, like medicine, its values can only be realized through the application of practical measures by well trained, knowledgeable and committed practitioners. The minor proposed here is intended to graduate students with the necessary knowledge, skills and informed commitment to contribute effectively to the construction of a more secure, just and peaceful world. Thus we have structured the minor require that students take a combination of theory and applied coursework.

The proposed minor in Peace Studies will promote these core strengths in order to produce graduates with the knowledge, skills and ethical foundation to be effective researchers, practitioners and advocates for peace and social justice. Moreover, The Ohio State University is unusually well-placed to produce graduates with this range of qualities. While there are one or two notable exceptions (for example, the University of California at Berkeley), peace studies programs have traditionally been the preserve of smaller colleges and universities with some kind of social mission or religious affiliation. Their very size and limited academic coverage has meant that the range, diversity and quality of courses available to students, especially in the area of applied peace studies, have been limited. Ohio State is in a position to circumvent this problem by virtue of the rich, perhaps unprecedented intellectual and physical resources on which its students can draw as they explore fundamental problems in the theory and practice of peace studies.

## **Curriculum**

The proposal is for a 12-hour multidisciplinary minor in Peace Studies that is separate from the *IR&D* specialization in the IS curriculum and not open to students majoring or minoring in this specialization. All students minoring in Peace Studies will take the same introductory course, which must be passed with a grade of C- or higher.

### **Required Course (3 hours)**

INTSTDS 2800: Introduction to Peace Studies

**Electives (9 hours): Two courses from one grouping and one course from the other, with at least two of the three courses being at the 4000-level or above)**

### **Theory Courses**

AGCOMM 5150: Communication Strategies for Change and Development

COMM 3330: Communication and Conflict Management

INTSTDS 5800: International Law



INTSTDS 4802: Problems and Prospects for Peace  
 POLITSC 3460: Global Justice  
 POLITSC 4455: Human Rights  
 POLITSC4330: Global Governance  
 POLITSC 4282: The Politics of Income Inequality  
 SOC 3463: Social Stratification: Race, Class and Gender  
 SOC 4666: Power and Society

### Applied Courses

INTSTDS 4804: Applied Peace Studies I: Nonviolence Theory  
 INTSTDS 4805: Applied Peace Studies II: Nonviolence Practice  
 INTSTDS 4801: Multilateral Diplomacy: A Model United Nations  
 INTSTDS 4803: Intervening for Peace: Peacekeeping and Collective Security  
 INTSTDS 5191: Student Intern Program in International Studies  
 POLITSC 4320: Strategies of War and Peace  
 POLITSC 4331: The UN System  
 PUBAFRS 2150: Introduction to Nonprofit Organizations  
 PUBAFRS 3140: Nonprofit Governance and Management  
 SOC 4606: Social Movements and Collective Behavior

### Course Synopses

#### Introduction

<b>International Studies 2800:</b> <i>Introduction to Peace Studies</i>	The meanings of peace and peacelessness in today's world, varied approaches to peace, contributions of many disciplines and professionals, and the significance of peoples' movements.	Prerequisites: Not open to students with credit for 201. GE soc sci orgs and politics and diversity global studies course.
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#### Theory Courses

<b>Agricultural Communication 5150:</b> <i>Communication Strategies for Change and Development</i>	Examines communication competencies needed by development and social change practitioners.	Prereq: Jr or Sr standing, or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 650
<b>Communication 3330:</b> <i>Communication and Conflict Management</i>	An overview of the communication and conflict literature with emphasis on effective conflict management.	Not open to students with credit for 3330H(531H) or 531
<b>International Studies 5800:</b> <i>International Law</i>	Examination of varied sources, traditions, functions, and structure of	Prereq: Soph standing or above, or

	international law and its significance in maintaining stability, continuity and communication in the international system	permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 650
<b>International Studies 4802:</b> <i>Problems and Prospects for Peace</i>	Integrated seminar focusing on problems encountered with peace strategies and both short and long-term prospects for peaceful change.	Prereq: Soph standing, or permission of instructor.
<b>Political Science 3460:</b> <i>Global Justice</i>	Examines the idea of justice between states and among the people of the world. What would a just world look like? How should we live in our unjust world? Current debates about war, the environment, diversity and poverty will be considered	
<b>Political Science 4455:</b> <i>Human Rights</i>	Examines human right, including the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights; coercive enforcement of rights; as well as hunger, violence, persecution, and economic rights.	Not open to students with credit for PS564.
<b>Political Science 4330:</b> <i>Global Governance</i>	Examination of emergence and form of global governance, including questions of legitimation, democratization, and enforcement; as well as collective security, humanitarian intervention, and proliferation.	Not open to students with credit for PS556.
<b>Political Science 4282:</b> <i>The Politics of Income Inequality.</i>	Introduces fundamental politics of income inequality and redistribution, including social policy development, redistributional policy differences between countries, and popularity of differing welfare programs.	Not open to students with credit PS582
<b>Sociology 3463:</b> <i>Social Stratification: Race, Class and Gender.</i>	The study of social inequality with a focus on inequalities by class and status, race and ethnicity, and gender.	Not open to students with credit for SOC463. GE soc sci human, nat, and econ resources course.
<b>Sociology 4666:</b> <i>Power and Society</i>	Examination of structures, continuities, and processes of change; of models and building blocks; and of social contexts of power and dynamic systems entering political processes.	Prereq: 3 cr hrs of Sociology 2000-3000 (200-400). Not open for students with credit for 666.

## Applied Courses

<b>International Studies 4804:</b> <i>Applied Peace Studies I: Method</i>	This course provides an introduction to the strategies and methods of pursuing peace and social justice through nonviolence. Through a combination of reading, discussion, and practical experiments participants will develop a sound understanding of nonviolence theory and practice	Prereq: 2800
<b>International Studies 4805:</b> <i>Applied Peace Studies II: Experiment</i>	This course applies the knowledge acquired from Applied Nonviolence I and is intended to develop and test the skills necessary to becoming a professional nonviolent activist.	Prereq: 4804
<b>International Studies 4801:</b> <i>Model United Nations.</i>	Interactive diplomatic simulation of the political processes of the UN system focusing on selected global problems ; involves class discussion, group projects , and significant student participation.	Not open to students with credit for 552.
<b>International Studies 4803:</b> <i>Intervening for Peace: Peacekeeping and Collective Security</i>	Exploration of the theory and practice of international peacekeeping and collective security.	Not open to students with credit for 551.
<b>International Studies 5191:</b> <i>Student Intern Program in International Studies</i>	Opportunity to gain knowledge of the polity process in a local, national, international or government agency.	Prereq: GPA 3.0 or above and Jr, Sr, or Grad standing. Repeatable to a maximum of 9 credit hours or 3 completions. This course is graded S/U.
<b>Political Science 4320</b> <i>Strategies for War and Peace</i>	Examination of how political leaders make decisions, emphasizing such issues as leaders' reasoning processes and the impact of public opinion and foreign policy bureaucracies.	Nor open to students with credit for 545.
<b>Political Science 4331:</b> <i>The United Nations System</i>	Activities and potential of the United Nations system in promoting economic well-being, environmental management, resource sharing, social justice, and control of violence	Not open to students with credit for PS551.
<b>Public Affairs 2150:</b> <i>Introduction to Nonprofit Organizations.</i>	Introduces students to the world of nonprofit organizations, in particular those whose missions address social issues and public service.	Not open to students with credit for 337 or ArtsSci 337
<b>Public Affairs 3140:</b> <i>Nonprofit Management and Governance</i>	Survey and analysis of nonprofit organization management and governance, in particular those whose missions address social issues and public service.	Not open to students with credit for 594(WI 2011 only)

<b>Sociology 4606:</b> Social Movements and Collective Behavior	An examination of theories and research on non-traditional group efforts to change social systems and institutions; emphasis on contemporary societies and movements.	Prereq: 3 cr hrs in Sociology at 2000- 3000 (200-400) level or above. Not open to students with credit for 606.	
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This minor will be open to all IS majors except those in the International Relations & Diplomacy specialization, as well as to members of the undergraduate student body as a whole. No course in it will be allowed to count towards the IS major. In the event that a course were to be required on both this minor and the major, it will count towards the minor and students will be required to substitute for it on their major. All the courses counting towards this minor are approved and already on the books. They are also generally taught by faculty in the departments offering them. Students must maintain a C average in the minor, and no grade lower than C- will count towards the minor.

### Administration

The minor will be listed in the OSU Bulletin as “an interdisciplinary minor offered by the Undergraduate International Studies Program.” Individual departments will not be listed so as to allow for the addition and subtraction of courses as circumstances in the contributing units change and/or as new units list courses in the minor. To declare a minor, students will meet with a UIISP advisor, with whom they will plan their minor program. Proposed changes to the course content of the minor will be discussed by the Steering Committee that created it (Drs. John Carlarne, Chris Gelpi and Anthony Mughan) and referred to the UIISP Oversight Committee for approval.

Departments wishing to propose courses for the Peace Studies minor should submit the following to the UIISP Director:

- A fully articulated syllabus for the course(s);
- A statement (two pages maximum) describing how the proposed course(s) would add to the Peace Studies minor;
- A description of the history of the proposed course. Is it new? How many times has it been offered before and how often will it be offered in the future?
- A short biography of the faculty member who will have primary responsibility for teaching the course

All the courses that figure, now or in the future, in the proposed minor will have to share the characteristics of being offered regularly, preferably once a year but no less than once every two years.



## **Competition**

To the best we can establish from websites, the only competition for this program in the state of Ohio is the concentration in Peace and Conflict Studies at Oberlin College, the minor in Peace and Conflict Studies at Bluffton University and the BA in War and Peace Studies at Ohio University. None of these programs, though, offers the systematic applied focus that is built into this proposed minor.

Notable in surrounding states are the following competitor programs:

Earlham College (Richmond, IN)     BA in Peace and Global Studies

Michigan State University     Specialization in Peace and Justice Studies

University of Notre Dame     BA and a minor in Peace Studies

A comprehensive list of national and overseas colleges/universities with Peace Studies programs can be found at <http://pilgrimpathways.wordpress.com/2011/05/03/colleges-and-universities-with-peace-studies-programs/>.

## **Expected Student Enrollment**

Year 1: 15 students

Year 2: 30 students

Year 3: 50 students

## **Implementation of Proposed Minor**

Letters of concurrence from the heads of contributing departments are attached to this proposal (see Appendix A). It is hoped that the proposal will be approved by both ASC Curriculum Committee and CAA by the end of the 2015 Spring semester so that implementation will be possible in Autumn 2015.

Questions regarding this proposal should be addressed to Anthony Mughan, 33 Townshend Hall, 1885 Neil Avenue, CAMPUS; his telephone number is 292-9657 and his e-mail address is [mughan.1@osu.edu](mailto:mughan.1@osu.edu).

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The minor program in Peace Studies focuses on the theory and practice of peace studies on both a national and global scale. Students who successfully complete this minor will be able to develop a systematic framework for understanding this values-driven and multidisciplinary applied discipline. 12 Credit Hours.

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**NOTE:** The Honors version of any course included here also is eligible to be counted toward the minor.

**Required Foundational Course (3 Credit Hours)**

INTSTDS 2800 – Introduction to Peace Studies (3)

**Elective Courses (9 Credit Hours)**

Choose 2 courses from one group and 1 course from the other. At least 2 of the 3 chosen courses must be at the 4000-level or above.

**1. Theory**

AGCOMM 5150: Communication for Change and Development (3)

COMM 3330: Communication and Conflict Management (3)

INTSTDS 4802: Problems and Prospects for Peace (3)

INTSTDS 5800: International Law (3)

POLITSC 3460: Global Justice (3)

POLITSC 4282: The Politics of Income Inequality (3)

POLITSC 4330: Global Governance (3)

POLITSC 4455: Human Rights (3)

SOC 3463: Social Stratification: Race, Class and Gender (3)

SOC 4666: Power and Society (3)

**2. Applied**

INTSTDS 4801: Multilateral Diplomacy: A Model United Nations (3)

INTSTDS 4803: Intervening for Peace: Peacekeeping and Collective Security (3)

INTSTDS 4804: Applied Peace Studies I: Nonviolence Theory (3)

INTSTDS 4805: Applied Peace Studies II: Nonviolence Practice (3)

INTSTDS 5191: Student Intern Program in International Studies (3)

POLITSC 4320: Strategies of War and Peace (3)

POLITSC 4331: The UN System (3)

PUBAFRS 2150: Introduction to Nonprofit Organizations (3)

PUBAFRS 3140: Nonprofit Governance and Management (3)

SOC 4606: Social Movements and Collective Behavior (3)

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**Peace Studies Minor Program Guidelines\***

**Required for graduation** No.

**Credit hours required** Minimum of 12. 1000 level courses shall not be counted toward the minor.

**Transfer and EM credit hours allowed** A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

**Overlap with the GE** A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

**Overlap with the major and additional minors**

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s)

**Grades required**

- Minimum C- for a course to be counted toward the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count toward the minor.
- No more than 3 credit hours of coursework graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.

**X193 credits** No more than 3 credit hours.

**Approval required** Minor coursework must be approved by an International Studies advisor.

**Filing the minor program form** The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to the college.

**Changing the minor** Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by an International Studies advisor.

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**\* NOTE:**

The Peace Studies minor is not open to students with the *International Relations & Diplomacy* specialization of the International Studies major.

## **Concurrences for Proposed Peace Studies Minor (March 2015)**

Dear Trevor,

A few months I requested your agreement to have a number of Glenn courses included in IS's proposed Peace Studies minor. The specific request is reprinted below. The ASC Curriculum Committee has approved the minor in principle but has requested that your concurrence signals approval of the minor as a whole and not just of the specific Glenn courses to be included in it. Could you please amend the text below and return it to me. Thanks.

Tony

Dear Trevor,

With the appointment of Chris Gelpi as Mershon Professor of Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution, International Studies has been encouraged to reactivate the Peace Studies minor that it offered until 2003. Accordingly, Chris, John Carlarne, who is Peace Studies Coordinator at the Mershon Center, and I have redesigned the Peace Studies minor and plan to submit a proposal to the appropriate curriculum committees soon. The first step, however, is to get the concurrence from departments and other units for the inclusion of certain of their courses as electives in the redesigned minor. Below are the John Glenn School courses included in it. I can also, of course, send you the larger proposal if you wish.

PUBAFRS 2150: Introduction to Nonprofit Organizations

PUBAFRS 3140: Nonprofit Governance and Management

Does the John Glenn School of Public Affairs agree to allow the inclusion of these courses in the proposed Peace Studies minor? I look forward to hearing from you.

Tony

### **Replies: John Glenn School**

Hi Tony,

The Glenn School provides its concurrence for the Peace Studies Minor and the inclusion of the following two courses:

PUBAFRS 2150: Introduction to Nonprofit Organizations

PUBAFRS 3140: Nonprofit Governance and Management

Sincerely,

Trevor

**Replies: Political Science**

POLITSC 3460: Global Justice P

POLITSC 4331: The UN System

POLITSC 4455: Human Rights

POLITSC4330: Global Governance

POLITSC 4282: The Politics of Income Inequality

POLITSC4320: Strategies of War and Peace

Tony,

The Department of Political Science concurs on the activation of a Peace Studies minor within International Studies. I understand the PS courses listed below will be part of this minor. The department concurs on both the minor and these PS courses being included in it.

Sincerely,

Rick

**Replies: Sociology**

SOC 3463: Social Stratification: Race, Class and Gender

SOC 4606: Social Movements and Collective Behavior

SOC 4666: Power and Society

Dear Tony,

Department of Sociology supports the Peace Studies minor and we are happy that sociology is part of this effort. Best,

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**Replies: School of Communications**

COMM3330: Communication and Conflict Management

Hi Anthony –

Yes, the School of Communication is in full support of the peace studies minor and will try to make certain any of our relevant courses are available to those who choose this minor.

Sincerely,

Dan McDonald



Professor and Director

**Replies: Agricultural Communication, Education and Leadership**

**COMLDR 5150: Communication Strategies for Change and Development**

Hello Tony,

As department chair for Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership (ACEL), I approve, in principle, the proposed IS Peace Studies minor, which would include as a possible course COMLDR 5150. The COMLDR 5150 course is taught in ACEL department. Thank you.

Gary Straquadine