

Peace and Justice Studies

Exploring the social conscience of Franciscan faith

Interested in problems facing the world and attempts to work for social change? If so, then the Peace and Justice Studies program may be for you. The program integrates a dynamic student culture outside the classroom with rigorous scholarship in the classroom. The program combines academic studies, theological reflection, and community engagement to prepare students for civic leadership. Students will have an opportunity to promote peace and justice on campus and interact with leaders of the Indianapolis peace and justice community. The program prepares students to reflect upon the living relevance of Franciscan values. The main components of the Peace and Justice Studies program are:

- Peace and Justice Studies Student Living Communities
- Social Justice Events
- Service Learning and Internships
- Peace and Justice Studies Minor

Peace and Justice Studies Student Living Communities

Students enrolled in Peace and Justice Studies are eligible to participate in one of two residential learning communities—the Dorothy Day House for Peace and Justice and the Peter Maurin House for Peace and Justice. The Peace and Justice Studies houses are vibrant hubs of student culture and civic discussion. The communities are modeled after principles embraced by the Catholic Worker Movement including non-violence, simple living, and community engagement. The students living in the Peace



Marian University students participate in the School of the Americas Vigil in Columbus, Georgia, honoring victims of violence in Latin America.

and Justice Studies houses serve as campus ambassadors of peace and justice. They often host movies, dinners, and speakers. When determining who will live in the Peace and Justice Studies houses, students enrolled in the Peace and Justice Studies minor receive priority.

Social Justice Events

Students in the Peace and Justice Studies program both organize and participate in social justice events. For example, Peace and Justice Studies students have organized Global Peace and Justice Day, the Hunger Banquet, the Homeless Shanty Town, and the annual trip to the School of the Americas vigil. They have also participated in peace missions

to the Middle East, peace conferences at the Indianapolis War Memorial, and leadership retreats at the Sisters of St. Francis Monastery in Oldenburg, Indiana.

Service Learning and Internships

Service learning opportunities are available through the Peace and Justice Studies program and campus ministry. Internships with organizations such as the Indianapolis Peace Institute are also available. Service learning and internships combine direct experience and academic reflection. They also give students exposure to work opportunities in the area of peace and justice.

**Peace and Justice Studies Minor
(18 credit hours)**

Required Courses (two classes, six credits)

POL 155 Introduction to Peace Studies
SOC 145 Introduction to Social Justice

Elective Choices (four classes, 12 credits)

COM 201 Dialogue and Democratic Decision Making
COM 221 The Art of Dialogue
COM 353 Prophetic Social Criticism
+ENV 170 Introduction to Environmental Science
HIS 336 Women and Gender in Modern Europe
HIS 440 Empire and Nation—Colonialism and Post-Colonialism
PHL 215 Personal and Professional Ethics
PHL 240 Social and Political Philosophy
POL 230 Introduction to Political Theory
POL 359 Causes of War and Peace
+POL 353 Politics of Development
SOC 270 Education and Social Inequality
SOC 320 Race and Ethnic Relations
SOC 305 Sex, Gender, and Sexuality
SOC 325 Social Class, Power, and Inequality
+SOC 342 Peace and Justice in the Developing World
SOC 360 Social Justice in Action
SOC 365 Introduction to Social Work
SOC 370 Criminology
SOC 375 Social Movements

SOC 380 Special Topics in Sociology
+THL 321 Religious Perspectives on Social Issues
+THL 322 Catholic Social Teaching

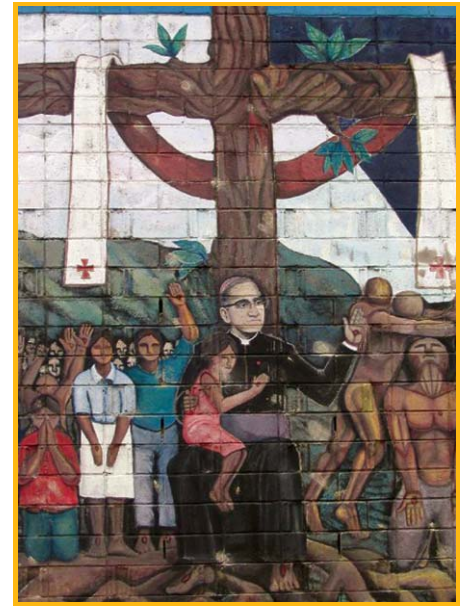
(+) indicates a course that also counts for general education credit

Related Campus Organizations

Campus Ministry
Department of History and Social Sciences
Pax Christi
Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg

Related Indianapolis Organizations

Community Faith and Labor Coalition
Indianapolis Peace Institute
Indianapolis Peace and Justice Center
International Interfaith Initiative
Peace Learning Center



Mural of Archbishop Romero, San Salvador. Romero symbolizes Catholic devotion to social justice and peace.

Want to know more?

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