Peace and Conflict Studies Graduate Certificate
Curricular Checklist

Total: 12 Credits

□ PCS.501 Strategies of Conflict Transformation

□ 3 Elective Courses from any listed (page 6)
  1.__________________________________
  2.__________________________________
  3.__________________________________

Credits from the Graduate Certificate can be applied to the Master of Arts
Peace and Conflict Studies Master of Arts
Curricular Checklist

Total: 30 Credits

☐ PCS.501 Strategies of Conflict Transformation

☐ PCS.550 and PCS.553 Integrative Seminar
(2-semester, 3-credit course)

☐ Research Methods Course
  Preferred: PCS.544 Advanced Research Methods
  Also acceptable: 57.506 or 47.512 Research Methods

☐ 4 Elective Courses within one of the following Professional Options: (page 6)
  Conflict Resolution, Organizational Leadership, Policy Analysis

1.__________________________________
2.__________________________________
3.__________________________________
4.__________________________________

☐ Capstone (Select one of the following)
  -PCS.558 Practicum (Internship) (3 or 6 credits)
  -PCS.733 Project (3 or 6 credits)
  -PCS.746 Thesis (6 credits)

☐ 1 or 2 additional electives from any Professional Option*

1.__________________________________
2.__________________________________ (only required if doing a 1-semester project
or practicum)

*If you complete a thesis or 2-semester project or practicum, you need one additional elective. If you complete a 1-semester project or practicum, you must take two additional electives.

Total credits must add up to 30.
Descriptions of Required Courses

PCS.501  Strategies for Conflict Transformation

Participants study and develop effective interventions for four levels of conflict: Family, community, national, and international. As part of the course, participants study existing theories of social and institutional change and a variety of multifaceted approaches to policy and practice interventions in coexistence work. The course also addresses the evaluation and assessment of conflict interventions.

PCS.544  Advanced Research Methods

This course is an applied survey of research methods. Students will learn data presentation and basic descriptive and inferential statistics, as well as the basics of researching data sources and primary data-gathering techniques (survey, case study, archival), and a framework for deciding when particular methods of data-gathering and analysis are appropriate. Students will apply the techniques as they learn them.

PCS.550  Integrative Seminar

The integrative seminar is a bi-weekly 2-hour and 20 minute seminar that a student takes for a student’s final last two semesters to synthesize learning and develop interdisciplinary understanding of their work in Peace and Conflict Studies. Large scale, empirical research studies have demonstrated that student engagement and student learning is significantly greater in programs with strong curricular coherence. The seminar will create a community of learners and enhance each student’s education by bringing them into facilitated dialogues about their cumulative learning. Students will build connections between their courses and have the opportunity to address questions that arise between disciplinary perspectives. Students are awarded 0 credits upon completion of the first semester and 3 credits upon completion of the second semester.
**Professional Options**

To complete the M.A., students must select 4 electives in one of the following professional options. To complete the Graduate Certificate, students select 3 electives from any of the following professional options. The professional options are designed to help students advance their career trajectories within the broad field of peace studies. Each option offers core knowledge and skills relevant for work in the area.

The **Conflict Resolution** option deepens student understanding of the nature and dynamics of conflict as well as strategies for managing and transforming conflict into more positive relationships, sustainable peace, and just societies. Students gain skills in identifying key factors and dilemmas in conflict settings and in fostering constructive change processes. Individuals in this option could pursue careers involving mediation and facilitation from the grassroots to the international level, restorative justice, and program development and training in conflict transformation.

The **Organizational Leadership** option orients students for careers as professionals in peace-related local and international NGOs, governmental and intergovernmental agencies, and religious and other civil society organizations. Students gain a deeper understanding of the role of various kinds of organizations in peace-building and the challenges they face. Students reflect on what it means to be a leader in an organization, the ingredients of effective leadership, and their own leadership style. They also acquire skills and tools needed to manage organizational peace-building efforts effectively.

In the **Policy Analysis** option, students analyze policy formation, implementation, and evaluation designed to build sustainable peace. Students gain skills in developing policies as well as broader initiatives to promote normative and structural change. This option provides a strong background for pursuing careers in areas such as policy advising in government, in regional or global international organizations, or in NGO settings; political organizing and advocacy work; and human rights implementation, monitoring, and evaluation.
**Professional Option Elective Courses**

- Not all courses are offered each semester
- Other courses may be added to an option with the permission of the Graduate Coordinator. If you want to take a course that is not listed but you think is relevant, speak first with your advisor.
- Fall semester courses are posted the previous April and spring semester courses are posted the previous November. Visit [www.uml.edu/pcs](http://www.uml.edu/pcs) and click on current students for courses offered during the current semester.
- Some courses have relevance to multiple options and are therefore included in more than one option.
- To view course descriptions go to
  1. isis.uml.edu
  2. Class search/course catalog
  3. Browse course catalog
  4. Select institution: UMass Lowell
  5. Click on the number or letter that the course # begins with
     - For 44.525, click on 4 and scroll down to 44
     - For PCS.545, click on P and scroll down to PCS
  6. Click on the Course
  7. Click Career: Graduate
## Professional Option Elective Courses

### Conflict Resolution
- PCS.545 Politics of Repression and Dissent
- PCS.558 Peace And Conflict Field Experience
- 44.526 Domestic Terrorism and Hate Crimes
- 44.542 Criminal Profiling
- 44.545 Criminal Mind and Behavior
- 44.549 Terrorism/Counter-Terrorism
- 44.624 Violence in America
- 47.500 Introduction to Community Social Psychology
- 47.502 Seminar in Community Social Psychology
- 47.503 Applied Social Psychology
- 47.522 Psychology of Diversity
- 47.542 Working with Groups
- 57.511 Dynamics of Power and Authority
- 57.512 Community Conflict Resolution
- 57.532 Advanced Community Dynamics or 47.625 Advanced Community Dynamics: Lowell
- 57.605 Social Movements and Empowerment
- 05.652 Managing Change and Conflict
- CRIM.501 Criminological Theory
- CRIM.572 Terrorism/Counter-Terrorism

### Organizational Leadership
- PCS.525 Gender, Work, and Peace
- PCS.545 Politics of Repression and Dissent
- PCS.558 Peace And Conflict Field Experience
- 44.513 Crisis and Emergency Management
- 47.500 Introduction to Community Social Psychology
- 47.502 Seminar in Community Social Psychology
- 47.526 Workplace Diversity
- 47.545 Community and Organizational Change
- 47.546 Grant Writing or 57.546 Grant Writing
- 57.511 Dynamics of Power and Authority
- 57.520 Inequality and Organization
- 57.532 Advance Community Dynamics
- 57.598 Organizational Dynamics and Regional Development
- 62.501 Marketing Fundamentals
- 63.501 Operations Fundamentals
- 66.501 Organizational Behavior

### Policy Analysis
- PCS.525 Gender, Work, and Peace
- PCS.545 Politics of Repression and Dissent
- PCS.558 Peace And Conflict Field Experience
- 44.526 Domestic Terrorism and Hate Crimes
- 44.542 Criminal Profiling
- 44.545 Criminal Mind and Behavior
- 44.549 Terrorism/Counter-Terrorism
- 44.567 Overview of Homeland Security
- 44.568 Contemporary Security Studies
- 44.622 Intimate Partner Violence
- 44.624 Violence in America
- 47.500 Introduction to Community Social Psychology
- 47.527 Immigrant Psychology and Communities
- 47.547 Community Mapping or 57.514 Community Mapping
- 57.513 Foundations of Comparative Regional Development
- 57.515 Politics and Economics of Public Policy
- 57.518 Comparative Environmental Study
- 57.540 China and India in the Global Economy
- 57.550 Analyzing Peace, Violence & War
- 57.553 Nationalism, Revolution and Religion in Modern Middle East Politics
- 57.554 Latin American Politics
- CRIM.501 Criminological Theory
- CRIM.572 Terrorism/Counter-Terrorism