PEACE & JUSTICE

OHIO DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY™

KEY POINTS ABOUT THE MAJOR

- **Program studies the issues surrounding the pursuit of global peace and justice.**
- **Students who choose this program have an innate desire to make the world a better place. They want to understand the motivations of people and groups. They endeavor to solve problems and resolve conflicts, enjoy the prospect of international travel and work to be constructive agents of social change.**

"Graduates in this major enjoy working with immigrant and minority populations in the United States and in developing nations around the world. Graduates contribute their skills in conflict resolution, community development and running nonprofit organizations."

- Dr. Julie Hart, Associate Professor of Sociology

Sample Four-Year Plan

The sample course plan below is a sample plan for your major. It does not and should not replace meeting with your Academic Advisor to map the best course plan that suits your individual academic needs and placement upon initial registration. Classes listed may not necessarily be offered during a particular term.

First Year (Freshman)

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
ENG 101 Thinking and Writing Across the Curriculum	3	ENG 102 Scholarly Adventures: Researched Writing	3
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology**	3	POL 101 Great Issues in Politics	3
Foreign Language I (Spanish Recommended)	3	Foreign Language II	3
IDS 179 Freshman Core Seminar	3	MTH 100 (Or elective, if not required.)	3

Second Year (Sophomore)

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Arts and Ideas Requirement	3	PJU 379C Interpersonal Negotiation & Mediation	3
Philosophy or Theology Requirement *(for major)**	3	Elective***	3
SOC 279B Nonviolent Social Change	3	Philosophy or Theology Requirement*	3
MTH 140 Introduction to Statistics	3	SOC 352 Research Methods	3

Third Year (Junior)

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Electives***	6	POL 360 International Politics	3
PJU 379B Peace and Justice	3	Arts and Ideas Requirement	3
SOC 379C Causes of Collective Violence	3	SOC 379B Global Ethnic Relations	3
		Elective***	3

Fourth Year (Senior)

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
PJU 479 International Conflict Management	3	PJU 497 Internship	3
Natural Science Requirement	3	Elective***	3
Philosophy Requirement*	3	POL 379A International Law & Organizations	3
Arts and Ideas Requirement	3	SOC 379A Poverty & Development Seminar	3
Theology Requirement*	3	*or* POL 279A Environmental Value and Policymaking	

** At least one Philosophy and one Theology course must be at the 200 level or higher.*

*** Diversity requirement will be fulfilled with this requirement.*

****Electives may be focused toward the completion of a minor. Most minors consist of 20 to 24 credits.*

For More Information

Full descriptions for all ODU courses are available on the ODU website. The core curriculum and four-year course blueprint are based on the 2012-2013 edition of the ODU Course Catalog.

For more information, contact your Admission Counselor or Academic Advisor at admissions@ohiodominican.edu or at 614.251.4500.

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COURSES WITHIN THE MAJOR

- Intro to Sociology
- Principles of Justice
- Applied Ethics
- Interpersonal Negotiation & Mediation
- War & Peace: International Law & Organizations
- Nonviolent Social Change
- Causes of Collective Violence
- Global Ethnic Relations
- International Conflict Management
- Poverty and Development
- Internship in Peace & Justice

"They say, 'a mind is a terrible thing to waste.' This is true, and a life is the same. The Peace & Justice major teaches you how to think about how to live. It then prepares you to live by reason; reason that unveils truth; truth that changes the world."

-Chris Albanese, '09

Program Overview

ODU's Peace & Justice program is an interdisciplinary course of study grounded in the social sciences. The courses emphasize nonviolent solutions to conflict and injustice, strategies for building communities at peace with justice, and reconciliation post conflict.

The curriculum addresses peace and justice from the individual, group and international levels, and prepares graduates with conflict resolution and social organizational skills to be constructive agents of social change, working toward a just world focused on the Common Good of all people.

Why ODU?

Students in this major have unique opportunities to participate in international learning experiences held in developing nations in both urban and rural areas, to live with local families and to see first-hand the causes, consequences and challenges they face in their daily lives.

ODU students also have the opportunity to minor in Nonprofit Management where they learn the skills of fundraising, marketing and recruiting. The foundation for the major is based in faith, reason and the social sciences.

Internships & Research

Past internship placements include Catholic Diocese: Center for Social Concern, Habitat for Humanity, YWCA Family Center, Church Social Justice Ministries, and Community Refugee and Immigration Services, Group Homes for High-Risk Youth and Community Mediation Services.

Students are encouraged to work with their faculty advisor to select an internship that best matches their interests.

Career Possibilities

Peace & Justice majors are prepared for a variety of careers, including nonprofit and/or faith-based organizations, public policy, community organizations, international poverty reduction work and ethnic relations.

In addition, the major provides a foundation for students desiring graduate education in international relations, conflict resolution, and peace and justice studies.

International & On-Campus Opportunities

Students are encouraged to participate in education abroad opportunities in Central America, Africa and the Middle East.

On campus, Peace & Justice majors are active in the Social Justice Club, Sustainability Council and the Multicultural Club.

For More Information About the Peace & Justice Program

Contact Dr. Julie Hart, Associate Professor of Sociology, at hartj@ohiodominican.edu to learn more about the Peace & Justice Program. For questions about the other Social & Behavioral Science programs, such as Communication Studies, Criminal Justice, Integrated Social Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work and Sociology, contact your Academic Advisor or your Admission Counselor at admissions@ohiodominican.edu or 614.251.4500.