

Peace and Justice Major (GIS)

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About

The interdisciplinary curriculum of the Center for Peace and Justice Education is rooted in Villanova's Augustinian tradition of education in the service of peace and social justice, with particular emphasis on the poor and marginalized in society. Students are prepared to understand the essential elements of a moral and just society, reflect on models for socially responsible resolution of injustice and conflict, and learn the necessary skills to be advocates for a just and peaceful world.

Program: [Global Interdisciplinary Studies](#)

Type: Bachelor of Arts

PRIMARY MAJOR (122 credits)

Required Major Courses (30 credits)

The major in Peace and Justice Studies is offered in collaboration with the Department of Global Interdisciplinary Studies. To complete the major, students take five required courses and five elective courses in Peace and Justice, courses with a Peace and Justice attribute, or courses otherwise earning Peace and Justice credit.

Program Notes:

- Electives should be determined in consultation with the program director and tailored to the student's field(s) of interest.
- Up to 3 credits in courses fewer than 3 credits with the PJ attribute can be bundled to count as one elective.

Course	Title	Credits
GIS 2000	Intro to Global Interd Studies	3
PJ 2800	Race, Class, & Gender	3
PJ 2993	Internship	3
GIS 6500	Capstone I: Research	3
GIS 6600	Capstone 2:Thesis	3
	PJ Electives for the B.A.	15

Core Curriculum Requirements (44 credits)

Course	Title	Credits
ACS 1000	Ancients	3
ACS 1001	Moderns	3
THL 1000	Faith, Reason, and Culture	3
PHI 1000	Knowledge, Reality, Self	3
ETH 2050	The Good Life:Eth & Cont Prob	3
	Mathematics or Statistics (1 course)	3
	Natural Science (2 courses with laboratory)	8
	Literature and Writing Seminar (1 course)	3
	History (1 course)	3
	Social Sciences (2 courses)	6
	Fine Arts (1 course)	3
	Upper-Level Theology (1 course)	3
	Language Requirement	
	Diversity Requirement (2 courses)	

Free Elective Requirement (48 credits)

Students with a Peace and Justice primary major have forty-eight (48) required free elective credits.

Degree Credit Summary

- **Major Credits:** 30 credits
- **Core Credits:** 44 credits
- **Free Electives Credits:** 48 credits
- **Total Required Credits:** 122 Credits

Note: The above credit totals are based on the minimum number of required credits in each degree area. The minimum number of required credits in each area listed above must be met. Credits taken beyond the required minimum for one area may not be applied to another area.

SECONDARY MAJOR

Students who declare Peace and Justice as a **secondary major** must complete the Required Major Courses to achieve this major. Students are able to count any eligible course taken in their primary major, the core curriculum, minors, concentrations, or free electives toward these requirements.

Category Descriptions

PJ Electives for the B.A.

Credits: 15

5 Classes in courses of 3 credits or more in PJ 1000:9999, or any course number in any subject with PJ attribute (15 cr).

Natural Science (2 courses with laboratory)

Credits: 8

Non-science majors meet the Core Curriculum Natural Science requirement by taking two semesters of Mendel Science Experience (MSE), thematically-based lecture/laboratory courses designed for non-science majors; or two semesters of lecture/laboratory courses designed for science majors.

Science (AST, BIO, BIOC, CHM, CBN, CSC, ENV, MAT, PHY - B.S. only, PSY - B.S. only) majors meet the science requirement through the regular program of study in their major.