

PEACE, JUSTICE, AND CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION (CPC)

This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2025-Spring 2026 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/>).

Certificate in Peace, Justice and Conflict Transformation

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (AS) (<http://www.louisville.edu/a-s/>)
Academic Plan Code(s): PSCRCPC

Program Information

The undergraduate certificate in Peace, Justice & Conflict Transformation is housed in the College of Arts and Sciences but also encompasses other colleges. It is intended for students who wish to supplement their planned major and minor with skills that enrich their lives as global citizens and better prepares them for prospective employers or graduate school.

The Peace Studies program offers a 12-hour undergraduate certificate. In addition to three required PEAC courses (325, 350, 550), students choose electives from approximately 150 courses offered by the following units:

- Anthropology
- Art
- Chinese Studies
- Communication
- Comparative Humanities
- Criminal Justice
- English
- Geography and Geosciences
- History
- Latin American and Latino Studies
- Pan-African Studies
- Philosophy
- Psychological and Brain Sciences
- Political Science
- Social Change
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Sport Administration
- Sustainability
- Theatre Arts
- Women's and Gender Studies

The certificate culminates with PEAC 550, Service Learning in Peacebuilding, with an approved local, national, or international organization located off campus. PEAC 325, Peace, Justice & Conflict Transformation Fundamentals, and PEAC 350, Basic Mediation and Conflict Transformation, are prerequisites for PEAC 550 that may be taken in any order.

Admission Requirements

Undergraduate students who are currently enrolled at UofL must be in good standing to enter the PJCT certificate program. First time freshmen, transfer, and postbaccalaureate applicants must meet the regular admission standards (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/admission/college-arts-sciences/>) of the College of Arts and Sciences. This undergraduate certificate program may be completed as a stand-alone credential; however, it will not be eligible for federal financial aid. Students enrolled in degree programs and pursuing this certificate may be eligible for federal financial aid.

The certificate can be awarded upon graduation concurrent with a degree. To add the certificate in Peace, Justice & Conflict Transformation to your transcript you should visit the Advising website for an application for certificate in PJCT (<http://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/advising/apply/PJCT-certificate/>).

See also: How to Apply to Graduate from A&S with a PJCT Certificate (<https://louisville.edu/peace/academic-programs/files/How-to-apply-for-PJCT-certificate.pdf>)

You must also apply to graduate (<https://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/advising/appts/final-degree-check/>) with the certificate on Ulink at the beginning of the semester in which you intend to graduate with your major. You must fill out two graduation applications since this certificate is non-degree seeking. When you are ready to graduate the link to graduate with the certificate should appear just under the link to graduate with your major.

Certificate Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
PEAC 325	Peace, Justice & Conflict Transformation	3
PEAC 350	Mediation & Conflict Transformation	3
PEAC 550	Service Learning in Peacebuilding	3
Select one of the following:		3
ANTH 307	Darwin	
ANTH 310/ PAS 368	Race, Culture, Identity	
ANTH/PAS 318	African-American Cultural Traditions	
ANTH 319	Cultures of the Middle East	
ANTH 320	Indigenous Peoples of North America - D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SBH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ANTH 321	American Indian Women	
ANTH 323/ PAS 383	Cultures of Africa - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ANTH 325	The Anthropology of Latin America - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ANTH 331	Anthropology of Religion	
ANTH 332	Ecology, Politics and Culture	

ANTH 333	Globalizing Inequalities - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	COMM 450	Advanced Intercultural Communication - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
ANTH 337	Nationalism, Violence, and the State	COMM 555	Persuasive Movements
ANTH 338	Anthropology of Refugees	ENGL 342	Black Women Novelists - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
ANTH/AST 347	Global Capitalisms	ENGL 368	Minority Traditions in English Literatures - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
ANTH 352	Food and Body Politic	ENGL 369	Minority Traditions in American Literature - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
ANTH 531	Anthropology of Water	ENGL 373	Women and Global Literature - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
ART 590	Special Topics in Studio Art	ENGL 374	Gender, Race, Sexuality in Children's Lit - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
ART/CHST 341	Introduction to Printmaking	ENGL 375	LGBTQ Literature in the United States - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
AST/ANTH 347	Global Capitalisms	ENGL 423	Special Topics: African-American Literature Before 1900 - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
BSW 201	Introduction to Social Work - D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	ENGL 549	Studies in Post-Colonial and/or Ethnic Literature - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
BSW 202	Intimate and Family Relationships - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	ENGL 550	Studies in African-American Literature - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
BSW 352	Child Abuse and Neglect (Child Maltreatment)	ENGL 554	Women's Personal Narratives - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
BSW 381	Intro Social Gerontology	ENGL 567	Post-Colonial Voices: Writing Experience in African Literature - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
BSW 464	Intro Social Work and the Law	ENGL 575	Genre Studies in African-American Literature - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
CHST/AST 341	Ethnicity and Religion in China		
CJ 200	Introduction to Criminal Justice - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)		
CJ 360	Juvenile Justice		
CJ 403	Institutional Corrections		
CJ 405	Crimes Against Older Adults		
CJ 415	Drugs and Crime		
CJ 425	Behavioral Analysis of Violent Crime		
CJ 430	Environmental Crime		
CJ 440	Human Trafficking		
CJ 493	Police and the Community		
CJ 519	Domestic and Family Violence		
CJ 523	Race and Gender in Criminal Justice - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)		
CJ 577	Trauma Informed Policing		
CJ 597	Ethics in Criminal Justice - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)		
COMM 275	African-American Communication - D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)		
COMM 301	Special Topics in Communication		
COMM/WGST 324	Communication and Gender		
COMM 328	Introduction to Urban Communication		
COMM 435	Media, Culture and Society		

ENGL 577	The Harlem Renaissance - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	PAS 363/ POLS 320	Civil Rights and the Law II
GEOG 300	Globalization and Diversity - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	PAS 374	The Black Power Movement
GEOG/HIST 305	Historical Geography of the United States	PAS 392/ WGST 343/ SOC 392	Faces of Global Poverty - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
GEOG 331	Population Geography	PAS 412	The Underground Railroad and American Memory
GEOG 500	Globalization Seminar	PAS/WGST/ HIST/SCHG 513	U.S. Social Justice Movements of the 20th Century
HIST 318	U.S. in the Sixties	PAS 514	History of Pan-African Social Thought
HIST/PAS 322	The History of the Civil Rights Movement, 1900 to Present	PAS 520	The Black Family - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
HIST/WGST/ PAS/SCHG 513	U.S. Social Justice Movements of the 20th Century	PAS 532	Slave Trade and Slavery in the African World
HIST 519	Gilded Age and Progressive Era United States, 1877-1929 - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	PAS/ENGL 575	Genre Studies in African-American Literature
HIST 522	The American Revolution and the Confederation - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	PHIL 222	Contemporary Moral Problems - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
HIST 529	Recent American History, 1945 to Present - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	PHIL 308	Freedom, Equality, Justice, and Community - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
LALS 310	Introduction to Latin American Studies - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	PHIL 318/ WGST 360	Feminist Philosophy - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
LALS 311	Introduction to U.S. Latino Studies - D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	PHIL 319	Philosophy of Race and Racism - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
PAS 247	Language, Protest and Identity	PHIL 328	Environmental Ethics
PAS 305	Legal Lynchings: A Survey of Race, Law, and the American Justice System	PHIL 529	Philosophy of Emotions
PAS 313	Urban Ritual Violence	PHIL 535	Political Philosophy
PAS 324	Politics, Political Violence and Black Resistance	PHIL/SCHG 538	Critical Social Theory
PAS 327	Politics of the Black Community - D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	PHIL/WGST 582	Health and Social Justice
PAS 329	Slave Trade and Slavery	PHIL 583	Race, Medicine, and Health
PAS 355/ TA 326	Cultural Diversity in Performance - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	POLS 313	Constitutional Law
		POLS 314	Judicial Politics
		POLS 315	Race, Law and Politics - D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
		POLS 318	Religion and United States Politics - D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
		POLS 319	Media and Politics
		POLS 320/ PAS 363	Civil Rights and the Law II
		POLS/WGST 323	Queer Politics

POLS 324/ WGST 355	Women in American Politics	SOC/SCHG 453	Social Change
POLS 327	Black Politics & Democracy - D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	SOC 454	Social Inequality & Stratification - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
POLS 330	Introduction to International Relations -	SOC 464	Race and Ethnicity - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
POLS 331	The United Nations and International Organization - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	SOC 470	Political Sociology - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
POLS 332	International Law - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	SPAD 571	Sport for Development and Peace
POLS 334	The Politics of Global Economic Relations	URBS 131	Introduction to Sustainability - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
POLS 384	Democracy and Its Critics - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	TA 326/ PAS 355	Cultural Diversity in Performance - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
POLS 386	Political Theory and Utopia - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	WGST 312/ SOC 343	Sociology of Women's Health
POLS 387	American Utopian Communities	WGST/POLS 323	Queer Politics
POLS 520	Coping with Conflict	WGST/COMM 324	Communication and Gender
POLS 563/ WGST 558	Women in Developing Countries - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	WGST 343/ PAS 392/SOC 392	Faces of Global Poverty - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
PSYC 407	Community Internships in Psychology - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	WGST 355/ POLS 324	Women in American Politics
PSYC 408	International Service Learning and Research - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	WGST 360/ PHIL 318	Feminist Philosophy - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
SCHG/SOC 453	Social Change	WGST 512	Gender, Race, Work, and Welfare
SCHG/WGST/ PAS/HIST 513	U.S. Social Justice Movements of the 20th Century	WGST/SCHG/ PAS 513	U.S. Social Justice Movements of the 20th Century
SCHG/PHIL 538	Critical Social Theory	WGST 558/ POLS 563	Women in Developing Countries - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
SOC 201	Introduction to Sociology - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	WGST/PHIL 582	Health and Social Justice
SOC 202	Social Problems - D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	Minimum Total Hours	
SOC 210	Race in the United States - D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	12	
SOC 305	Urban Sociology	Special Topics courses may qualify as electives with the approval of both the individual department and the Peace Studies Program Director.	
SOC 315	Environmental Sociology	No more than 6 credit hours may count toward both the Social Change Minor and the Certificate in Peace, Justice, and Conflict Transformation.	
SOC 323	Diversity and Inequality		
SOC 343/ WGST 312	Sociology of Women's Health		

At least three (3) semester hours of the requirements for a certificate must be successfully completed while enrolled in the University of Louisville.