

# PEACE, WAR, AND DEFENSE MAJOR, B.A.

Peace and war are among the oldest dreams and most difficult challenges of human experience. The curriculum brings together faculty and courses from many disciplines to provide undergraduates with a range of approaches to the fundamental issues of human conflict and national and global security and defense.

## Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the peace, war, and defense program, students should be able to:







- Express themselves effectively in written and oral communication
- Use appropriate research methodology
- Demonstrate knowledge of major concepts, theoretical perspectives, and history of peace and war
- Think critically and analytically in approaches to the concepts, perspectives, and history of peace and war
- Demonstrate knowledge of the interrelationships between the various disciplinary approaches to the study of peace and war

## Requirements

In addition to the program requirements, students must

- earn a minimum final cumulative GPA of 2.000
- complete a minimum of 45 academic credit hours earned from UNC–Chapel Hill courses
- take at least half of their major core requirements (courses and credit hours) at UNC–Chapel Hill
- earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.000 in the major core requirements. Some programs may require higher standards for major or specific courses.

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/>).

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Requirements</b>		
HIST/PWAD 266	 Global History of Warfare	3
PHIL/PWAD 272	 The Ethics of Peace, War, and Defense	3
PWAD 250	 Introduction to Peace and Security Studies	3
Four courses from one concentration (see course lists below) <sup>1</sup>		12
Two courses chosen from outside the area of concentration (see course lists below) <sup>1</sup>		6
<b>Additional Requirements</b>		
Through level 5 of a single modern foreign language. <sup>2</sup>		3
All General Education requirements must be met. In fulfilling General Education requirements, majors should consider the following courses as helpful preparation for the curriculum:		
ANTH 101	 General Anthropology <sup>H</sup>	
ECON 101	 Introduction to Economics <sup>H, F</sup>	
HIST 127	 American History to 1865	

HIST 128	 American History since 1865	
HIST 140	 The World since 1945	
HIST 158	 Early Modern European History, 1450-1815	
HIST 159	 From War to Prosperity: 20th-Century Europe	
MATH 152	 Calculus for Business and Social Sciences <sup>F</sup>	
PHIL 160	 Virtue, Value, and Happiness: An Introduction to Moral Theory <sup>H</sup>	
PHIL 170	 Liberty, Rights, and Responsibilities: Introduction to Social Ethics and Political Thought <sup>H</sup>	
POLI 100	 American Democracy in Changing Times <sup>H, F</sup>	
POLI 150	 International Relations and Global Politics <sup>H, F</sup>	
POLI 239	 Introduction to European Government <sup>H</sup>	
PSYC 101	 General Psychology <sup>F</sup>	
SOCI 101	 Sociological Perspectives <sup>H</sup>	
STOR 151	 Introduction to Data Analysis	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

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<sup>1</sup> PWAD 396, PWAD 680, PWAD 490, PWAD 690 and PWAD 691H may be applied toward the concentration requirement with the permission of the chair. Students can request that relevant courses not on this list, but offered as first-year seminars, honors seminars, or topics courses in other departments, be used to fulfill major requirements. This requires the approval of the chair.

<sup>2</sup> Alternatively, students can take one semester of POLI 281 or STOR 151 or STOR 155, or students may suggest a substitute statistics-heavy methodology course.

## The Culture of Peace and War

Code	Title	Hours
ANTH 280	 Anthropology of War and Peace	3
ASIA/HIST 276	 The Modern Middle East	3
ASIA/JWST/ PWAD 425	 Beyond Hostilities: Israeli-Palestinian Exchanges and Partnerships in Film, Literature, and Music	3
ASIA/JWST/ PWAD 462	 The Arab-Jews: Culture, Community, and Coexistence	3
ASIA/PWAD 69	 First-Year Seminar: Wars and Veterans: Iran, Iraq, and Afghanistan	3
ASIA/PWAD 331	 Cracking India: Partition and Its Legacy in South Asia <sup>H</sup>	3

ASIA/PWAD 435	The Cinemas of the Middle East and North Africa	3	POLI 469	Conflict and Intervention in the Former Yugoslavia <sup>H</sup>	3
ASIA/PWAD 427	Cold War Culture in East Asia: Transnational and Intermedial Connections	3	POLI/PWAD 458	International Conflict Management and Resolution <sup>H</sup>	3
CMPL/PWAD 489	Empire and Diplomacy <sup>H</sup>	3	PWAD 364	Post-Conflict and Peacebuilding	3
COMM 574	War and Culture	3	PWAD 388	Chinese Strategic Thought: Antiquity to the Present	3
COMM/PWAD 355	Terrorism and Political Violence	3	PWAD/SOCI 411	Social Movements	3
COMM/PWAD 575	Presidential Rhetoric	3	PWAD 673	Post-Conflict Security Challenges	3
ENGL/PWAD 161	Literature of War from World War I to the 21st Century	3	PSYC 490	Current Topics in Psychology <sup>H</sup>	3
ENGL 659	War in 20th-Century Literature <sup>H</sup>	3	PUBA/PWAD 635	Military Leadership and Public Service	3
ENGL 660	War in Shakespeare's Plays	3	RELI 481	Religion, Fundamentalism, and Nationalism	3
ENGL 488/ PWAD 484	Critical Security Studies	3	RELI 583	Religion and Culture in Iran, 1500-Present	3
GERM/PWAD 283	Freedom, Terror, and Identity: Modern Philosophy from Kant to Arendt	3	<sup>H</sup> Honors version available. An honors course fulfills the same requirements as the nonhonors version of that course. Enrollment and GPA restrictions may apply.		
GSLI 84	First-Year Seminar: Terror for the People: Terrorism in Russian Literature and History	3	<b>International Security and Intelligence</b>		
GSLI 85	First-Year Seminar: Children and War	3	<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Hours</b>
GSLI/JWST/ PWAD 465	Literature of Atrocity: The Gulag and the Holocaust in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe	3	AAAD 312	Terrorism in Africa	3
HIST 134	Modern East Asia	3	ANTH 280	Anthropology of War and Peace	3
HIST/PWAD 248	Guerrillas and Counterinsurgencies in Latin America	3	ASIA/HIST 276	The Modern Middle East	3
HIST 254	War and Society in Early Modern Europe	3	ASIA/PWAD 331	Cracking India: Partition and Its Legacy in South Asia <sup>H</sup>	3
HIST 262	History of the Holocaust: The Destruction of the European Jews	3	CMPL/PWAD 489	Empire and Diplomacy <sup>H</sup>	3
HIST 277	The Conflict over Israel/Palestine	3	COMM/PWAD 575	Presidential Rhetoric	3
HIST 281	The Pacific War, 1937-1945: Its Causes and Legacy	3	ECON 460	International Economics	3
HIST 373	The United States in World War II	3	ENEC 108	Our Energy and Climate Crises: Challenges and Opportunities	4
HIST 421	Alexander	3	GEOG 120	World Regional Geography	3
HIST 422	Ancient Greek Warfare <sup>H</sup>	3	GEOG 453	Political Geography	3
HIST 432	The Crusades	3	GSLI 84	First-Year Seminar: Terror for the People: Terrorism in Russian Literature and History	3
HIST 565	Civil War and Reconstruction, 1848-1900	3	GSLI 85	First-Year Seminar: Children and War	3
HIST 570	The Vietnam War	3	GSLI/JWST/ PWAD 465	Literature of Atrocity: The Gulag and the Holocaust in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe	3
HIST/PWAD 273	Water, Conflict, and Connection in the Middle East	3	HIST 134	Modern East Asia	3
HIST/PWAD 354/ WGST 353	War and Gender in Movies <sup>H</sup>	3	HIST 205	War, Diplomacy, and Statecraft, 1618-1815	3
HIST/PWAD/ WGST 517	Gender, Military, and War	3	HIST 213	Air Power and Modern Warfare	3
LAW 252	International Law (permission of the PWAD chair and instructor)	3	HIST/PWAD 248	Guerrillas and Counterinsurgencies in Latin America	3
MEJO 653	Leadership in a Time of Change <sup>H</sup>	3	HIST 262	History of the Holocaust: The Destruction of the European Jews	3
MUSC 289	Sounds of War and Revolution	3	HIST 277	The Conflict over Israel/Palestine	3
PLCY/PWAD 450	Internal and Interpersonal Conflict Management	3	HIST 577	United States Foreign Relations in the 20th Century	3
POLI 260	Crisis and Change in Russia and Eastern Europe	3	HIST/PWAD 206	War, Diplomacy, and Statecraft, 1815-1945	3
POLI 416	Constitutional Policies and the Judicial Process	3	HIST/PWAD 578	Transatlantic Relations and Contemporary Geo-Politics from the Cold War to the Present	3
POLI 450	Contemporary Inter-American Relations <sup>H</sup>	3			

LAW 252	International Law (permission of the PWAD chair and instructor)	3
PLCY 210	Policy Innovation and Analysis <sup>H</sup>	3
PLCY 220	The Politics of Public Policy <sup>H</sup>	3
PLCY/PWAD 101	Making Public Policy <sup>H</sup>	3
PLCY/PWAD 110	Global Policy Issues <sup>H</sup>	3
PLCY/PWAD 430	Analysis of National Security Policy	3
POLI 150	International Relations and Global Politics <sup>H, F</sup>	3
POLI 231	Latin America and the United States in World Politics	3
POLI 252	International Organizations and Global Issues <sup>H</sup>	3
POLI 253	Problems in World Order	3
POLI 256	The Politics of the First Era (1880-1914) of Globalization	3
POLI 260	Crisis and Change in Russia and Eastern Europe	3
POLI 443	American Foreign Policy: Formulation and Conduct	3
POLI 450	Contemporary Inter-American Relations <sup>H</sup>	3
POLI 452	Africa and International Conflict	3
POLI 469	Conflict and Intervention in the Former Yugoslavia <sup>H</sup>	3
POLI 631	European Security: The Enlarging European Union and the Trans-Atlantic Relationship	3
POLI/PWAD 287	Strategy and International Relations	3
POLI/PWAD 444	Terrorism and International Peace	3
POLI/PWAD 457	International Conflict Processes	3
POLI/PWAD 458	International Conflict Management and Resolution <sup>H</sup>	3
POLI/PWAD 459	Trans-Atlantic Security <sup>H</sup>	3
PSYC 490	Current Topics in Psychology <sup>H</sup>	3
PWAD 352	The History of Intelligence Operations	3
PWAD 353	Intelligence Analysis: Research Methods and Writing	3
PWAD 356	Strategic Intelligence and International Security	3
PWAD 357	International Intelligence Services	3
PWAD 358	Cyber Security: Advanced and Persistent Threats to National Security	3
PWAD 359	Comparative History of National Intelligence Regimes	3
PWAD 360	The History of Warning Intelligence	3
PWAD 361	The History of Deception	3
PWAD 363	Ethical Issues in Intelligence and National Security	3
PWAD 364	Post-Conflict and Peacebuilding	3
PWAD 388	Chinese Strategic Thought: Antiquity to the Present	3
PWAD 486	National Security Decision Making	3
PWAD 488	Nuclear Security in the 21st Century	3
PWAD 673	Post-Conflict Security Challenges	3
PWAD 674	Research Seminar on the History of Covert Action	3

RELI 481	Religion, Fundamentalism, and Nationalism	3
SOCI 481	Managing International Conflict	3

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## The Evolution of Warfare

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AAAD 312	Terrorism in Africa	3
COMM/PWAD 355	Terrorism and Political Violence	3
ENGL 660	War in Shakespeare's Plays	3
GSSL/JWST/PWAD 465	Literature of Atrocity: The Gulag and the Holocaust in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe	3
HIST 212	History of Sea Power	3
HIST 213	Air Power and Modern Warfare	3
HIST/PWAD 238	The American Revolution, 1763-1815	3
HIST 254	War and Society in Early Modern Europe	3
HIST 262	History of the Holocaust: The Destruction of the European Jews	3
HIST 277	The Conflict over Israel/Palestine	3
HIST 281	The Pacific War, 1937-1945: Its Causes and Legacy	3
HIST 368	War and American Society to 1903	3
HIST 369	War and American Society	3
HIST 373	The United States in World War II	3
HIST 421	Alexander	3
HIST 422	Ancient Greek Warfare <sup>H</sup>	3
HIST 432	The Crusades	3
HIST 565	Civil War and Reconstruction, 1848-1900	3
HIST 570	The Vietnam War	3
HIST 577	United States Foreign Relations in the 20th Century	3
HIST/PWAD 205	War, Diplomacy, and Statecraft, 1618-1815	3
HIST/PWAD 206	War, Diplomacy, and Statecraft, 1815-1945	3
HIST/PWAD 207	The Global Cold War	3
HIST/PWAD 245	The United States and the Cold War: Origins, Development, Legacy	3
HIST/PWAD 248	Guerrillas and Counterinsurgencies in Latin America	3
HIST/PWAD 251	The Thirty Years War (1618-1648): Europe in an Age of Crisis	3
HIST/PWAD 578	Transatlantic Relations and Contemporary Geopolitics from the Cold War to the Present	3
HIST 486/PWAD 485	Extremism, Terrorism, and Security in Postwar Europe <sup>H</sup>	3

HIST/PWAD 354/ WGST 353	War and Gender in Movies <sup>H</sup>	3
HIST/PWAD/ WGST 517	Gender, Military, and War	3
MUSC 289	Sounds of War and Revolution	3
POLI 150	International Relations and Global Politics <sup>H, F</sup>	3
POLI/PWAD 444	Terrorism and International Peace	3
POLI/PWAD 459	Trans-Atlantic Security <sup>H</sup>	3
PSYC 490	Current Topics in Psychology (with approval, based on topic) <sup>H</sup>	3
PWAD 352	The History of Intelligence Operations	3
PWAD 388	Chinese Strategic Thought: Antiquity to the Present	3

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## Race, Gender, and Conflict Legacies

Code	Title	Hours
AAAD 286	The African Diaspora in the Colonial Americas, 1450-1800	3
AAAD 315	Political Protest and Conflict in Africa	3
AAAD 332	Remembering Race and Slavery	3
AAAD 444	Race, Ethnicity, and Blackness in Comparative Perspective	3
ANTH 370	Southern Legacies: The Descendants Project	4
ANTH 375	Memory, Massacres, and Monuments in Southeast Asia	3
ANTH 429	Culture and Power in Southeast Asia	3
ANTH 461	Colonialism and Postcolonialism: History and Anthropology	3
ANTH 464	Life and Violence	3
ASIA 440	Gender in Indian History	3
GEOG 240	Introduction to Environmental Justice	3
GEOG 435	Global Environmental Justice	3
GEOG 480	Liberation Geographies	3
GLBL 383	Global Whiteness	3
GLBL 415	Dealing with Difference: Criminal Justice, Race, and Social Movements in Globalization	3
HIST 136	History of India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh: South Asia since 1750	3
HIST 142	Latin America under Colonial Rule	3
HIST 180	Genocide in Global Perspective	3
HIST 235	Native America in the 20th Century	3
HIST 243	The United States and Africa <sup>H</sup>	3

HIST 385	African American Women's History	3
HIST 443	Settler Colonialism in Global Perspective	3
PLCY 349	Immigration Policy in the 21st Century	3
POLI 255	International Migration and Citizenship Today <sup>H</sup>	3
POLI 451	Race, Ethnicity, and Political Change in Comparative Perspective	3
POLI 452	Africa and International Conflict	3
PWAD 248	Guerrillas and Counterinsurgencies in Latin America	3
PWAD 262	History of the Holocaust: The Destruction of the European Jews	3
PWAD 277	The Conflict over Israel/Palestine	3
PWAD 312	History of France and Algeria	3
PWAD 331	Cracking India: Partition and Its Legacy in South Asia <sup>H</sup>	3
PWAD 444	Terrorism and International Peace	3
PWAD 469	Conflict and Intervention in the Former Yugoslavia <sup>H</sup>	3
PWAD 565	Civil War and Reconstruction, 1848-1900	3
PWAD 574	War and Culture	3
PWAD 675	War, Crimes against Humanity, and Justice	3
SOCI 122	Race and Ethnicity	3
SOCI 125	Sociology of Sexualities	3
SOCI 274	Social and Economic Justice	3

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## Special Opportunities in Peace, War, and Defense

Additional information on all of these subjects, including lists of internship possibilities, can be found on the curriculum's website (<https://pwad.unc.edu/>).

### Honors in Peace, War, and Defense

Majors who earn at least a 3.3 overall grade point average and at least a 3.3 grade point average in the major through their junior year may apply to the chair of the curriculum for permission to enroll in PWAD 691H and PWAD 692H. Students interested in honors must take a research seminar in peace, war, and defense (PWAD 670 or PWAD 680), a seminar in history (HIST 398), or another course that provides background in research design. For students who wish to write an honors thesis in their senior year, a thesis topic should be approved by an appropriate thesis director by the end of the junior year. Students prepare an honors thesis in PWAD 691H and PWAD 692H and defend it orally. PWAD 691H can be used to fulfill the student's chosen concentration requirement; PWAD 692H provides credit hours toward the major but cannot be used to satisfy concentration requirements. Based on faculty evaluations, the baccalaureate degree may be conferred with honors or with highest honors, or merely with course credit.

## Departmental Involvement

The curriculum is also now a participating institution in the Intelligence Community: Center for Academic Excellence (<http://pwad.unc.edu/ic-cae-information/>) (IC-CAE).

## Experiential Education

Internship courses provide students with the opportunity to earn academic credit while obtaining practical work experience in agencies and organizations clearly related to national and international security. In recent years students have served in these and other agencies: The Central Intelligence Agency, Durham Police Department, Office of Naval Intelligence, Defense Intelligence Agency, Carolina for Kibera, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Peace Action, United States Army Special Operations Command, and many more. Students are limited to one internship for credit, and all internships are limited to three hours of academic credit. Although some routine administrative tasks are required in any professional setting, the expectation is that a majority of the intern's work will be directed toward the substantive mission of the agency and that tasks will be of a nature to justify awarding academic credit. All internships require prior approval, and all must consist of at least eight hours per week and at least 100 hours per semester. Students must sign an internship contract with their agency and faculty supervisors, setting out expectations and course requirements. **Interns are required to keep a daily work journal.** Once approved for an internship, students enroll in PWAD 393, which is offered on a Pass/Fail basis only and therefore does not count toward the nine courses required for the major. Students wishing credit towards the major derived from their internship work should pursue an independent study with a faculty supervisor either while taking the internship or in the next semester. That independent study should produce a major written product, would be graded normally, and receives credit in the major.

## Study Abroad

The curriculum encourages all undergraduates to study abroad either for a summer, a semester, or an entire year. Students should consult the study abroad (<http://studyabroad.unc.edu>) website and visit the Study Abroad Office as early as possible in their course of study to meet with a study abroad advisor. A number of foreign programs contain courses that qualify for major credit. Of particular usefulness is study at the King's College, University of London War Studies Department, the closest analogue to the Curriculum in Peace, War, and Defense in the English-speaking world and a program with a renowned faculty. Students with at least a 3.3 grade point average are eligible to apply to King's College. While supervision arrangements need to be negotiated and agreed with relevant faculty members, students writing honors theses in their senior year may also apply to spend the year at King's College.

## Undergraduate Research

Students who qualify are encouraged to experience original research by writing a senior honors thesis described in the honors section above.

## Department Programs

### Majors

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### Minors

- Conflict Management Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/conflict-management-minor/>)

## Contact Information

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