

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 (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/>).

Code	Title	Hours
Core Requirements		
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) ¹		12
Two courses chosen from outside the area of concentration (see course lists below) ¹		6
Additional Requirements		
Through level 5 of a single modern foreign language. ²		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 ^H	
ECON 101	Introduction to Economics ^{H, F}	
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 ^F
PHIL 160	Virtue, Value, and Happiness: An Introduction to Moral Theory ^H
PHIL 170	Liberty, Rights, and Responsibilities: Introduction to Social Ethics and Political Thought ^H
POLI 100	American Democracy in Changing Times ^{H, F}
POLI 150	International Relations and Global Politics ^{H, F}
POLI 239	Introduction to European Government ^H
PSYC 101	General Psychology ^F
SOCI 101	Sociological Perspectives ^H
STOR 151	Introduction to Data Analysis
Total Hours	30

^H Honors version available. An honors course fulfills the same requirements as the nonhonors version of that course. Enrollment and GPA restrictions may apply.

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¹ 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.

² 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 357/ PWAD 362	The Arab-Jews: Culture, Community, and Coexistence	3
ASIA/JWST/ PWAD 425	Beyond Hostilities: Israeli-Palestinian Exchanges and Partnerships in Film, Literature, and Music	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 ^H	3

ASIA/PWAD 435	The Cinemas of the Middle East and North Africa	3
ASIA/PWAD 427	Cold War Culture in East Asia: Transnational and Intermedial Connections	3
CMPL/PWAD 489	Empire and Diplomacy ^H	3
COMM 376	The Rhetoric of War and Peace	3
COMM 574	War and Culture	3
COMM/PWAD 355	Terrorism and Political Violence	3
COMM/PWAD 575	Presidential Rhetoric	3
ENGL/PWAD 161	Literature of War from World War I to the 21st Century	3
ENGL 659	War in 20th-Century Literature ^H	3
ENGL 660	War in Shakespeare's Plays	3
ENGL 488/ PWAD 484	Critical Security Studies	3
GERM/PWAD 283	Freedom, Terror, and Identity: Modern Philosophy from Kant to Arendt	3
GSLI 84	First-Year Seminar: Terror for the People: Terrorism in Russian Literature and History	3
GSLI 85	First-Year Seminar: Children and War	3
GSLI/JWST/ PWAD 465	Literature of Atrocity: The Gulag and the Holocaust in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe	3
GSLI 467	Language and Political Identity	3
HIST 134	Modern East Asia	3
HIST/PWAD 248	Guerrillas and Counterinsurgencies in Latin America	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 373	The United States in World War II	3
HIST 421	Alexander	3
HIST 422	Ancient Greek Warfare ^H	3
HIST 432	The Crusades	3
HIST 565	Civil War and Reconstruction, 1848-1900	3
HIST 570	The Vietnam War	3
HIST/PWAD 273	Water, Conflict, and Connection in the Middle East	3
HIST/PWAD 354/ WGST 353	War and Gender in Movies ^H	3
HIST/PWAD/ WGST 517	Gender, Military, and War	3
LAW 252	International Law (permission of the PWAD chair and instructor)	3
MEJO 653	Leadership in a Time of Change ^H	3
MUSC 289	Sounds of War and Revolution	3
PLCY/PWAD 450	Internal and Interpersonal Conflict Management	3
POLI 260	Crisis and Change in Russia and Eastern Europe	3
POLI 416	Constitutional Policies and the Judicial Process	3

POLI 450	Contemporary Inter-American Relations ^H	3
POLI 469	Conflict and Intervention in the Former Yugoslavia ^H	3
POLI/PWAD 458	International Conflict Management and Resolution ^H	3
PWAD 364	Post-Conflict and Peacebuilding	3
PWAD 388	Chinese Strategic Thought: Antiquity to the Present	3
PWAD/SOCI 411	Social Movements	3
PWAD 673	Post-Conflict Security Challenges	3
PSYC 490	Current Topics in Psychology ^H	3
PUBA/PWAD 635	Military Leadership and Public Service	3
RELI 481	Religion, Fundamentalism, and Nationalism	3
RELI 583	Religion and Culture in Iran, 1500-Present	3
RUSS 475	Literature of Russian Terrorism: Arson, Bombs, Mayhem	3

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International Security and Intelligence

Code	Title	Hours
AAAD 312	Terrorism in Africa	3
ANTH 280	Anthropology of War and Peace	3
ASIA/HIST 276	The Modern Middle East	3
ASIA/PWAD 331	Cracking India: Partition and Its Legacy in South Asia ^H	3
CMPL/PWAD 489	Empire and Diplomacy ^H	3
COMM/PWAD 575	Presidential Rhetoric	3
ECON 460	International Economics	3
ENEC 108	Our Energy and Climate Crises: Challenges and Opportunities	4
GEOG 120	World Regional Geography	3
GEOG 453	Political Geography	3
GSLI 84	First-Year Seminar: Terror for the People: Terrorism in Russian Literature and History	3
GSLI 85	First-Year Seminar: Children and War	3
GSLI/JWST/ PWAD 465	Literature of Atrocity: The Gulag and the Holocaust in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe	3
GSLI 467	Language and Political Identity	3
HIST 134	Modern East Asia	3
HIST 205	War, Diplomacy, and Statecraft, 1618-1815	3
HIST 213	Air Power and Modern Warfare	3
HIST/PWAD 248	Guerrillas and Counterinsurgencies in Latin America	3
HIST 262	History of the Holocaust: The Destruction of the European Jews	3
HIST 277	The Conflict over Israel/Palestine	3
HIST 577	United States Foreign Relations in the 20th Century	3

HIST/PWAD 206	War, Diplomacy, and Statecraft, 1815-1945	3
HIST/PWAD 578	Transatlantic Relations and Contemporary Geopolitics from the Cold War to the Present	3
HPM 634	Public Health Issues in Community Preparedness and Disaster Management	3
LAW 252	International Law (permission of the PWAD chair and instructor)	3
PLCY 210	Policy Innovation and Analysis ^H	3
PLCY 220	The Politics of Public Policy ^H	3
PLCY/PWAD 101	Making Public Policy ^H	3
PLCY/PWAD 110	Global Policy Issues ^H	3
PLCY/PWAD 430	Analysis of National Security Policy	3
POLI 150	International Relations and Global Politics ^{H, F}	3
POLI 231	Latin America and the United States in World Politics	3
POLI 252	International Organizations and Global Issues ^H	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 ^H	3
POLI 452	Africa and International Conflict	3
POLI 469	Conflict and Intervention in the Former Yugoslavia ^H	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 ^H	3
POLI/PWAD 459	Trans-Atlantic Security ^H	3
PSYC 490	Current Topics in Psychology ^H	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
RUSS 475	Literature of Russian Terrorism: Arson, Bombs, Mayhem	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
GSLI/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 ^H	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 Geo-Politics from the Cold War to the Present	3
HIST 486/ PWAD 485	Extremism, Terrorism, and Security in Postwar Europe ^H	3
HIST/PWAD 354/ WGST 353	War and Gender in Movies ^H	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 ^{H, F}	3
POLI/PWAD 444	Terrorism and International Peace	3
POLI/PWAD 459	Trans-Atlantic Security ^H	3
PSYC 490	Current Topics in Psychology (with approval, based on topic) ^H	3
PWAD 352	The History of Intelligence Operations	3
PWAD 388	Chinese Strategic Thought: Antiquity to the Present	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 (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/conflict-management-minor/>)

Contact Information

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