

PEACE, WAR, AND DEFENSE MINOR

Overview

While peace may be among our oldest dreams, human conflict is an enduring challenge faced by societies around the world. The Curriculum in Peace, War, and Defense (PWAD) offers students the tools to understand and analyze the complexities of conflict, security, and cooperation on a global scale. Whether you're passionate about diplomacy, strategy, or justice, the study of PWAD offers the foundation to explore the world's most pressing issues.

The PWAD Curriculum puts a premium on experiential learning, combining academic expertise and practitioner experience to offer students classes rooted in real-world security dilemmas. By providing students with this unique mix of theory and practice, the PWAD program at UNC is unlike any other undergraduate program in the country.

A minor in PWAD begins with three foundational courses that provide students with a shared intellectual framework. From there, students select elective courses that aligns with their interests—ranging from international security and intelligence to the cultural dimensions of war and peace. Alongside coursework, PWAD students benefit from hands-on experiences like field trips, guest lectures, internships, and study abroad opportunities.

The study of peace, war, and defense opens doors to a wide range of impactful careers and advanced study. Many alumni pursue graduate studies in areas such as international relations, law, public policy, and history. Others step directly into meaningful work across work in federal agencies, NGOs and international organizations, state and local government, finance, media, academia, consulting, and private sector industries.




PWAD graduates are uniquely equipped with interdisciplinary insight, strong analytical skills, and global awareness—traits that are in high demand across sectors. Whatever path they choose, they carry forward a deep understanding of global conflict and cooperation and the ability to lead with perspective and purpose.

Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must:
















- take at least nine hours of their minor "core" requirements at UNC—Chapel Hill
- earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.000 in the minor core requirements. Some programs may require higher standards for minor 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
Core Requirements		
PWAD 250	 Introduction to Peace and Security Studies	3
PWAD/HIST 266	 Global History of Warfare	3
PWAD/PHIL/POLI 272	 The Ethics of Peace, War, and Defense	3

Two courses from the list of minor electives (see below)	6
Total Hours	15

PWAD Minor Electives

Code	Title	Hours
AAAD 286	 The African Diaspora in the Colonial Americas, 1450-1800	3
AAAD 312	Terrorism in Africa	3
AAAD 315	 Political Protest and Conflict in Africa	3
AAAD 332	 Remembering Race and Slavery	3
ANTH/PWAD 280	 Anthropology of War and Peace	3
ANTH/FOLK 370	 Southern Legacies: The Descendants Project	4
ANTH/ASIA 375	Memory, Massacres, and Monuments in Southeast Asia	3
ANTH/ASIA/FOLK 429	 Culture and Power in Southeast Asia	3
ANTH 461	Colonialism and Postcolonialism: History and Anthropology	3
ANTH 464	Life and Violence	3
ASIA 69/PWAD 89	 First-Year Seminar: Wars and Veterans: Iran, Iraq, and Afghanistan	3
ASIA/PWAD 331/HIST 335	 Cracking India: Partition and Its Legacy in South Asia ^H	3
ASIA/JWST/PWAD 425	 Beyond Hostilities: Israeli-Palestinian Exchanges and Partnerships in Film, Literature, and Music	3
ASIA/PWAD 427/CMPL 527	 Cold War Culture in East Asia: Transnational and Intermedial Connections	3
ASIA/PWAD 435/CMPL 535	 The Cinemas of the Middle East and North Africa	3
ASIA/JWST/PWAD 462	 The Arab-Jews: Culture, Community, and Coexistence	3
CLAR/PWAD 115	 Life in the Roman Army	3
CMPL/PWAD 489	Empire and Diplomacy ^H	3
COMM/PWAD 355	Terrorism and Political Violence	3
COMM/PWAD 574	War and Culture	3
COMM/PWAD 575	Presidential Rhetoric	3
ECON/PWAD 460	 International Economics	3
ENGL/PWAD 161	 Literature of War from World War I to the 21st Century	3
GEOG 240	 Introduction to Environmental Justice	3
GEOG 435	 Global Environmental Justice	3
GEOG/PWAD 453	 Political Geography	3
GEOG 480	 Liberation Geographies	3
GERM 281	 The German Idea of War: Philosophical Dialogues with the Literary and Visual Arts in WWI	3

GERM/PWAD 283	Freedom, Terror, and Identity: Modern Philosophy from Kant to Arendt	3	HIST/PWAD 578	Transatlantic Relations and Contemporary Geopolitics from the Cold War to the Present	3
GLBL 383	Global Whiteness	3	MUSC/PWAD 289	Sounds of War and Revolution	3
GLBL 415	Dealing with Difference: Criminal Justice, Race, and Social Movements in Globalization ^H	3	PLCY/PWAD 101	Making Public Policy ^H	3
GLBL 450	Social Change in Times of Crisis: Knowledge, Action, and Ontology ^H	3	PLCY/PWAD 110	Global Policy Issues ^H	3
GLBL 481	NGO Politics ^H	3	PLCY 210	Policy Innovation and Analysis ^H	3
GSL 84	First-Year Seminar: Terror for the People: Terrorism in Russian Literature and History	3	PLCY/PWAD 220	The Politics of Public Policy ^H	3
HIST/ASIA 134	Modern East Asia	3	PLCY 349	Immigration Policy in the 21st Century	3
HIST/ASIA 136	History of India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh: South Asia since 1750	3	PLCY/PWAD 430	Analysis of National Security Policy	3
HIST 142	Latin America under Colonial Rule	3	PLCY/PWAD 450	Internal and Interpersonal Conflict Management	3
HIST/PWAD 206	War, Diplomacy, and Statecraft, 1815-1945	3	POLI/PWAD 150	International Relations and Global Politics ^{H, F}	3
HIST/PWAD/SCLL 207	The Global Cold War	3	POLI/PWAD 252	International Organizations and Global Issues ^H	3
HIST 208	Genocide in Global Perspective	3	POLI/PWAD 253	Problems in World Order	3
HIST/PWAD 212	History of Sea Power	3	POLI 255	International Migration and Citizenship Today ^H	3
HIST/AERO/PWAD 213	Air Power and Modern Warfare	3	POLI 258	Political Economy of Migration and Mobility ^H	3
HIST/AMST 235	Native America in the 20th Century	3	POLI/PWAD/SOCI 260	Crisis and Change in Russia and Eastern Europe	3
HIST/PWAD 238	The American Revolution, 1763-1815	3	POLI/PWAD 287	Strategy and International Relations	3
HIST/PWAD 248	Guerrillas and Counterinsurgencies in Latin America	3	POLI/PWAD 416	Constitutional Policies and the Judicial Process	3
HIST/PWAD 251	The Thirty Years War (1618-1648): Europe in an Age of Crisis	3	POLI/PWAD 444	Terrorism and International Peace	3
HIST/PWAD 254	War and Society in Early Modern Europe	3	POLI 451	Race, Ethnicity, and Political Change in Comparative Perspective	3
HIST/JWST/PWAD 262	History of the Holocaust: The Destruction of the European Jews	3	POLI/PWAD 452	Africa and International Conflict	3
HIST/PWAD 273	Water, Conflict, and Connection in the Middle East	3	POLI/PWAD 457	International Conflict Processes	3
HIST/ASIA 276	The Modern Middle East	3	POLI/PWAD 458	International Conflict Management and Resolution ^H	3
HIST/ASIA/PWAD 277	The Conflict over Israel/Palestine	3	POLI/PWAD 459	Trans-Atlantic Security ^H	3
HIST/PWAD 281	The Pacific War, 1937-1945: Its Causes and Legacy	3	POLI/PWAD 469	Conflict and Intervention in the Former Yugoslavia ^H	3
HIST/PWAD 312	History of France and Algeria	3	POLI 474	Global Justice	3
HIST/PWAD 368	U.S. War and Society to 1920	3	POLI 487	Networks in International Relations	3
HIST/PWAD 369	U.S. War and Society Since 1920	3	PWAD 50	First-Year Seminar: The Origins and Consequences of 9/11	3
HIST 385/WGST 382	African American Women's History	3	PWAD 89	First-Year Seminar: Special Topics	3
HIST/PWAD 421	Alexander	3	PWAD 290	Special Topics in Peace, War, and Defense	3
HIST/PWAD 422	Ancient Greek Warfare ^H	3	PWAD 352	The History of Intelligence Operations	3
HIST 432	The Crusades	3	PWAD 359	Comparative History of National Intelligence Regimes ^H	3
HIST 443	Settler Colonialism in Global Perspective	3	PWAD 360	The History of Warning Intelligence	3
HIST/PWAD 565	Civil War and Reconstruction, 1848-1900	3	PWAD 361	The History of Deception	3
HIST/PWAD 570	The Vietnam War	3	PWAD 363	Ethical Issues in Intelligence and National Security	3
HIST/PWAD 577	United States Foreign Relations in the 20th Century	3	PWAD 364	Post-Conflict and Peacebuilding	3
			PWAD 400	Briefing for National Security	3
			PWAD 470	September 11, 2001: Origins, Consequences and Assessment	3
			PWAD 474	U.S. in Asia from 1783 to Now	3
			PWAD 479	Conflict in Iraq's Modern History	3

PWAD 482	 US Use of Force since World War II	3	gent@email.unc.edu
PWAD 483	 Conflict, Development, and U.S. Foreign Policy	3	Director of Undergraduate Studies
PWAD 488	Nuclear Security in the 21st Century	3	Erinn Whitaker
PWAD 490	Special Topics in Peace, War, and Defense	3	erinnca@live.unc.edu
PWAD 675	 War, Crimes against Humanity, and Justice	3	Business Officer
PWAD 680	 Research Seminar in Peace, War, and Defense	3	Kayla Fleetwood
PWAD 690	Seminars in Peace, War, and Defense	3	fleetwok@ad.unc.edu
RELI 233	 Religion and Violence	3	
RELI/PWAD 481	 Religion, Fundamentalism, and Nationalism	3	
RELI/ASIA 583	 Religion and Culture in Iran, 1500-Present	3	
SOCI 122	 Race and Ethnicity	3	
SOCI 124	 Sex and Gender in Society	3	
SOCI 125	 Sociology of Sexualities	3	
SOCI 274	 Advocacy Strategies: Communication Across Movements	3	
SOCI/PWAD 411	People, Power, and Politics	3	
SOCI 420	Political Sociology	3	

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

F FY-Launch class sections may be available. A FY-Launch section fulfills the same requirements as a standard section of that course, but also fulfills the FY-SEMINAR/FY-LAUNCH First-Year Foundations requirement. Students can search for FY-Launch sections in ConnectCarolina using the FY-LAUNCH attribute.

See the program page here (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/peace-war-defense-major-ba/#opportunities>) for special opportunities.

Department Programs

Majors

- Peace, War, and Defense Major, B.A. (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/peace-war-defense-major-ba/>)

Minors

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

- Peace, War, and Defense (PWAD) (<https://catalog.unc.edu/courses/pwad/>)

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