

Syllabus Theories of Peace

Religious Studies 340 ⁸⁰

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Saturday, 08:00-12:10

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Catalogue Description

340 Theories of Peace (3)

This course will survey theories and methodologies of peace. The student will explore the area from the perspectives of the Catholic peace tradition, Buddhism, two founders of modern peace research, and the impact of feminist studies on peace and security studies. Offered alternate years. Prerequisites: RE 103, RE 200, or POL 111, or permission of instructor.

Course Objectives:

The primary objective of the course is to stimulate thoughtful reflection on the topic of peace. At the end of the course the student should have a basic understanding of the problematics of peace studies, its religious and philosophical presuppositions, its theories and practice.

Texts:

Fahey, Joseph J. et al., A Peace Reader: Essential Readings on War, Justice, Non-violence and World Order.

Kraft, Kenneth. Inner Peace, World Peace. SUNY: Albany, 1992 ISBN 0-7914-0970-8 (papbk)

The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response, United States Catholic Conference, National Conference of Bishops, 1983. ISBN 1-55586-863-0

Internet access may be necessary for additional readings.

Evaluation:

Weekly writing assignments (approximately 2 pages) on assigned questions will account for 50% of a grade. Timeliness counts. Participation in class discussions will count for 25% of grade (and this means you have to attend!) A final evaluation event (25%) will be held during the last class meeting; the form this will take is to be determined by the students and instructor.

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(subject to radical revision, some readings to be individually assigned)

January 15 First Class: Introduction: A Theory of Theories of Peace

Jan. 18 Last day to register; add/drop/change deadline.

Jan. 20 Last day to Withdraw from Class

January 22 Catholic Peace Tradition: Reading: Fahey pp.107-112 Challenge of Peace, pp. i-28

January 29 Just War vs. Pacifism: Reading: Challenge of Peace, pp. 28-52

February 5 Buddhism and War: Reading: Inner Peace, World Peace, pp. 1-62

February 12 Peace in Buddhism: Reading: Inner Peace, World Peace pp. 63-90, 127-137

February 19 War and the Arms Race: Reading: A Reader in Peace Studies (hereafter Fahey)

February 26 World Order: Reading: Fahey

March 4 Social Justice: Reading Fahey

March 11 Nonviolence: Reading Fahey

March 18 . Last class.