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# The Challenge of Peace

Religion 485 Chaminade University of Honolulu  
Winter Term, Camp Smith, Mondays, 17:30-21:40

## Catalog Description.

This course integrates the insights of history and theology. It focuses on the great imperative of our time, building peace based on justice in the nuclear age.

## Course Goals:

Our aim here is to come to an understanding of the religious objections to war, as well as religious accommodations to war. We will trace strains of Catholic thought, following basically a chronological order starting with the writings of Trappist monk Thomas Merton, and moving on to the Catholic Bishops Pastoral letter of 1983, and then to the reactions and re-evaluations of the following decade. The challenges of peace in the modern world will be considered both theoretically and practically. As we will be dealing with controversial topics and opinions, we will have to let peace begin with us, and respect the opinions of everyone. At the same time, we must be concerned enough to sincerely try to understand everyone's position and to both present our own views and be open to criticism, all the better to respond to the challenge of peace.

## Grading and Evaluation.

Students are encouraged and expected to attend all class meetings, and to participate in class discussions. This will count for 25% of the grade. Careful reading of our texts will be very helpful in preparing for participation. Students will write three (3) essays of approximately five (5) pages each, on topics pertinent to each section of the course, with the approval of the instructor. (75% of grade).

Calendar: A whole list of Mondays. Reading Assignments to be given in class.

### Christian Peace

- January 11: Beginning of term. First Class. Reading for Jan. 25: Merton, pp. 1-91.
- January 15: End of Registration
- January 18: Father Chaminade/Martin Luther King day, NO CLASS
- January 19: Add/drop/change deadline.
- January 25: Second Class:
- February 1: Third Class: First Essay due.

### The Challenge of Peace

- February 8: Fourth Class. Reading: *The Challenge of Peace*, Part I.
- February 15: Discoverer's Day, NO CLASS
- February 22: Fifth Class Reading, *The Challenge of Peace*, Part II
- March 1: Sixth Class, Second Essay due. Reading: *The Challenge of Peace*, Parts III & IV
- March 2: Last day to withdraw

### The New Challenge of Peace

- March 8: Seventh Class. Reading: *The Harvest of Justice is Sown in Peace*, in *Peacemaking*, pp. 310-346, and "The New Challenge of Peace", pp. 17-26 .
- March 15: Eighth Class. Beware the Ides of March!
- March 22: Ninth Class. Third Essay due.
- March 24: Wednesday Last day of term. Tentative Last Class. Pax Vobiscum.

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