

RESEARCH DESIGN IN PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES (PCS)

(PCS 801) - CHs: 3.0

1. **Course Objectives:** This course introduces applied research design in the analysis and study of international peace and conflict. The aim of the course is to look into the field of peace research through the standard research methods in Social Sciences. There will be a greater focus on important issues that conflict resolution researchers face during their investigations. Thematically, there will be focus on the following relevant phenomena, such as conflict, war, peacemaking, peacekeeping, mediation, trust building and the use of competing models. A significant portion of the course will be devoted to understanding the explanation, interpretation, theory and hypothesis in Social Sciences. The course will touch on both qualitative and quantitative approaches in peace and conflict research.
2. **Outcomes:** Students should be able to
 - a. Apply PCS research methodology;
 - b. To discuss different models of PCS research; and
 - c. Identify ways to improve research on PCS related issues.
3. **Contents**
 - a. Research methods in social sciences with reference to peace and conflict research;
 - b. Critical analysis of peace and conflict research;
 - c. Comparative peace and conflict research; and
 - d. Quantitative and qualitative research methods.
4. **Reference Material:**
 - a. Dunn, D.J. *The First Fifty Years of Peace Research*. Aldershot: Ashgate. 2005.
 - b. Galtung, Johan. Violence, Peace, and Peace Research. *Journal of Peace Research*. 1969, 6(3): 167-191.
 - c. McCandless, E., A.K. Bangura, M.E. King, and E. Sall (eds). *Peace Research for Africa: Critical Essays on Methodology*. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: University for Peace, Africa Program, 2007.
 - d. Reychler, Luc. "Challenges of Peace Research." *International Journal of Peace Studies*. 2006, 11(1), 1-16.

- e. Singer, J. David. "From A Study of War to Peace Research: Some Criteria and strategies, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 1970, 14: 527

- f. Wiberg, Hakan. "Peace Research: Past, Present, Future." University of Innsbrück: <http://www.uibk.ac.at/peacestudies/downloads/peacelibrary/peaceresearch.pdf>.