

CONTEMPORARY PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES (PCS)

(PCS 802) CHs: 3.0

1. **Course Objectives:** The main purpose of this course is to help the student understand the origins of conflict as it has existed and evolved throughout the human civilization. The course will put the phenomena of peace and conflict into its historic and geographical context. The course will become a primer for the students to understand the geopolitical scenario of the world. It will cover warfare, statecraft and international politics in light of world history and will lead the students in a journey into the causes of wars and conflict, how they are fought, their ramifications and fallouts on human welfare and geopolitics and how these can be ended or prevented in the first place. The course will bring together the accounts and analyses of political history of various conflicts across the world to give students a comprehensive, multifaceted assessment of both past and contemporary worlds to equip them with a new perspective on ways of preventing, containing and resolving conflicts at various levels.
2. **Outcomes:** Students should be able to
 - a. Explain factors shaping human conflict, including psycho-social, cultural, political, economic, biological, religious & historical drivers; and
 - b. Analyze specific cases of conflict, including understanding of interpersonal, inter-group, inter-state, and international disputes.
3. **Contents**
 - a. Peace Studies as a multi-disciplinary project
 - b. Peace by peaceful conflict resolution
 - c. Negotiation & international conflict
 - d. Mediation
 - e. Peace studies & peace politics
 - f. Disarmament & survival
 - g. Non-violence: more than the absence of war
 - h. Human rights & peace
 - i. Gender & peace
 - j. Peace business
 - k. Peace journalism
 - l. Peace psychology
 - m. Peace through art and culture
 - n. Peace through health
 - o. Environmental security & peace
 - p. Peace education

4. **Reference Books:**

- a. Avruch, Kevin, Peter W. Black, and Joseph A. Scimecca (eds.). *Conflict Resolution: Cross-Cultural Perspectives*. London: Greenwood Press, 1991.
- b. Dietrich, Wolfgang, Josefina Eachavarría Alvarez, Norbert Koppensteiner eds.: "Key Texts of Peace Studies;" LIT Münster, Vienna, 2006.
- c. Dietrich, Wolfgang, Daniela Ingruber, Josefina Echavarría, Gustavo Esteva and Norbert Koppensteiner (eds.): *The Palgrave International Handbook of Peace Studies: A Cultural Perspective*. London. Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.
- d. Galtung, Johan and Carl G. Jacobsen. *Searching for Peace: The Road to TRANSCEND*. Pluto Press: London, 2000 & Keynes, John Maynard. *The Economic Consequences of the Peace*. London: Macmillan, 1920.
- e. Webel, C. and J. Galtung. 2007. New York: Routledge.