



Graduate Minor in Peace Studies

Graduate students pursuing a terminal master's or doctoral degree at the University of Notre Dame outside of the Kroc Institute's academic programs have the opportunity to complete a Graduate Minor in Peace Studies. The graduate minor gives students access to classes taught by core faculty members at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, who are among the premier scholars in the field.

The Graduate Minor in Peace Studies has two tracks, one for Master's students, and one for doctoral students. For doctoral students, combining concentrated coursework in peace studies with their primary discipline can enhance their scholarship and expand their professional options. For Master's students, policy- and practice-focused coursework in peace studies adds depth to their professional profile. A student's minor track will be determined by the level of their primary degree.

Students who began the graduate minor coursework prior to Fall 2022 will have those course credits applied to their current graduate minor requirements. Credits for PRES attendance will only roll over for PhD students who need PRES as a requirement under the new split-track design.

Doctoral Track Requirements

The doctoral track for the Graduate Minor in Peace Studies requires the student to complete three Peace Studies courses for credit (9 credit hours):

- IIPS 80103, "Peace Studies: Organizing the Field" - 3 credits (offered Fall semesters only; if a student has a schedule conflict with this course, the Director of Doctoral Studies can approve an alternative core course to fulfill the requirement)
- **Two** graduate-level IIPS electives selected by the student in consultation with the program - 6 credits

Students are also required to participate for **two semesters** in the Kroc Institute's Peace Research Education Seminar (PRES) by registering for IIPS 93200 for zero credit. The two required semesters of attendance may be non-consecutive.



Master's Track Requirements

The Master's track for the Graduate Minor in Peace Studies requires the student to complete three Peace Studies courses for credit (9 credit hours):

- MGA 60101, "Foundations of Peacebuilding" - 3 credits (offered Fall semesters only; if a student has a schedule conflict with this course, the Director of Doctoral Studies can approve an alternative core course to fulfill the requirement)
- **Two** graduate-level IIPS electives selected by the student in consultation with the program - 6 credits

Enrollment and Tuition

Administration of the Graduate Minor (both tracks) is overseen by the Assistant Director for Doctoral Studies. Students who wish to add the Graduate Minor to their curriculum should contact the ADDS to initiate the process.

The graduate minor is added to a student's curriculum using a curriculum change eForm. The student, student's primary degree program, and the Graduate School must approve the curriculum change. The Kroc Institute Director of Doctoral Studies serves as the faculty advisor for all graduate minors. If a student completes their primary degree program but does not complete the requirements for the graduate minor, the minor is removed from the student's curriculum prior to degree conferral.

If a student holds a full tuition scholarship, there are no tuition charges related to the graduate minor. However, students from professional schools at Notre Dame, including the Mendoza College of Business, School of Architecture, and the Law School, should consult their programs before enrolling in the graduate minor to determine if they are responsible for paying tuition for course credits in peace studies.

In general, graduate minors are not eligible for financial support, including research or conference attendance funding, from the Kroc Institute. However, access to lounge space in the Kroc Suite of the Hesburgh Center can be provided upon request.