

PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES, MAJOR (0027)

Western Sydney University Major Code: 0027

Previous Code: M1083.1

Available to students in other Western Sydney University

Programs: Yes. Check that your program has the available credit points required to complete the subjects in this field of study. Any requisite requirements must also be met. Consult your Program Advisor for further advice.

The Peace and Development Studies major is concerned with methods for promoting peace, human rights and sustainability. It involves a critical analysis of inequalities of power and opportunity that lead to international and local conflict, social dislocation and environmental degradation. Students will examine the structural causes of racist and gendered violence, environmental crises, forced migration, poverty, resource conflict, and inter-generational inequity. The inter-related network of solutions includes empowerment and self-determination, sustainable living, constructive development, peacemaking and peace building. These require understanding of the theories and method for identifying, measuring and resolving conflict and environmental degradation. The assumptions and failings of traditional development practice are critically assessed. Students will engage social theory within an interdisciplinary and applied framework, at local, national and international levels. The major is comprised of three fields: 1) structural inequality, social justice and human rights; 2) development and sustainability; 3) peace and humanitarian responses/actions.

Location

Campus	Mode	Advice
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Internal	Dr Melissa Phillips (https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/email/melissa.phillips@westernsydney.edu.au/)
Penrith Campus	Internal	Dr Melissa Phillips (https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/email/melissa.phillips@westernsydney.edu.au/)

Recommended Sequence

Qualification for this major requires the successful completion of 80 credit points as per the recommended sequence below.

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Autumn session		
HUMN 1028	Human Rights, Peace and Development	10
Credit Points		10
Spring session		
HUMN 1015	Development and Sustainability	10
Credit Points		10
Year 2		
Autumn session		
HUMN 2032	Issues in World Development: Rich World, Poor World	10
Credit Points		10

Spring session		
HUMN 2037	Peace-Making and Peace-Building	10
CULT 3016	Indigenous Cultures: A Global Perspective	10
Credit Points		20
Year 3		
Autumn session		
HUMN 3077	Sustainable Futures	10
Credit Points		10
Spring session		
HUMN 3009	Alternatives to Violence	10
HUMN 3063	Peace & Development Project	10
Credit Points		20
Total Credit Points		80

Related Programs

Bachelor of Arts (1706) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts/>)

Bachelor of Arts (Dean's Scholars) (1655) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-deans-scholars/>)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Business (1818) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-business/>)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Creative Industries (1842) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-creative-industries/>)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws (2537) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-laws/>)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Social Science (1808) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-social-science/>)

Bachelor of Information and Communications Technology/Bachelor of Arts (3654) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-information-communications-technology-bachelor-arts/>)

Bachelor of International Studies/Bachelor of Social Science (1807) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-international-studies-bachelor-social-science/>)

B Science/B Arts

Bachelor of Social Science (1667) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-social-science/>)

Bachelor of Social Science (Advanced) (1733) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-social-science-advanced/>)

Bachelor of Social Science/Bachelor of Laws (2538) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-social-science-bachelor-laws/>)

Bachelor of Tourism Management (1664) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-tourism-management/>)

Diploma in Arts/Bachelor of Arts (6005) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/diploma-arts-bachelor-arts/>)

Diploma in Social Science/Bachelor of Social Science (6023) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/diploma-social-science-bachelor-social-science/>)