Content

Course Code	Course Name	Semester	Theory	Practice	Lab	Credit	ECTS
RI416	Peace Studies	8	3	0	0	3	5

Prerequisites	
Admission Requirements	

Language of Instruction	French
Course Type	Elective
Course Level	Bachelor Degree
Objective	Owing to its multidisciplinary character, Peace Studies has become a field of growing importance in International Relations. This course aims to introduce the core concepts and research agenda of the field, as well as the contributions of the discipline of International Relations to it. Drawing on an analysis of the direct, structural and cultural forms of violence, the course introduces students to approaches that offer non-violent responses to conflict (non-violence, civil disobedience, transitional justice) and provides them with an alternative reading of international politics.
Content	The course opens with the nature of Peace Studies, its specific concepts and the research conducted in the field. It then addresses the distinction between negative and positive peace and examines violence in its direct, structural and cultural dimensions as well as its new forms. The second part of the course discusses non-violence, civil disobedience and transitional justice as non-violent responses to conflict. The last five weeks are devoted to student presentations. These cover topics drawn from several disciplines: from theoretical foundations (Kant, democratic peace, Arendt) to the practices of non-violence, from UN peace operations to peace journalism, and from the climate–conflict nexus to disinformation and artificial intelligence.
References	Charles Webel, Johan Galtung, Handbook of Peace and Conflict Studies, Routledge, 2007. Johan Galtung, Dietrich Fischer, Johan Galtung: Pioneer of Peace Research, Springer, 2013. Gene Sharp, How Nonviolent Struggle Works, The Albert Einstein Institution, 2013. Erica Chenoweth, Civil Resistance: What Everyone Needs to Know, Oxford University Press, 2021.

Theory Topics

Week	Weekly Contents
1	Introduction to Peace Studies
2	The nature of Peace Studies; concepts specific to Peace Studies; research in Peace Studies
3	Negative peace and positive peace
4	Violence I – Direct violence and structural violence
5	Violence II – New forms of violence and cultural violence
6	Non-violence
7	Non-violent social movements.
8	Peacekeeping
9	Transitional justice
10	Student presentations
11	Student presentations
12	Student presentations
13	Student presentations
14	Student presentations