# SAULT COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

# SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO



# **COURSE OUTLINE**

COURSE TITLE:	Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies II				
CODE NO. :	PCS200	SEMESTER:	WINTER		
PROGRAM:	Peace and Conflict Studies Two Year Diploma				
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PREREQUISITE(S):	PCS100: Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies I				
HOURS/WEEK:	4				
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## I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is a continuation of Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies I. It builds upon the conceptual framework for engaging in peace work developed in part one to examine war in closer detail as well as concepts of security and globalization. This course also focuses on developing important peace worker capacities of critical and holisitc thinking, envisioning a culture of peace, cultivating personal wellness and working collaboratively. Through both team and independent work, students will apply a peace studies perspective to course assignments which include a research paper, class presentations, debates, article summaries, reflective journals and a final exam.

### **II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will demonstrate the ability to:

# **1.** Apply concepts of a culture of peace to envision positive transformations for personal and social change

#### Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Identify examples of violence for which to brainstorm peaceful alternatives and nonviolent strategies for change
- Describe how cultivating inner peace and personal wellness relate to peace work on social and global scales
- Develop strategies for promoting personal wellness and individual peacebuilding capacities

# 2. Identify and describe reasons for war using theory from individual, group, state, and socioeconomic levels

#### Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Present arguments for and against innate human aggression theory and social learning theory as individual level explanations for war
- Explain how group processes of de-individualization, dehumanization and nationalism contribute to war
- Describe how *realpolitik* theory and state sovereignty relate to war
- Define ideology and explain how it can contribute to war
- Describe the military-industrial complex and explain how it relates to the event of war

### 3. Outline and discuss different types of weapons used during war

#### Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Describe the forms, functions and impacts of landmines
- List examples of weapons of mass destruction and use historical and contemporary case studies to discuss the human, environmental and socioeconomic impacts of such weapons
- Provide an overview of the production, trade, use and impact of small arms and light weapons
- Explain how rape is used as a military strategy and discuss the root causes of sexualized violence in war

# 4. List and describe the direct and indirect human, environmental and socioeconomic impacts of war

#### Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Describe how death, disability, sickness and destroyed infrastructure impact post-violent conflict recovery on individual and communal scales
- Outline some of the challenges that child soldiers, refugees and internally displaced people experience
- Define post-traumatic stress disorder in the context of war
- Discuss the challenges war poses to environmental sustainability
- Describe how social services are affected by the making and waging of war

#### 5. Identify and discuss critical elements of personal, social and global security

#### Potential Elements of the Performance:

- List and describe factors that contribute to personal and social security
- Outline the pros and cons of state based security systems in comparison to models of human and environmental security
- Identify basic human needs and describe the importance of human rights principles and frameworks for promoting human security
- Discuss the importance of environmental ethics, cultural integrity and cultural diversity to global security
- Assess the role of the United Nations to promote and protect international security

# 6. Define globalization and provide an overview of its positive and negative impacts on our global community

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Provide a historical overview of globalization
- Outline how advances in technology relate to current processes of globalization
- Discuss some of the challenges globalization poses to cultural integrity
- Explain the concept of corporate globalization and discuss the human and environmental implications of this approach
- Describe how globalization impacts international solidarity and cooperation
- Describe the role of active citizenship in the context of globalization

# III. TOPICS:

- 1. Envisioning a Culture of Peace
- 2. Explanations for war
- 3. Weapons of War
- 4. Impacts of War
- 5. Security
- 6. Globalization

## IV. REQUIRED RESOURCES/TEXTS/MATERIALS:

## **Course Text:**

Barash, D., & Webel, C. (2009). *Peace and Conflict Studies* (2nd ed.). Los Angeles, United States: Sage Publications.

# V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM:

Critical Reflection Journal		25
Midterm Paper		20
Assignments		15
In-class Activities		15
Final Exam		25
	Total	100

		Grade Point
<u>Grade</u>	Definition	<u>Equivalent</u>
A+	90 - 100%	4.00
А	80 - 89%	4.00
В	70 - 79%	3.00
С	60 - 69%	2.00
D	50 - 59%	1.00
F (Fail)	49% and below	0.00
CR (Credit)	Credit for diploma requirements has been	
	awarded.	
S	Satisfactory achievement in field /clinical	
	placement or non-graded subject area.	
U	Unsatisfactory achievement in field/clinical	
	placement or non-graded subject area.	
Х	A temporary grade limited to situations with	
	extenuating circumstances giving a student	
	additional time to complete the requirements	
	for a course.	
NR	Grade not reported to Registrar's office.	
W	Student has withdrawn from the course	
	without academic penalty.	

**Note:** For such reasons as program certification or program articulation, certain courses require minimums of greater than 50% and/or have mandatory components to achieve a passing grade.

It is also important to note, that the minimum overall GPA required in order to graduate from a Sault College program remains 2.0.

#### VI. SPECIAL NOTES:

#### Attendance:

Sault College is committed to student success. There is a direct correlation between academic performance and class attendance; therefore, for the benefit of all its constituents, all students are encouraged to attend all of their scheduled learning and evaluation sessions. This implies arriving on time and remaining for the duration of the scheduled session. *It is the departmental policy that once the classroom door has been closed, the learning process has begun. Late arrivers will not be granted admission to the room.* 

## VII. COURSE OUTLINE ADDENDUM:

The provisions contained in the addendum are located on the student portal. Students are responsible for becoming familiar with this information. Go to https://mysaultcollege.ca

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