# COURSE DETAIL

| PEACE STUDIES |
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| **Country**<br>Japan |
| **Host Institution**<br>International Christian University |
| **Program(s)**<br>International Christian University |
| **UCEAP Course Level**<br>Lower Division |
| **UCEAP Subject Area(s)**<br>Political Science |
| **UCEAP Course Number**<br>52 |
| **UCEAP Course Suffix** |
| **UCEAP Official Title**<br>PEACE STUDIES |
| **UCEAP Transcript Title**<br>PEACE STUDIES |
| **UCEAP Quarter Units**<br>4.00 |
| **UCEAP Semester Units**<br>2.70 |

**Course Description**

After the end of the Cold War many of us hoped that the time of war and conflict was over and we could enjoy and more peaceful and perhaps prosperous times. We could not have been more wrong. The invasion of Kuwait by Iraq, the subsequent Gulf War, the civil conflict in Former Yugoslavia, the war in Bosnia, the NATO strikes in Kosovo, the ongoing crisis in the Middle East and particularly in Israel, the terrorist attack on 9.11, and the subsequent wars in Afghanistan and now in Iraq, are just a few examples of military activities in the last decade. In addition, we witnessed a chain of humanitarian crises' in the form of lack of access to food, water, and shelter, and often human-induced (un)natural disasters like floods and droughts in many parts of the developing world.

The courses Peace Studies I and II will provide students with an insight into the central questions, concepts, theories, and debates within contemporary peace studies. Students will read basic texts from peace researchers, politicians, peace movement representatives, social and natural scientists in order to understand the various approaches to peace; how and why conflicts occur, and finally how to deal or prevent wars. Peace studies have developed a basic core of ideas and arguments, but researchers concerned with peace and conflict issues come from a variety of fields and scientific disciplines. At first international relations and international policy, political science and historical studies might come to mind; however, scientists in sociology, anthropology, biology, psychology, economics, or environmental studies have also developed concept and theories attempting to analyze and explain potential and actual conflict situations. They have also developed ways to prevent or moderate conflicts and considered approaches to prevent them from developing into violent conflicts or open wars. Part one and two of this course attempt to cover a broad range of these approaches.

**Language(s) of Instruction**

English

**Host Institution Course Number**
PCS101E

**Host Institution Course Title**
PEACE STUDIES I

**Host Institution Course Details**
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**Host Institution Campus**
International Christian University

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**
Peace Studies

**Course Last Reviewed**
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