

INR406 Peace Studies

Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences – Elective Course

Credit: 3 ECTS: 7,5



Course Description: The course "Peace Studies" is an undergraduate elective that examines the concept of peace in the context of broader social dynamics. It goes into various themes, such as social justice, freedom, conflict, nonviolence, and others, to better understand how peace is closely interwoven with our daily personal, institutional, and societal relationships. Students will interact with major words and theories in peace studies throughout the semester to encourage interdisciplinary conversations and distinguish between peace studies and conflict resolution. Students will have a thorough understanding of peace studies by the end of the course, allowing them to apply it to their research projects. As it attempts to create peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, this course aligns with various United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions). Through critical analysis and discussion, students will gain the skills and awareness to contribute to a more peaceful society.

Course Outcomes:

- Develop the ability to analyze lines of reasoning related to peace and understand that peace and war exist on a continuum rather than as opposites.
- Understand that everyone is involved in interactions contributing to peace or social injustice.
- Gain an understanding of the historical context of global concerns.
- Recognize how social institutions (e.g., the media, education, or the legal system) enable and constrain your ability to act and interact with others.
- Understand how external influences shape thoughts and actions.
- Develop critical reasoning skills, allowing you to analyze complex peace and social justice issues.
- Improve discussion skills and the ability to express ideas and questions through writing, fostering constructive dialogue and communication.
- Learn to distinguish between personal opinion, common sense, information, facts, knowledge, theories, and wisdom.
- Minimize personal opinion while striving for wisdom and discern the differences between norms, values, and beliefs.
- Identify ideologies and their consequences, contributing to a well-informed and critical perspective on peace and social justice issues.