Conflict Resolution
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A Conflict Resolution major is an examination of humans and their behaviors on a sociological and political level with a focus on conflicts and the political and social methods by which they are resolved. The major will culminate in a study of the Northern Ireland conflicts or the Troubles, which they are also referred to as. This will be accomplished by taking different courses in several disciplines to better understand why the Northern Ireland conflicts happened and why they are a problem today. I will take classes dealing with European history to better understand western Europe, sociology courses to have an understanding of why humans choose to use violence to accomplish their goals, a history of Christianity course to examine why the differences between Catholics and Protestants caused such an uproar and a few political science classes to have a handle on the political climate of the area.

I wish to pursue this combination of classes with the end result of this major because I have always found the Irish conflicts to be of great interest and intrigue. The idea that two groups of people, who believe in the same God, find it so difficult to find common ground is something I feel should be researched and reviewed, as this is not uncommon in the world. The Northern Ireland conflicts are a large collection of events that are still a struggle currently, and therefore, relevant to the political happenings of today. This major will be a great aid to my career goals, as I am interested in pursuing a career in international relations, perhaps as a diplomat. The capstone for this major will be a paper on the Northern Ireland struggles.
Senior Capstone: Independent study through a paper about the Northern Ireland struggles. The grade for the capstone will be determined by the major committee.


Major Courses:

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*Revisions caused for classes not offered and class numbers that changed after the approval of the below schedule. Revisions in BOLD.

Fall 2009

HIST 360 Vietnam and the 60s (1)*
HIST 338 Crime and Punishment in Medieval Europe (2)*
SOCI 390 Social Inequality and Identity (3)*

Spring 2010

HIST 170 Contemporary Europe
ANTH 300 Ethnographic Methods (4)*
SOCI 320 Peace & War (5)*
POLI 251 Theories of International Relations

Fall 2010

POLI I30 01 Politics & Modern British Lit

Spring 2011**

POLI 353 Conflict Management & Resolution

SOCI 499 Independent Study: Culture of Conflict
*Numbers indicate classes that fulfill 300 and above class level requirements for all majors.

**Classes subject to change, as I may have to fulfill a few core requirements at this time.
Faculty Committee:

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Dr. Lisa Leitz, committee member

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Dr. Ian King, committee member

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