



PEACE STUDIES

at
Dawson College

Peace Studies is an interdisciplinary, values-based, engaged field of study that integrates scholarship and application, theory and practice. The Peace Studies Certificate at Dawson College encourages you to reflect critically and creatively on the complex roots of violence, nonviolence and peace.

Like the broader disciplinary field of Peace Studies, our Certificate focuses on matching academics with practice. For more information on the Peace Studies Certificate or the Dawson College Peace Centre please visit: www.dawsoncollege.qc.ca/peace-centre/

Dawson College has an abiding commitment to peace, both in action and education. This commitment is discernable through the Peace Studies Certificate and the various projects, events, and activities organized and/or co-sponsored by the Dawson College Peace Centre. The Centre is dedicated to the practical application of peace in our every-day world. Its central pedagogical tenet is using collaborative community project-based initiatives to teach, inspire, and engage people to making a commitment to peace in pragmatic ways. Real solutions to real world problems with compassion, respect, teamwork, leadership and love is the heart of the Dawson College Peace Centre, and the thrust of the Peace Studies Certificate.



CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

To be completed during the course of your DEC

1. Attend three (3) meetings hosted by the Peace Centre over the course of your certificate. One (1) "Peace 101" workshop and at least two (2) Peace Studies Certificate "Community of Practice" discussion groups.
2. Attain three (3) Peace Activity Credits through participation in a variety of different activities over the course of your Certificate OR organise and implement a project that will put peace into practice. For more information on Peace Activity Credits please consult the website or your Omnivox.
3. Complete three (3) courses listed as part of the Peace Studies Certificate. For more information, please look at the Dawson College Timetable online. ***Peace Studies courses are not additional courses to your required program load.*** They are designed to serve both your DEC requirements and the Peace Studies Certificate requirements.

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WHAT YOU WILL LEARN BY EARNING the Peace Studies Certificate:

Through the three courses, activities or projects and yearly meetings you will have the opportunity to learn through a different lens.

Knowledge:

- Identify and/or analyse the various forms of violence, nonviolence and peace in different cultures, economies and societies
- Analyze the social or economic or cultural or psychological roots of violence, nonviolence and peace

Skills:

- Practice and model nonviolence communication skills and conflict resolution
- Organization and implementation of a project that practically applies peace (though social justice, restorative justice, violence prevention, peacebuilding, environmental sustainability, peace and reconciliation, and bridge building between communities etc)

Attitudes:

- Recognize one's own capacity for peacebuilding
- Care for the self, relationships, communities, the environment and beyond
- Be a catalyst for actions towards positive change

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