HONOURS BSOCSC CONFLICT STUDIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The international community has, for several decades, sought to prevent and end conflict while helping to build sustainable peace. Where has it succeeded and how, and why does it fail elsewhere?

Our program explores the causes and consequences of the many armed conflicts that persist around the world and brings you to objectively reflect on issues such as human rights, war, peace, international security and much more.

If you're interested in understanding the fascinating complexity of conflict studies and human rights, this program is the perfect fit for you!

This program is offered in English and in French.

Learn more about this program (https://www.uottawa.ca/faculty-social-sciences/public-international-affairs/undergraduate/conflict-studies-human-rights-program/)

Program Requirements

Co-operative education is available with this program.

The French immersion stream is available with this program.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2025-2026 calendars (http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/) for the previous requirements.

Basic skills		
ENG 1100	Workshop in Essay Writing	3 Units
ENG 1120	Selected Topics in Literature and Composition	3 Units
Total:		**6 Units**
Compulsory courses at the 1000 level		
ECH 1100	Introduction to the Study of Conflicts and Human Rights	3 Units
ECO 1102	Introduction to Macroeconomics	3 Units
ECO 1104	Introduction to Microeconomics	3 Units
POL 1102	Politics and Globalization	3 Units
SOC 1101	Principles of Sociology	3 Units
Compulsory courses at the 2000 level		
ECH 2300	Introduction to International Human Rights Law and Institutions	3 Units
ECH 2310	Conflicts and Rights: Philosophical Perspectives	3 Units
ECH 2320	Qualitative Methods in Conflict Studies and Human Rights	3 Units
ECH 2330	Theories of Conflict	3 Units
Compulsory courses at the 3000 level		
ECH 3310	Current Problems in International Human Rights	3 Units
ECH 3320	War and Strategy: Historical Perspectives	3 Units
ECH 3360	Quantitative Methods in Conflict Studies and Human Rights	3 Units
Optional courses		
3 course units from:		3 Units
ANT 1101	Social and Cultural Anthropology	
DVM 1100	Canada and the Challenges of International Development and Globalization	
FEM 1100	Women, Gender, Feminism: An Introduction	
SCS 1150	Introduction to Social Sciences	
SCS 2160	Social Sciences and Changing Societies	
3 course units from:		3 Units
POL 2103	Introduction to International Relations and Global Politics	
POL 2104	Introduction to Comparative Politics	
12 course units from:		12 Units
DVM 4117	Protection of Civilians in International Law	
DVM 4108	Conflict and Development	
ECH 4010	International Internship in Conflict Studies and Human Rights	
ECH 4210	Conflict and Human Rights Field Research	
ECH 4310	Selected Topics in Human Rights	
ECH 4320	Conflict Resolution and Peace Building	
ECH 4321	Global Hierarchy and Conflict	
ECH 4322	Violence, Security and Conflict in Africa	
ECH 4323	Culture and Conflict	
ECH 4324	Health and Human Rights	
ECH 4325	The Challenge of Democracy in International Affairs	
ECH 4326	Human Rights in Latin America	
ECH 4327	Philosophy of Rights	
ECH 4330	Selected Topics in Conflict Studies	
ECH 4331	Applied Study of Conflicts and Human Rights	
ECH 4335	Track Two Diplomacy	
ECH 4350	Conflicts and the Peace Process in the Middle East	
ECH 4355	Selected Topics in Conflicts and the Peace Process	
21 optional course units from the list of optional courses [1]		21 Units
Total:		**75 Units**
Elective courses		
39 elective course units		39 Units
or 9 elective course units plus a minor		
Total:		**39 Units**

Note(s)

[1] A maximum of 6 optional course units in history (HIS).

List of Optional Courses

ANT 3307	Contemporary Japanese Society	3 Units
ANT 3326	Indigenous Resurgences in a Globalized World	3 Units
ANT 3340	Anthropology of Latin America and the Caribbean	3 Units
ANT 3341	Anthropology of Oceania	3 Units
ANT 3342	Anthropology of Africa	3 Units

CRM 3323	Globalization, Crime and Justice	3 Units
DVM 3117	Public International Law	3 Units
CRM 4316	Violence and Society	3 Units
DVM 4108	Conflict and Development	3 Units
DVM 4117	Protection of Civilians in International Law	3 Units
DVM 4120	International Development Issues in Africa	3 Units
DVM 4125	International Development Issues in Asia	3 Units
DVM 4130	International Development Issues in Latin America	3 Units
EAS 2101	Colonialism and Indigenous Peoples	3 Units
EAS 4102		
ECH 1101	War and Peace: Behind the Headlines	3 Units
ECH 1102	Forced Migration	3 Units
ECH 2308	Indigenous Politics and Human Rights	3 Units
ECH 3330	Special Topics in Conflict Studies and Human Rights	3 Units
ECH 3370	African Great Lakes	3 Units
ECH 4010	International Internship in Conflict Studies and Human Rights	6 Units
ECH 4210	Conflict and Human Rights Field Research	6 Units
ECH 4310	Selected Topics in Human Rights	3 Units
ECH 4320	Conflict Resolution and Peace Building	3 Units
ECH 4325	The Challenge of Democracy in International Affairs	3 Units
ECH 4330	Selected Topics in Conflict Studies	3 Units
ECH 4331	Applied Study of Conflicts and Human Rights	3 Units
ECH 4335	Track Two Diplomacy	3 Units
ECH 4350	Conflicts and the Peace Process in the Middle East	3 Units
ECH 4355	Selected Topics in Conflicts and the Peace Process	3 Units
FEM 2107	Diversities of Women: Gender, Race, Class and (Dis)ability	3 Units
GEG 2108	Contested Places	3 Units
HIS 2160	History of the Middle East from World War I	3 Units
HIS 2171	Latin America, Modern Period	3 Units
HIS 2178	History of East Asia from 1600 to the Present	3 Units
HIS 2342	Contemporary Europe (19th-21st century)	3 Units
HIS 2376	The African Past	3 Units
POL 3124	The Politics of Security	3 Units
POL 3162	Political Violence	3 Units
POL 4184	Democratization and Authoritarianism	3 Units
POL 4189	Politics of Human Rights	3 Units
PSY 3102	Interpersonal Relationships	3 Units
PSY 3126	Cultural Psychology	3 Units
SCS 1150	Introduction to Social Sciences	3 Units
SOC 3137	Sociology of Minority Groups	3 Units
SOC 4121	Nationalism and Interethnic Relations	3 Units
SRS 1112	The Religions of the World I	3 Units
SRS 2113	The Religions of the World II	3 Units
SRS 2195	Religion and Politics in Global Society	3 Units
Courses offered by Saint Paul University: [1]		
ECS 2103 Negotiation		3 Units
ECS 2104 Mediation		3 Units
ECS 2123 Dialogue		3 Units
ECS 2124 Local and Community Responses to Conflict		3 Units
ECS 2126 Indigenous Peoples and Conflict		3 Units
ECS 2928 Language and Conflict in Canada		3 Units
ECS 3101 Introduction to Technical and Legal Aspects of Conflict Resolution		3 Units
ECS 3123 Psychological Impacts of Conflicts		3 Units
ECS 3124 Conflict in Organizations		3 Units
ECS 3125 Peaceful Resolution of Violent Conflict		3 Units
ECS 3126 Discrimination and Conflict		3 Units
ECS 3140 Gender Relations and Conflict		3 Units
ECS 3530 Sujets spéciaux en études de conflits		3 Units
ECS 4101 Causes of Conflict I: Biological and Psychological Approaches		3 Units
ECS 4102 Causes of Conflict II: Sociological and Rationalist Approaches		3 Units

Note(s)

[1] Please visit Saint Paul University's website (http://www.ustpaul.ca/?l=1&lang=en) to see the course description.