

## REQUIRED COURSES

### **Foundations for Ethical Understanding • (3 credits Core A)**

The core curriculum of the Creighton College of Arts & Sciences requires a course in ethics. JPS/THL 250 (or PHL 250) satisfies that requirement and is also the introductory course for JPS. Normally taken during the sophomore year.

### **Community Service Learning • (3 credits)**

Personal encounter with social injustice is at the heart of the JPS Program. JPS/THL 360 Social Justice in Theory & Practice and other designated CSL courses meet this requirement (consult the director). Each course involves substantial off-campus service as well as classroom analysis and reflection.

### **Faith and Moral Development • (3 credits)**

JPS/THL 365, a one-credit-hour seminar, will be taken three times (sections A, B, C -- normally in that sequence) during the junior and senior years. The three seminars constitute a single course examining theories and examples (e.g., Dorothy Day) of faith and moral development. Each seminar is open to non-JPS and non-JAS students whether or not they plan to complete the sequence.

### **Catholic Social Teaching • (3 credits)**

JPS/THL 565 is a critical examination of Catholic social ethics, the teaching of popes and bishops over the last century.

### **Christian Ethics of War & Peace • (3 credits)**

JPS 588 examines Christian ethical perspectives on the use of lethal force from biblical times to the present day. Just war and pacifism from both Catholic and Protestant viewpoints will be considered.

### **Senior Perspective • (3 credits Core A)**

A variety of Senior Perspectives courses on social justice topics are offered. Consult the JPS director.

### **Social Science Elective • (3 credits)**

The JPS co-major requires one 200-level or above course in the social sciences or history which teaches skills of social analysis. Consult the JPS director.

### **Senior Seminar • (3 credits)**

JPS 499 explores the diverse ways individuals and organizations work for social change. Includes readings, site visits, interviews, and guest speakers from the campus and the community. The seminar also explores career opportunities in the field and the necessary preparation.

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“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice...”

## WHY A JUSTICE & PEACE STUDIES PROGRAM AT CREIGHTON?

Creighton University is committed to “the promotion of justice” (Mission Statement).

As a Catholic, Jesuit institution, Creighton can trace this commitment to the 1975 General Congregation of the Society of Jesus, through a century of social teaching by popes and bishops, to the example and teaching of Jesus, and to the prophetic tradition of ancient Israel.

Justice & Peace Studies, a multidisciplinary program in the Creighton College of Arts & Sciences, is a response to the challenge of Fr. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, S.J., Superior General of the Jesuits, to “educate the whole person for solidarity with the real world.”

## WHY PARTICIPATE IN JUSTICE & PEACE STUDIES?

Many Creighton students, like their University, are committed to justice, “the betterment of society” (Mission Statement), and a more peaceful world. The JPS Program enables students to integrate these concerns into their academic and, eventually, professional careers.

Increasing numbers of student volunteers experience poverty situations directly through Creighton-sponsored community service programs in the Dominican Republic, Omaha, and throughout the country. The Justice & Peace Studies Program encourages students to explore these experiences and concerns with one another and with faculty mentors in a structured program of study. It prepares them to be insightful, faithful, lifelong agents for social change whatever their career or profession.

## HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE IN JUSTICE & PEACE STUDIES?

The JPS Program offers three ways to participate. **(1)** Students may declare a **JPS Co-major**. Co-majors take five JPS courses, two Core A requirements, and one social science elective, for a total of 24 credit-hours (see back cover). **(2)** Students may declare a **Major in Justice & Society (JAS)**, which combines the co-majors in JPS and in Sociology & Anthropology with electives from several other departments for a total of 37 credit-hours. For details, see the JAS Fact Sheet, the JPS website (see below), or consult the JPS director. **(3)** Space permitting, all JPS courses are open to all students in good standing who have completed the course prerequisites, whether or not they plan to pursue the co-major or major.

### *Congressman Walter H. Capps Justice & Peace Studies Scholarship*

A \$1,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a junior or senior who has demonstrated academic excellence and outstanding commitment to the values and objectives of the JPS Program. The scholarship honors Walter Holden Capps, 1934-1997, an Omaha native, internationally recognized scholar and teacher of religion, Congressman, peacemaker, and the Markoe-DePorres Lecturer for 1997.

## OTHER JPS PROJECTS

The Justice & Peace Studies Program also serves the campus and civic communities by sponsoring the annual Markoe-DePorres Social Justice Lecture and other programs and speakers, and by organizing the annual Morality of War Seminar for senior ROTC students.

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