Call for Proposals: Peace and Justice Studies Course Development Grants

Deadline for submission: April 10, 2017

The Office of Peace and Justice at Loyola University Maryland is currently awarding grants for the development of undergraduate courses to be included in the interdisciplinary minor in Peace and Justice Studies. One or more grants will be awarded for the revision of an existing course ($1500) or development of a new course ($3000). Applications are welcome from all academic disciplines.

Courses in the minor in Peace and Justice Studies advance one or more of the following learning aims:

• Understand the causes and consequences of violent conflict, the systematic sources of injustice, and the inter-relationship of justice and peace
• Analyze concrete cases of conflict from a variety of disciplinary perspectives, including political, sociological, theological, philosophical, and literary
• Demonstrate proficiency in a number of conflict resolution and peacebuilding skills and apply these in interpersonal, institutional, societal, or global contexts
• Make meaningful connections across courses and develop a coherent framework for thinking about peace and justice issues
• Communicate proficiency in these aims in oral and written form

Applications will be evaluated in terms of the clarity and quality of the course description; how well the proposed course fulfills the minor learning aims; potential for forging connections between existing courses and disciplines; and prospects of successful implementation (including potential student interest). Those who have not received a previous course development grant will be prioritized over previous recipients. Courses are typically offered one full academic year after the grant has been awarded.

Applications should include the following:

1. A course prospectus, not to exceed 750 words, that includes a brief course description, the course objectives, the way the course advances the relevant minor learning aims, and potential texts/readings
2. A brief statement from the faculty member’s department chair indicating the academic department has approved the course for inclusion in its future offerings
3. A syllabus is not required for the proposal, but a preliminary version may be appended if planning has reached this level of development. A final syllabus and course number is required of all grant recipients by September 1, 2017.

Applications should be submitted electronically to Dr. John Kiess at jrkies@loyola.edu by 5pm on April 10, 2017. Proposals will be reviewed by the Peace and Justice Steering Committee and decisions will be announced by April 28, 2017.