



# ONLINE MASTER OF ARTS IN PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

## BECOME AN INTERFAITH AMBASSADOR

**M.A. in Peace and Social Justice** with a Concentration in **Interfaith Action** is an emerging specialty that demands critical skills and perspectives from beyond the religious and/or theological disciplines in order to be effective in post-secular contexts.

These contexts point to the increasing presence of religion-based conflict and tension between sacred and secular opinion-formers in the public sphere.

The M.A. in Peace and Social Justice with a Concentration in Interfaith Action program can help you develop the social, religious and political perspectives, collaborative engagement, and self-reflection skills you need to become an interfaith ambassador.



### PROGRAM SNAPSHOT



Accreditation



Program Length  
**12 Months**



Program Cost  
**\$18,000**



Format  
**100% Online**

No GRE or GMAT Required

\*12 month courses: Full-time status (2 courses per term) must be maintained to complete the master's degree in 12 months.



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## Required Courses for a Interfaith Action Concentration:

### MIA 5301 - Power and Privilege in Self and Society

In this course, you will engage contemporary theories of power and privilege in a postcolonial age, be able to identify multiple dimensions of these phenomena in interpersonal and social contexts, and demonstrate capacities for self-awareness and effective negotiation of power differentials in communal and/or organizational contexts.

### MIA 5302 - Approaching Religion

This course will assist students in establishing a critical and contextualized understandings of religion, demonstrate an integrated knowledge of research for understanding religion and models for religious engagement, and develop your ability to challenge philosophical assumptions about religion.

### MIA 5303 - Negotiating Moral Conflict

Several contemporary developments will be addressed as case studies during the term. These cases will help to sharpen your conflict resolution skills to assess conflict scenarios, develop robust mediation strategies, and design a collaborative peace plan.

### MIA 5304 - Interfaith Leadership in a Global Context

This course explores the impact of transformative leadership through the work of celebrated interfaith leaders and their response to practicing the Golden Rule, promoting social justice, grassroots organizing, and interfaith cooperation within multiple contexts.

### MIA 5305 - Religion in the Public Sphere: Faith, Politics, & Rhetoric

This course explores the complexities of secularism and religion and its intersection with political systems, social values, and sub-movements in the public sphere. In this course, you will develop a post-secular awareness to interpret the evolving role of sacred and secular traditions while identifying new measures to foster collaborative relations between actors in the public sphere.

### MCC 5301 - Mindfulness

Build the capacity for focused awareness and compassion. Move from personal vision to shared vision through critical and strategic thinking.

### MCC 5302 - Dialogue

Craft creative solutions by drawing out and integrating other's ideas. Listen to understand and advocate without alienation.

### MCC 5303 - Collaboration

Build sustainable change through teams. Create diverse teams who can deal with complex problems and resolve conflict.

### MCC 5304 - Change

Combine flexibility with insight to stay ahead of the rapidly changing environment. Replace resistance to change with an ability to "skate where the puck is going."



### MLC 5306 - Capstone Action Project

This self-directed project draws on your entire educational experience where you research, analyze, and determine appropriate methods and contemporary strategies for designing and implementing initiatives that generate positive social impact.