

Area of Study Instructions

To declare your Area of Study (AoS) for the Peace Studies Major, please send the following information to the department chair, Dr. Lisa Leitz (leitz@chapman.edu):

1. Title of Area of Study—Examples include Southeast Asia; International Organizations & The United Nations; Gender, War, & Peace; Diplomacy; Ethnic Cleansing; the Middle East; South African Apartheid; The Holocaust & Its Aftermath; European Politics; Theatre for Social Change; Interfaith Dialogue; Genocide; Ethics and Global Issues; Justice and Global Issues; and Social Justice through Dance. Make your area something you want to focus on during your time in Peace Studies.
2. Explain your AoS& its link to Peace Studies in about a paragraph.
3. List your 4 courses with the catalog code number, full titles, and date of the course. If any of the courses are not obviously linked to Peace Studies and/or to the topic, provide an explanation (usually 1-2 sentences will be fine) about how the course fulfills Peace Studies Learning Outcomes (see the Dept. webpage and [here](#)). Remember 3 courses must be upper-division.

Dr. Leitz will write you back if there are any questions or concerns; when the AoS is approved she will forward the information to the Registrar to input it into your program evaluation.

Note that the Registrar will not enter the courses into your program evaluation until you have taken them or at least have registered for them. If you are designing this early, Dr. Leitz can pre-approve your plan, but you will need to resend the full information as you enroll in (additional) courses.

If you have questions about the process, please schedule a meeting with [Dr. Leitz](#) (Chair), [Dr. Hilmi Ulas](#) (primary Peace Studies advisor), or another faculty member in Peace Studies.

Keep your AoS information for your records, as it may be helpful as you prepare for interviews or write personal statements or résumés. Many people will ask you, “what is peace studies?” So it will be useful to use this as an explanation for what you focused on in this major.