

Course Description Amsterdam Program Conflict Resolution

This course offers an introduction to social and political conflict and violent and non-violent forms of dealing with it. We will address political violence and non-violent action and study choices the state has for dealing with challenges to its authority, ranging from punishment and policing to war. We also will look at peaceful ways to deal with conflict including prevention, mediation and negotiation. Students will gain knowledge of theories and research results prevalent in the general area of conflict studies and criminal justice. Emphasis will be placed on the study of actual conflict and current methods of intervention. Through this course, students will become better able to place current and future conflicts into theoretical contexts and to critically analyze and assess initiatives that are employed to resolve these conflicts. The continuing use of violence as a means of achieving goals, as a way of organizing society, and as a crucial part of the lives of so many people makes this area of academic study a highly relevant focus. The main themes will be Conflict Analysis, Political (non-) Violence, the Criminal Justice System, and Conflict Resolution.

IU Course Equivalencies:

Criminal Justice	P380	Dispute Management
Gender Studies	G302	Topics in Gender Studies
Anthropology	A496	Field Study in Anthropology
Political Science	Y353	Women & Politics in Comparative Perspective
SPEA	V450	Topics