

**Call for Applications:
St. Thomas More College Peace Studies Essay Prize**

Two scholarships of \$1,000 to be awarded to current and incoming Peace Studies students

The certificate in peace studies at St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan, cultivates an interdisciplinary approach to the academic study of peace, conflict, (re)conciliation, the nature of substantive justice, and the practice of nonviolent resistance. Peace studies is concerned with both the analysis and creative transformation of conflict and injustice. Within the field, peace is defined as not only the absence of war but also by positive conditions such as social justice, gender and racial equality, and ecological health.

The certificate, which consists of 18 credit units (six courses), begins with an Introduction to Peace Studies course (CPSJ 112, formerly INTS 112) and ends with a capstone, Peace Theory and Praxis (CPSJ 310), allowing students to take a wide range of courses from other disciplines for the remaining four courses. (Please see [Peace Studies - University Catalogue 2023-24 | University of Saskatchewan \(usask.ca\)](#) for further details.) Any student in any program at the University of Saskatchewan may complete the Peace Studies Certificate and community members can take it as a standalone credential.

The administrative home of the Peace Studies Certificate, the Irene and Doug Schmeiser Centre for Faith, Reason, Peace, and Justice at St. Thomas More College seeks to support student participation in the new program by offering two \$1,000 scholarships for students enrolling in CPSJ 112 (Introduction to Peace Studies) or CPSJ 310 (Peace Theory and Praxis). One scholarship will go to a high school student intending to enrol at USask in fall 2022, and one scholarship will go to a current USask student who has either taken CPSJ 112 or CPSJ 310 in the 2022-2023 academic year or intends to do so in 2023-2024.

To apply, please compose an essay of 800 to 1,200 words that answers the question, ***What difference can peace studies education make in our contemporary local, national, and/or global society?*** Given the interdisciplinary nature of peace studies, applicants may choose to draw on personal experience, history, literature, global politics, or other sources in their essays. These essays will be judged based on their original insight, critical and creative thinking, and strong prose writing.

Eligibility: Any person intending to begin their studies at the University of Saskatchewan in fall 2023 (including those intending to enroll in the certificate as a standalone qualification) and any current USask undergraduate student in any program who has either taken INTS/CPSJ 112 or CPSJ 310 in the 2023-24 academic year or is planning to take one of the courses next year. Funds will be released pending enrolment in CPSJ 112 or CPSJ 310. In the event a winner chooses not to take one of these two courses in the 2023-2024 academic year and has not done so earlier, the scholarship will be awarded to a runner-up.

Adjudication: Essays will be judged by members of the STM Peace Studies program committee; one of the co-directors of the Irene and Doug Schmeiser Centre for Faith, Reason, Peace, and Justice; and community representatives involved in peace studies education and action. Two

prizes will be awarded annually, with preference that one goes to a current USask student and one to an incoming student.

How to submit: Send essays as Word or PDF documents to chrynkow@stmcollege.ca. Students may write about personal experiences, but names should be left off essay documents to allow them to be judged anonymously. In the body of the email, include a cover note with your full name, home address and phone number, essay title, and high school name or university program. Please also indicate whether you have already taken INTS/CPSJ 112 or 310 or whether you intend to do so in 2023-2024.

Note: Winners may be asked to present a poster version of their work at the reception following the Peace Studies Lecture on October 4, 2023. Excerpts from the essays may also be used in Schmeiser Centre and/or STM communications.

Dates: Essays must be submitted by **Tuesday, May 30, 2023**. Winners will be announced by **June 13, 2023**.

For questions, contact Christopher Hrynkow, Co-Director of the Irene and Doug Schmeiser Centre for Faith, Reason, Peace, and Justice at chrynkow@stmcollege.ca.