

Call for Applications:
Inaugural Schmeiser Centre Peace Studies Essay Prize

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

St. Thomas More College at the University of Saskatchewan is pleased to announce a newly developed certificate in Peace Studies. The certificate 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 consists of 18 credit units (six courses) including the Introduction to Peace Studies course and a capstone, Peace Theory and Praxis, allowing students to take a wide range of courses from other disciplines for the remaining four courses. (Please see [Peace Studies- University of Saskatchewan Course Catalogue 2022-2023](#) for further details.) Students enrolled in any program at the University of Saskatchewan may complete the Peace Studies Certificate as a standalone credential.

St. Thomas More College's **Irene and Doug Schmeiser Centre for Faith, Reason, Peace, and Justice** 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, formally INTS 112)** or **CPSJ 310 (Peace Theory and Praxis)**. One scholarship will go to an incoming student intending to enrol at USask in Fall 2022, and one scholarship will go to a current USask student who has either taken INTS 112 or intends to take CPST 112 or CPSJ 310 in the 2022-2023 academic year.

To apply, please compose an essay of 800 to 1,200 words that addresses 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, current events, and/or other sources in their essays. These essays will be judged based on their original insight, critical and creative thinking, and strong prose writing.

Essays will be judged by members of the STM Peace Studies program committee; the director of the 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.

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 taken INTS 112 and/or whether you intend to enrol in CPSJ 122 or CPSJ 310 in 2022-2023.

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Eligibility

Any person intending to begin their studies at the University of Saskatchewan in fall 2022 and any current USask undergraduate student in any program who has either taken INTS 112 or is planning to take CPSJ 112 or CPSJ 310 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 2022-2023 academic year or has not done so already, the scholarship will be awarded to a runner-up.

How to submit

Send essays as Word or PDF documents to cfrpj@stmcollege.ca

Dates

Essays must be submitted by Monday April 25, 2022. Winners will be announced by May 5, 2022.

For questions, contact chrynkow@stmcollege.ca.

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