

RECONCILIATION STUDIES

Rooted in love, Jesus, God, and the Holy Spirit, along with biblical stories and principles call us to be reconcilers, peacemakers, and advocates in a broken and divided world. Reconciliation Studies courses prepare students to follow this call.

RES 201U • Introduction to Reconciliation Studies 3 Credits

Overview of theory and literature in the field, contributing factors leading to the need for reconciliation, and paradigms for reconciliation praxis. Biblically-based principles and processes for moving toward societal reconciliation. Cultural and religious diversity, conflict resolution, spiritual disciplines, social and economic justice issues, and related subjects are covered.

Offered: Fall or Spring.

RES 207U • Fannie Lou Hamer, Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, and Our Multicultural World 3 Credits

Compares and contrasts the lives and messages of Fannie Lou Hamer, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Malcolm X. Considers how their teachings and practices address various forms of inequity within the context of African-American culture and religion, the cultural diversity of the United States, and the rest of the world.

Prerequisites: GES 130 (may be taken concurrently) or GES 244 (may be taken concurrently). Offered: Fall, Spring.

RES 215L • European American Experiences, Whiteness, and Reconciliation 3 Credits

Explores how family history and upbringing influence understanding of whiteness. Since ideological constructions of whiteness are linked to various injustices confronting people of color, students wrestle with how to adopt practices within the spirit of reconciliation that break down walls of division for the greater good.

Prerequisites: (GES 130; GES 160 (may be taken concurrently)) or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Fall.

RES 220A • Hip-Hop, The Spoken Word, and Reconciliation 3 Credits

Engages Hip-Hop and the spoken word as our modern-day Psalms: raw, uncompromising, challenging, confrontational, and confessional. Explores how a conversation among Hip-Hop, the spoken word, and biblical stories cultivate a relationship with God as transparent as the Psalms and Jesus' own relationship with God and those He encountered.

Offered: Spring.

RES 230Z • Justice and Reconciliation 4 Credits

Learning from Twin Cities leaders, churches, and community educators intent on co-creating systems and services that honor the marginalized, complements biblical interpretations of justice, scholarly analysis, and memoirs addressing injustice.

Offered: January.

RES 305 • Conflict Resolution and Mediation Skills 3 Credits

Practical peacemaking and reconciliation skills relevant to helping Christians resolve conflict in a healthy, balanced way. Focus on using experiential learning to develop negotiation and mediation skills.

Prerequisites: RES 201U. Offered: Fall, Spring.

RES 320 • The Power of Story and Reconciliation 3 Credits

Explores complex stories that can nurture cultural humility and empathy. Includes readings of creative and biblical narratives with emphasis on listening deeply to others' experiences. Confronts a world divided by difference and explores how stories can foster understanding between peoples.

Prerequisites: Sophomore standing. Offered: Fall.

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RES 340Z • Principles and Methods of Intercultural Leadership 4 Credits

Grounded in a cross-cultural experience, focus on practical principles and methods for intercultural visioning, administration, training, and communication for cross-cultural work. Emphasizes developing intercultural competencies needed for collaborative and mutually beneficial outcomes in diverse environments (e.g., mission or ministry; profit and not-for-profit; governmental or agency work).

Prerequisites: Junior or senior standing or Consent of the instructor. Offered: Spring.

RES 350G • Racial Reconciliation 3 Credits

Racial divisions, systemic biases embedded in US structures, and violations of human dignity confronted by the disinherited emphasize the need for racial reconciliation. Recognition of how African Americans, Asian Americans, Latinx, Native Americans, and European Americans create perspectives, develop knowledge, and initiate practices that can enhance an understanding of how to realize racial reconciliation.

Prerequisites: (GES 130; GES 160; L-course and U-course) or (GES 244 and U-course). Offered: Fall or Spring.

RES 499 • Senior Seminar in Reconciliation Studies 4 Credits

Use the lenses of Christ-centered biblical "reconciliation" theology, critical thinking, multicultural perspectives, social-change analysis, and conflict resolution skills for leadership in the work of reconciliation in society. Study theoretical underpinnings of reconciliation studies and leadership models of reconciliation practice.

Prerequisites: RES 201U and Senior standing. Offered: Fall.