



BRIDGING COMMUNITIES



The Kroc School's Interreligious Peacebuilding Certificate

Social distance, ignorance and boastful exceptionalism breed misunderstandings, anger and fear of others. This is especially true when one's faith -- with its values and practices -- is insulted or threatened. Our times demand a new order of religious leaders who are knowledgeable of faith differences and prepared to address today's most urgent challenges.

Ongoing tragedies, such as the recent London attacks and hate expressions on university campuses, point to the ever-growing need for engagement in interreligious dialogue. The Interreligious Peacebuilding Certificate program creates space for Islamic and Christian leaders to encounter and interact closely with those of other religions. It allows participants to gain a strong grasp of a faith not their own, acquire conflict resolution skills, build trans-religious relationships and empower to promote interreligious dialogue in their communities.

**Seminars offered on Wednesday mornings and one Friday/
Saturday session. One third of them are in a field seminar format.**



You will emerge from the 44-hour Interreligious Peacebuilding Certificate program prepared to advance interreligious peacebuilding in your community.

*Enroll by **August 1st** for early registration discount.
Enrollment deadline: **August 15th.***

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The Interreligious Peacebuilding Certificate is taught by experienced faculty from the University of San Diego Theology and Religious Studies Department and the Kroc School of Peace Studies as well as guest experts and skilled practitioners from the community.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Recognize more deeply and treat respectfully the creed, cult, code and community of another Abrahamic faith.
- Develop conflict resolution skills for appropriate interreligious dialogue.
- Demonstrate knowledge and skills for religious dialogue applicable in various settings.
- Build networks with cross-religious individuals.
- Create advocates and monitors for interreligious peacebuilding.

HOW IT WORKS

Seminars are offered on Wednesday mornings from 9 am - 12pm followed by lunch. A six hour interactive session will be held on October 27th and 28th. To earn a certificate, participants must attend 8 classroom and 4 field seminars. Certificates are awarded at a special closing session. Two supplementary seminar classes are available for those who must, by exception, miss a given seminar.

PROGRAM COST

Early Enrollment: \$960. Enroll by August 1.
Full Program Cost: \$1,100. Enrollment closes August 15.
30% discount of full program rate for USD students, faculty and alumni.

FALL 2017 SCHEDULE

from September 6 - December 6, 2017

MODULE 1: Religion in Global Context

9/6 » Welcome; inaugural lecture; lunch

MODULE 2: At the Religious Crossroads

9/13 » Islam: Monotheistic roots in Judeo-Christian tradition
» Christianity: Its roots in Judaism

9/20 » The Sacred Sources of Islam
» The Sacred Sources of Christianity

10/4 » Field seminar 1: To be selected **

10/11 » Islam's beliefs and practices
» Christianity: History -- development and divergence

10/18 » History of the early caliphate
» History of war and peace in Christian thought

MODULE 3: Resolution and Transformation of Conflict

10/27 & 10/28 » Resolution and transformation of conflict:
Critical skills learned and practiced

11/01 » Field seminar 2: To be selected**

MODULE 4: Interreligious Dialogue

11/8 » Framework for interreligious dialogue

11/15 » Field seminar 3: To be selected**

11/29 » Field seminar 4: To be selected**

Awards Ceremony, Closure and Evaluation

12/6 » Guest expert lecturer; certification awards;
festive lunch

Supplementary Make-up Seminars

10/25 » Ambiguity of the sacred

12/11 » Supplemental field seminar

** Participants will share in the selection of four group field seminars.

PROPOSED FIELD SEMINARS INCLUDE

Visits to places of worship such as the Islamic Center of San Diego and St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church; exchanges with participants in the international Women PeaceMakers' program and graduate student millennials at the Kroc School of Peace Studies who declare that they are "Spiritual but not Religious."

Believers of other faith traditions active in San Diego – Buddhist, Hindu, Native American, Jewish – will gather with our Christian and Islamic "Bridging Communities" members to answer the haunting question, "What is it like to live as a member of my faith tradition in today's America?"

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