

PEACE STUDIES & CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION

MASTER OF ARTS IN IRENIC STUDIES

The Graduate Institute is pleased to offer a 36-credit Master of Arts degree in collaboration with the New York Open Center. Named in honor of Irene, the Greek goddess of Peace, Irenic Studies is a new program, now open for enrollment.

More than a traditional peace studies program, Irenic Studies explores the relationship between personal, institutional and global peace imperatives. It presents the view that peace is not simply the absence of conflict, but active involvement in the creation of a cooperative and sustainable future.

During the program's eighteen weekend intensives, participants will:

- **DISCOVER** the relationship between personal, institutional, and international peace-building imperatives
- **TRANSFORM** conflict situations by initiating new paradigms for social and cultural change
- **DEVELOP** and pilot locally managed programs that respond to pressing global needs
- **ENGAGE** in meaningful dialogue with individuals who are deeply and effectively committed to peace building

Irenic Studies offers a comprehensive and transdisciplinary curriculum for those yearning to make a positive difference in the world. Program participants are encouraged to examine such diverse topics as environmentalism and planetary consciousness; spirituality and the wisdom traditions; business and ethics; law, politics and government; and race, class and gender.

Irenic Studies is under the academic direction of Nina Meyerhoff, PhD, founder of Children of the Earth, and Lawrence Chickering, JD, founder of Educating Girls Globally and author of *Beyond Left and Right*. Its distinguished faculty consists of pioneering philosophers, educators, and activists who have dedicated their lives to developing innovative, proactive solutions to conflict.

Under the guidance of faculty and mentors, Irenic Studies participants are empowered to become agents for social and cultural change. Participants are afforded the opportunity to research, design and implement a community action project in an area of interest and need.

Program participants have the opportunity to engage in dialogue within a supportive cohort community, a group of 15-20 individuals who are committed to each other's learning. Through collaboration and collective problem-solving, program participants and faculty come together regularly as colleagues over a period of 22 months to work toward a common goal of peace building and conflict transformation, and

to share insights and experiences on their work in the community.

The Master of Arts in Irenic Studies is a program of The Graduate Institute, an accredited institution of higher education that is dedicated to exploring emerging fields of inquiry—new, transdisciplinary areas of study that are rapidly gaining significance in contemporary culture.

[First semester begins
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