Peace Education and Integrated Schools in Northern Ireland and U. S.

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- This course (ED 372) explored the history, process, and practices of peace education and integrated schools in Northern Ireland and the United States. Comparative methods of peace education, integrative practices, inclusion, mediation, and conflict resolution were examined. This included discussions of integrated and shared education systems.

- Students conducted independent research with a faculty mentor that linked course content to each student’s program of study. These projects were presented at the Peace Education Symposium during Scholarship and Creative Arts Day in April 2014.
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