PJS 479 | IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM IN PRACTICE
Units: 3  Repeatability: No
The course begins with a comprehensive review of the origins and substance of U.S. immigration and asylum law, with a special emphasis on how they interface with the broader history of international humanitarian and human rights norms. Students will then work with staff of the Trans-Border Institute (TBI) to provide expert testimony for asylum claims filed by individuals fleeing persecution in contemporary Mexico and Central America. Working with the most important national and local networks of pro bono immigration attorneys in the country, the students will assist TBI staff in verifying and reinforcing the most important facts and claims in each case, and preparing effective, thorough, and well-documented expert testimony. Students will mobilize the underlying research and their experience working on the individual cases to develop policy briefs of specific aspects of immigration and asylum policy. Each student will produce a significant written contribution to at least one actual asylum case, one fact sheet, and one policy brief to be published by TBI. In addition to a broad introduction to immigration and asylum law grounded in the practice of real-world cases, the students will learn to work collaboratively, designing and dividing up particular research tasks on hard deadlines, and they will learn to ask effective questions of the lawyers, the asylum seekers, and a variety of experts. The course will meet once per week for 3 hours, and students will be expected to complete approximately 10 hours per week of reading and research.

PJS 494 | TOPICS IN PEACE, JUSTICE AND SOCIAL INNOVATION
Units: 1-3  Repeatability: Yes (Repeatable if topic differs)
A specialized course focusing on a topic in conflict analysis, peacebuilding, justice, human rights, development or social innovation. May be repeated for credit if the topic changes.

PJS 495W | PEACE AND JUSTICE CAPSTONE
Units: 3
This course integrates the knowledge and skills students have acquired through coursework and experience. The course also provides a foundation for possible future engagement with peace and justice concerns through graduate work, career choice, or volunteer activities. Under the supervision of the course instructor, students will develop a research project or paper designed to illuminate the dynamics of domestic and international peace, sustainability, cooperation, and justice. Completed projects will become part of a student archive designed to provide guidance and inspiration for future students of peace and justice.

PJS 498 | INTERNSHIP
Units: 3  Repeatability: No
Practical experience under professional supervision under the broad theme of conflict, social justice, peacebuilding and social innovation. Internships can be pursued with Kroc School faculty, the Institute for Peace and Justice (IPJ), the Trans-border Institute (TBI), the Center for Peace and Commerce (CPC), the Mulvaney Center or other relevant units at USD. Internships are intended to allow students to gain hands-on experience in a particular area within a structured work program. Accordingly, the supervisor and the intern need to develop a concrete work program with assigned tasks, learning goals, desired outcomes, and time commitment. The internship needs to be approved by the student’s faculty advisor and the faculty advisor for the minor before the student can formally register. Only a total of 3 internship units may be used toward the minor.
PJS 499 | INDEPENDENT STUDY
Units: 1-3 Repeatability: No
An independent study for up to a total of three units provides students an opportunity to research a topic of particular interest to them relevant to Peacebuilding and Social Innovation under the supervision of a faculty member, including staff with teaching responsibilities. Students can pursue an independent study within the Kroc School or other departments at USD. As with internships, the faculty supervisor and the student need to develop a concrete work program with assigned tasks, learning goals, end product and time commitment. The student’s faculty advisor and the faculty advisor for the minor must approve the independent study proposal before the student can formally register.