

Peace and Conflict Studies

Undergraduate Degree Programs

General B.A., 3-Year or 4-Year, Peace and Conflict Studies
Honours B.A., Peace and Conflict Studies
Honours B.A., Peace and Conflict Studies, Arts and Business Regular
Honours B.A., Peace and Conflict Studies, Arts and Business Co-op
Joint Honours with Peace and Conflict Studies
Minor in Peace and Conflict Studies
Option in Peace and Conflict Studies
Diploma (post- or non-degree) in Peace and Conflict Studies

The Peace and Conflict Studies program, administered for the Faculty of Arts by Conrad Grebel University College, is an interdisciplinary program offered in cooperation with the Faculty of Environment.

Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS) is a dynamic and growing field of study and research that relates integrally to some of our greatest global challenges as well as local community life. Conflict is a normal part of human relating. The tensions created by disagreement are often seen as negative especially when expressed violently. Injustice can also be a cause of conflict. However, conflict can be a creative force for positive change. Learning how conflict can be managed or transformed from its violent and destructive tendencies into a force for creative and positive change is the goal of this program. Central to achieving this goal is the integration of service and learning. Many employers are looking for people who have both technical skills and skills in human relations. PACS offers all students an opportunity to develop the human relations skills necessary for the contemporary workplace.

In their first year, students are encouraged to take introductory courses from a variety of PACS related disciplines. It is also possible to include one of the core required courses: "Roots of Conflict, Violence and Peace", "Conflict Resolution", or "A History of Peace Movements". Students apply for a PACS major in their second year.

Field Studies

All students enrolled in a PACS plan are encouraged to consider the option of a life-changing experience of a hands-on Field Studies placement where students, "Learn to Serve and Serve to Learn." Recent internships include:

- Child Care Worker in Bolivia
- Youth Development Worker in Kenya

Research

The strength of the interdisciplinary nature of Peace and Conflict Studies is seen by the wide research interests of the Faculty. Some topic areas include:

A Rights-Based Approach to Development
Comparative Women's and Gender History
Food Studies

Courses in the Major

Roots of Conflict, Violence, and Peace
Conflict Resolution
A History of Peace Movements
Special Topics in Peace and Conflict Studies
Doing Development: Issues of Justice and Peace
Quest for Peace in Literature and Film
Community Conflict Resolution
Conflict Resolution in the Schools
Violence, Non-violence, and War
Peace-building, Human Rights, and Civil Society
Christian Approaches to Peacemaking
Gender in War and Peace
Negotiation: Theories and Strategies
Human Rights, Peace, and Business
Conflict Management for Technical Professions
Religion and Peace-building
Cultural Approaches to Conflict Resolution
Fair Trade
Restorative Justice
Field Studies in Peace and Conflict
Directed Readings in Peace and Conflict Studies
Senior Research Seminar

Departments offering Peace and Conflict Studies related courses:

Environment and Resource Studies
Geography and Environmental Management
History
Philosophy
Political Science
Psychology
Religious Studies
Social Development Studies
Sociology and Legal Studies

PACS Living-Learning Community

University of Waterloo first year students interested in Peace and Conflict Studies can apply for a Living/Learning experience through Conrad Grebel University College residence program. This program offers academic mentoring and social events facilitated by upper-year peer leaders and professors.

Human Rights and Peace
Human Security as a Framework for Conflict Resolution
Immigration and Ethnicity
Islamic – Western Relations, Middle Eastern Politics and Culture
Issues of Peace in the Bible
Literature of “Ethnic” and Religious Minorities in Canada
Pacifism, Enforcement of Law and Peace
Religion in Inter-communal Conflict and Peacemaking
The Use and Misuse of Law – Law as a Sword, Law as a Shield
Track-Two Diplomacy and Peace-building

Through the Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, students can interact with several other organizations involved in related fields. *Project Ploughshares* investigates the economic and political consequences of militarism, monitors regional conflicts and arms flow, and undertakes "citizen diplomacy" projects. The *Certificate Program in Conflict Management* offers workshops on conflict management and mediation.

Careers

Here is a sample of positions held by Peace and Conflict Studies graduates:

Administration
Adoption Social Worker
Air Force Pilot, *Canadian Forces*
Assistants' Coordinator, *L'Arche*
Chaplain, *Ministry of the Solicitor General and Correctional Services*
Chaplain, *Secondary School*
Communication Specialist, *CIBC*
Community Economic Development Officer, *Non-profit*
Director of Institutional Advancement, *Emmanuel Bible College*
Education Assistant
Graduate Studies: *Conflict Resolution; International Development; Gender and Health; and Global Governance*
Greenhouse worker, Nature Interpreter, *Grand River Conservation Authority*
High School Teacher
International Development / Project Management, *Mennonite Central Committee*
Law
Organic Farmer
Development Worker
Police Officer, Detective Sergeant
Policy Advisor & Program Manager, Energy Efficiency and Community Energy Programs, *B.C. Ministry of Energy and Mines*
Project Facilitator, *Canadian International Development Agency*
Social Worker, *Children's Aid Society*
Teacher, Elementary and Secondary
Writer, Editor, Facilitator
Youth Program Coordinator, *War Child Canada*

Co-operative Programs in Arts

Honours Peace and Conflict Studies students may pursue co-operative education through:

Arts and Business Co-op - a direct entry program through which students complete their honours major and core Arts and Business courses in areas such as accounting, economics, languages, history, political science, business management, and leadership training. Five paid work terms alternate with academic terms on a four-month rotation. All students spend eight months on campus during their first year.

There are four optional specializations available for Arts and Business Co-op students:

Digital Arts Communication
Global Engagement
Human Resources Management
International Trade

For more information about PACS please visit:

www.grebel.uwaterloo.ca/pacs

For admission information, questions about your application, or to arrange a campus visit please call:

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