In the face of conflict, be an agent of change.

The Master of Peace and Conflict Studies (MPACS) is a vibrant, interdisciplinary academic program that empowers students with knowledge and skills to contribute to nonviolent peacebuilding.

MPACS places a unique focus on the pivotal role that individuals within civil society play as catalysts for peace. Combining rigorous interdisciplinary scholarship with practical application, the program provides scholars and practitioners with tools to understand conflict and contribute to peaceful transformation.

A course-based professional degree program, MPACS is well suited for individuals aiming to step into careers as practitioners. The program educates, trains, and empowers students to enter roles as agents of peaceful change at community, institutional, and systemic levels.

Be part of a unique community-focused learning environment at Grebel, while benefiting from the reputation and resources of the University of Waterloo, one of Canada’s premier universities.

**CAREER PATHS**

Graduates work in fields ranging from conflict management, mediation, and restorative justice, to international development, human rights, and research/policy analysis in government, non-government organizations, businesses and international institutions.

› NGO/Civil Society administration or field work
› Community economic development
› Social entrepreneurship
› Research
› Advocacy
› Course instructors
› Mediation

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**THE HOME OF PEACE EDUCATION**

Conrad Grebel University College houses Canada’s first and longest standing Peace and Conflict Studies program.
MPACS COURSE STRUCTURE

Students must complete five core courses and five electives to meet the requirements for their MPACS degree.

CORE COURSES

These courses focus on the promise and potential of civil society to advance peace through principled advocacy, effective programming, and dynamic engagement with the state and marketplace.

› Systems of Peace, Order, and Good Governance
› The Practice of Peace
› Building Civil Society
› Conflict Analysis
› Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding

INTERDISCIPLINARY ELECTIVES

Electives are offered in the PACS department as well as in International Development, Global Governance, Theological Studies, and Political Science.

› Contemporary Nonviolent Movements
› Reconciliation
› Culture, Religion, and Peacebuilding
› Leadership and Crisis Communication
› Water and Security
› Governance of Global Economy
› Security Governance: Actors, Institutions, and Issues
› Sustainable Cities
› Justice and Gender
› Partnering for Peace: Essential Skills
› Peace Research
› Internship
› Conflict Resolution Skills Training

TAILOR YOUR PROGRAM

MPACS offers diverse courses that allow students to explore three key areas of skill building.

Internships

Students have the opportunity to develop skills as practitioners and link theory and practice by pursuing an internship. Past internship locations include:

› Community Justice Initiatives, Kitchener, ON
› Search for Common Ground, Washington, D.C.
› Sambrando Paz, Sucre, Colombia
› Peace Border School, Cheorwon, South Korea
› United Nations Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials, Phnom Pehn, Cambodia
› Peace and Education Foundation, Islamabad, Pakistan
› Mennonite Coalition for Refugee Support, Kitchener, ON

Conflict Resolution Skills Training

Students may take practical skill-building workshops for academic credit, offered through the Certificate Program in Conflict Management, or seek approval for workshops from other organizations.

Peace Research and Directed Peace Readings

Students looking to pursue research as a career are encouraged to enroll in these courses. Students will work with a faculty supervisor to advance their academic research and writing skills.