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Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS) is an interdisciplinary undergraduate program that allows you to explore your own approach to understanding conflict and promoting peace to match your individual interests and goals.

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**CAREER PATHS**
The interdisciplinary nature of a degree in Peace and Conflict Studies is dynamic and opens many doors for graduates. Some areas alumni are working include:

- Program Coordination with NGOs
- Community Development
- Policing
- International Development
- Policy Research
- Refugee Resettlement Support
- Law
- Community Mediation

**INTERNSHIPS WITH PERSPECTIVE**

Encountering peace and conflict issues in an applied setting through the internship program will expand your worldview and challenge your assumptions. Explore the relationship between theory and practice to deepen your understanding in PACS 390.

**PAST INTERNSHIPS**

- Peace Club Organizer, Zambia
- Environmental Management, Venezuela
- Research on Indigenous Issues, Ontario
- Land Mine Removal Research, Laos
- Youth Outreach Worker, Waterloo
- Refugee Research, Jamaica
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

PACS 391 (Conflict Resolution Skills) is a great option for those interested in pursuing a career in mediation or gaining practical conflict resolution skills. You’ll complete comprehensive workshops in conflict resolution in the Conflict Management Certificate Program.

PACS 395 (Travel Course) is open to students embarking on a travel experience of at least 10 days to locations that involve peacemaking, peacebuilding, or conflict.

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

A Peace and Conflict Studies major can be done as Honours Arts or Honours Arts and Business by completing 16 required courses, or as a minor by completing eight required courses.

There are four main themes within the larger PACS academic plans that you can focus on while you study, with over 30 core courses to choose from. Here are a few sample courses that fit within the streams:

DEVELOPMENT, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

PACS 311 Doing Development: Issues of Justice and Peace
PACS 318 Peacebuilding, Human Rights, and Civil Society
PACS 324 Human Rights, Peace, and Business

APPLIED CONFLICT RESOLUTION

PACS 313 Community Conflict Resolution
PACS 323 Negotiation Theories and Strategies
PACS 333 Advanced Mediation Practice

VIOLENCE AND NON-VIOLENCE

PACS 316 Violence, Non-Violence, and War
PACS 321 Gender in War and Peace

RELIGION AND CULTURE

PACS 312 Quest for Peace in Literature and Film
PACS 326 Religion and Peacebuilding
PACS 327 Cultural Approaches to Conflict Resolution

You’ll also choose from over 130 approved courses from 23 other departments, like Political Science, Psychology, Legal Studies, and Geography and Environmental Management, to meet your requirements.

LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITY

Conrad Grebel University College is the perfect place to live and learn. If you choose to participate in the Living-Learning Community, you’ll connect with a small group of PACS students, and engage in enrichment programming designed to help you succeed.

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