

PEACE AND JUSTICE STUDIES

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Peace and Justice Studies (PJS) at Pace University examines direct, structural, symbolic and environmental violence; social justice; theories and practice of nonviolence and conflict transformation; conflict resolution techniques including negotiation, mediation and facilitation; and interdisciplinary perspectives on peace building and peacemaking. We offer a **Bachelor of Arts in Peace and Justice Studies**, and a minor.

Our program reflects our commitment to theory and practice in this interdisciplinary field and is consistent with Pace University's institutional mission of civic engagement and global citizenship.

WHAT IS PEACE AND JUSTICE STUDIES?

PJS is an academic discipline that first emerged in the 1950s and is now an established part of university curriculum in more than 300 programs worldwide. The Pace PJS program is the largest in New York City and has been recognized as a model nationwide.

The foundation for the PJS program is built on:

- An emphasis on critical thinking as expressed in outstanding research and writing skills
- An intersectional approach to issues of race, class, gender, sexual orientation, ability
- A nuanced understanding of social justice grounded in a conflict transformation framework
- A transnational lens that connects local, national and international issues

The PJS major is a 36-credit interdisciplinary major that requires students to take 21 credits of required core classes and 12 elective credits of their choosing to tailor the program around their individual interests. Students often use these elective credits to specialize their education in preparation for particular careers or graduate school. The core curriculum in PJS is built around seven required classes:

- Introduction to Peace and Justice Studies
- Nonviolence: theory and practice
- Working Through Conflict: negotiation, mediation and facilitation
- International Law and Human Rights
- Conflict Analysis
- Reconciliation and Transitional Justice
- Research Methods
- Capstone in Peace and Justice Studies

"Pace University students and faculty are actively engaged in the struggle for gender and racial justice, disarmament and environmental sustainability. Pace's exciting new program in Peace and Justice Studies will help cultivate the next generation of thinking activists, advocates, campaigners and humanitarians."

— Jody Williams

Nobel Peace Prize laureate,
Chair of the Nobel Women's Initiative

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

Students with degrees in PJS pursue many career paths including advocacy, human rights work, nonprofits, restorative justice, mediation, negotiation, facilitation, humanitarianism, poverty alleviation, education, counseling, trauma work, social entrepreneurship, public health, government, economic development, research and environmental protection.

Outside of the classroom, PJS has working relationships with a variety of nonprofits and international non-governmental organizations. Students have the opportunity to meet mediators, facilitators, negotiators, United Nations staff and international aid workers to develop mentoring relationships and hear first-hand stories about their professional work.





SUCCESS STARTS HERE

PJS alumni have taken jobs in a wide variety of sectors including:

- Fulbright fellowships in Rwanda and Jordan
- Teaching English in China and South Korea
- Humanity in Action fellowship in Bosnia
- Working for New York City government
- Working in a variety of nonprofits both in the United States and abroad

Our alumni have also pursued graduate degrees in peace education, public policy, international relations, religious studies, and law. They describe their experiences with PJS in the following ways:

"The Peace and Justice Studies program at Pace not only opened doors for me professionally through esteemed faculty and extensive internship and mentorship opportunities, but also broadened and enriched my perspective to shape me into the critical thinker, advocate, and individual I am today." —**Elena Marmo '15**

"In law school, it is easy to let yourself be enveloped in abstract legal doctrines and the needs of the few over the many. Nothing has kept me more grounded, more aware of real-life struggles, and more focused on access to justice than my education from Pace's Peace and Justice Studies program, under the extraordinary leadership of Dr. Emily Welty." —**Cayman Mitchell '14**

"I owe some of the best parts of myself to the Peace and Justice Studies program. I know that whatever I go on to do in my life, it will be influenced by all that I learned and achieved through my major. The PJS program will make you a smarter, more motivated, and more compassionate human being." —**Kathryn Allen '21**

CENTRALLY LOCATED

Our New York City campus is centrally located minutes from the Financial District, United Nations, World Trade Center, the courts and theatre district and is immersed in a diverse, urban community. Drawing on this setting, we offer faculty with specialties in peace and conflict studies, nonviolence, gender, humanitarian aid, religion and peace building, post-colonial theory, developmental studies, and reconciliation and transitional justice.

FACULTY

Our faculty includes distinguished scholars and practitioners who work both inside and outside the classroom on issues of peace and social justice. Several of our faculty members have UN credentials that allow them to bring students into the work they do at the UN and beyond. Two of our faculty members have been recognized for their work in nuclear disarmament by being part of the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize awarded to the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons.

STUDENTS SPEAK

"I chose to join the Peace and Justice Studies community because of its core values of empathy, humility, inclusivity, and collective care."

—**Maddy Turunen '23**

"In the PJS program, I finally felt like I was learning important things about the world around me and how my actions can have the greatest impact."

—**Clare Meredith Webb '22**

"Peace and Justice Studies classes changed my whole career path. I can confidently say I'm pursuing a career that I feel deeply passionate about."

—**Alexis Schutz '18**

"The PJS program at Pace has changed my life. I never knew what I wanted to do with my future until I took PJS 101. I couldn't be more grateful; it has not only been a wake up call, but a daily call to action that I can't help but participate in."

—**Marla Teixeira '19**

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Beyond the classroom, our students build professional skills and resumes by engaging in service learning placements and internships at a wide variety of organizations, including the following:

- UN Office of the Presbyterian Church
- Doctors Without Borders
- United Nations Development Programme
- United Nations Population Fund
- United Nations Institute for Training and Research
- New York Civil Liberties Union
- ACT Alliance
- Peace Boat
- UN Office of the World Council of Churches
- Power Shift Network
- Urban Justice Center
- Control Arms
- PAX