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 33-credit interdisciplinary major that requires students to take 24 credits of required core classes and 9 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

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, community organizers, activists, United Nations staff and international aid workers to develop mentoring relationships and hear first-hand stories about their professional work.

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“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
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:

**INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

STUDENTS SPEAK

What brought and keeps me at Pace University is the welcoming, encouraging, brave community found in Peace and Justice Studies!
—Anna Tran ’25

Studying Peace and Justice Studies at Pace has not only equipped me with the skills and knowledge to actively contribute to the changes I’ve always longed to see, but has also taught me how to cultivate hope and how to nurture a supportive community. I’ve found a sense of faith and belonging I’ve yearned for my whole life.
—Eli Butler ’25

Peace and Justice Studies reignited my optimistic spark by building connections, communities, and creative spaces. This major has provided me with the opportunities to apply my studies in spaces—academic and non-academic alike—to make the world a kinder, more just environment.
—Elena Bater ’25

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

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• Reaching Critical Will
• 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

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