



MASTER OF PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

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*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.

Turbulent times call for people who understand systems of violence and conflict, and who are prepared to build peace with justice. MPACS uniquely prepares its graduates to be catalysts for peace at community, institutional, and systemic levels. A rigorous course-based professional degree program, MPACS connects theory, analysis, reflection, and practice. Our distinctive focus is on civil society and community-led change.

The program provides graduates with tools to understand sources of conflict, polarization, and systems of oppression, as well as to imagine and support transformative peacebuilding.

Be part of a community-centered learning environment while benefiting from the reputation and resources of the University of Waterloo, one of Canada's premier universities.

CAREER PATHS

Graduates work in peacebuilding, conflict management, mediation and restorative justice directly, as well as bring their expertise to fields such as international development, sustainability, entrepreneurship, business, and government.

Examples:

- › Non-profit leaders
- › Educators
- › Mediators
- › Researchers
- › Advocates
- › Government analysts
- › Peacebuilders
- › Social change entrepreneurs
- › Restorative justice practitioners

THE HOME OF PEACE EDUCATION

Conrad Grebel University College houses Canada's first and longest standing Peace and Conflict Studies program.





ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should meet the following minimum requirements:

- › 4-year honours undergraduate degree
- › Overall average of 75% in the final 20 courses
- › Applicants whose first language is not English must meet the minimum English language capability as determined by UWaterloo graduate Arts requirements

In addition:

- › Previous experience is an asset
- › References are required
- › Interview may be required

PACS may grant alternative admission to a limited number of mature students who do not meet the regular academic admission requirements, but have extensive relevant experience.

Full-time and part-time studies are available. Full-time students may complete the program in four terms (16 months). Part-time students must complete their requirements within five calendar years from the date of their initial registration.



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MPACS COURSE STRUCTURE

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

CORE COURSES

Core courses provide a foundation for effective and principled peace work led by civil society.

- › Systems of Peace, Order, and Good Governance
- › Reflective Peace Practice
- › Engaging Communities in Social Change
- › Conflict Analysis
- › Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding



INTERDISCIPLINARY ELECTIVES

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

- › Contemporary Nonviolent Movements
- › Reconciliation
- › Culture, Religion, and Peacebuilding
- › Water and Security
- › Feminism, Law, and Governance
- › Security Governance: Actors, Institutions, and Issues
- › Peace Research
- › Internship
- › Conflict Resolution Skills Training
- › Special Topics in Peace and Conflict Studies
- › Sustainable Cities

TAILOR YOUR PROGRAM

MPACS students build a degree that works for their academic and professional goals. Experiential learning offers an opportunity to test theory in practice, and interdisciplinary electives enable learning tailored to specific interests.

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
- › Pacific Centre for Peacebuilding, Suva, Fiji
- › Peace Border School, Cheorwon, South Korea
- › United Nations Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials, Phnom Pehn, Cambodia
- › Peace and Education Foundation, Islamabad, Pakistan



Conflict Resolution Skills Training

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