Peace and Conflict Studies

The Juniata Advantage

- **Undergraduate Mastery**: The peace and conflict studies program (PACS) at Juniata is one of the oldest programs in the U.S. and is sponsored by the Baker Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies. Link theory and practice in internships, and graduate with a résumé that reflects knowledge in conflict resolution, mediation, and nonviolent social change.

- **Global Understanding**: Enjoy speakers and visiting fellows who are national and international dignitaries and activists. Because of Juniata’s small size, you’ll have direct access to leading experts in the field, which provides for in-depth conversations. And, study abroad—we have short and long-term programs throughout the world.

- **Excellent Support**: Undergraduate students are eligible for funding to support research, internships, and participate in professional conferences. Students have done research in Bosnia, Northern Ireland, Rwanda, and Sri Lanka.

Juniata’s Outcomes

Peace and conflict studies (PACS) students from Juniata have **pursued graduate study** at the University of Notre Dame, George Mason University, American University, Tufts University, Georgetown University, University of Bradford in England, University of Ulster in Northern Ireland, and beyond. Others go on to work in the fields of human rights, international development, women’s health, environmental justice, law, government, politics, social work, and education.

Our Recent Graduates

- Molly Adler ’15, who earned a secondary emphasis in PACS at Juniata, **received a Fulbright Fellowship** to teach English in Russia during the 2015-16 academic year.

- Danielle Fulmer ’12 is **pursuing her doctorate** at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame. Before enrolling in this prestigious program, she **worked with the Polaris Project**, which focuses on stopping human trafficking and examining modern slavery issues.

- Lily Kruglak ’12 is **enrolled in graduate school** at Georgetown University, where she is continuing her study of conflict resolution. Prior to enrolling at Georgetown, she volunteered at the Resolve Network, which empowers Congolese women.

- Airokhsh Faiz Qaisary ’15 is **employed as a fellow adviser at Sahar Education**, an organization that builds schools and education programs for girls in Afghanistan.

- Goran Skinder ’13 is **employed in management** at Autohaus, in Lancaster, Pa., where he is putting his conflict resolution skills to work in preventing and mediating conflicts in the workplace.

“A Studying PACS at Juniata is unique and powerful because you are constantly working with events and conflicts that are current and developing as you look at them. You are also being taught by professors who have spent their lives being active in the field. Each professor brings their own background and experiences with them to create a truly contemporary learning experience.”

—Elias Murphy ’15

**PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES**

**A Sampling of Courses**

- 20th-Century American Wars
- Aggression and Prejudice
- Anthropology of War and Peace
- Conflict Intervention
- Conflict Transformation
- Crimes Against Humanity
- Gender and Conflict
- International Economic Issues
- Intro to Peace & Conflict Studies
- Media Violence
- Mediation
- Model United Nations
- Nonviolence in Theory and Practice
- Nuclear Threat
- Social Violence in Latin America
A Peace and Conflict Studies POE Story

Study conflict within families and communities, and clashes among nations, so that you can be prepared to practice peace, prevent violence, and provide post-conflict resolution. First, choose a designated Program of Emphasis (POE) in peace and conflict studies or communication and conflict resolution. Or, integrate the study of PACS with other fields such as psychology, environmental science, world languages, information technology, education, history, philosophy, sociology, politics, and international relations.

Juniata’s peace and conflict studies program is flexible. So, choose your own hands-on experiences, like internships and undergraduate research projects. And, study abroad. Many Juniata peace students explore peace and conflict from multiple cultural perspectives.

So, go ahead—bring positive change to the world around you. Link theory and practice in order to enhance the reality of peacemaking. But don’t just take our word for it.

“Studying PACS at Juniata gives me perspective when dealing with conflict,” says Stephanie Farfan ’15. “As I communicate, I begin to understand the other parties in a conflict instead of entrenching myself in only my own side.”

Student Opportunities

Clubs and Events: Weekly meetings, a film series, public discussions, Genocide Action and Awareness Week, the Surveillance Study Group, Model United Nations, and human relief initiatives are just a few of the events of PAX-O, Juniata’s peace and conflict studies club.

Together with Juniata’s Ceramics Club and Christian Ministry group, PAX-O also hosts an annual fundraising dinner called Empty Bowls, featuring student-made dinnerware, to raise awareness about hunger.

Study abroad: Study on any continent except Antarctica, thanks to Juniata's partnerships. Recently, peace and conflict students have studied in Ecuador, Germany, India, Northern Ireland, Mexico, and The Gambia.

The Peace Chapel: Explore Juniata’s Peace Chapel, a place for reflection adjacent to campus. It was designed by Maya Lin, known for her austere Vietnam Veterans Memorial in D.C.

Undergraduate Research: Research a compelling topic of your choosing with the guidance of a PACS faculty member. Then, present at conferences—like Juniata’s Liberal Arts Symposium or the National Conferences on Undergraduate Research. Recent examples: Stephanie Farfan ’15, “Inclusivity as Intractable Conflict: Creating Nuanced Dialogue at Juniata;” Ezra Halstead ’15, “The Art of Trans*lation.”

Faculty

At Juniata, 93 percent of faculty hold the highest degree in their field. In the PACS department, 100 percent of faculty have earned Ph.D.s, and they serve, first and foremost, as professors. But, they also guest lecture and work as conflict resolution consultants.

Director of the Baker Institute and Elizabeth Evans Baker Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies: Polly Walker, B.A., M.A., New Mexico State University; Ph.D., University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia.

Check out the peace and conflict studies department web page to explore your career path.