



Conflict & Resolution Studies

The Conflict and Resolution Studies concentration provides interdisciplinary and international perspectives on the causes of conflict and the possibilities of resolution. The concentration offers theoretical insights into the causes of conflict—some positive and creative but far too many tragically destructive. The concentration courses embrace the study of interpersonal, intergroup, and societal conflicts in different cultures across the world. Exploration of resolution strategies, social justice issues, ethical concerns, and leadership qualities are features of the concentration.

Concentration Requirements

Four courses are required to complete the concentration: CRS 101: Introduction to Conflict and Resolution Studies (fall only) and three additional courses approved by the CRS Steering Committee. These three courses must represent at least two academic disciplines.

With advance approval by the program director, a student may complete either an internship or independent study as one of the electives.

Sample of Affiliated Courses

BUS 301 Organizational Behavior and Management

COM 101 Intro to Rhetoric and Communication

CRS 247 Mediation: Work and Individual

CRS 310 Environmental Conflict Management

EDU 205 Role of Geography in Conflict Resolution

ENG 226 Faith in Poetry

EVS 101 Environmental Studies

HIS 270 African-American Protest

POL 232 Politics of the Middle East

PSY 225 Social Psychology

SPN 289 New World Encounters

A full list of courses and descriptions can be found online in the College catalog.



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Beyond the Classroom

Students have many opportunities for research, internships, conferences, and networking beyond the classroom that give them an advantage to prepare for life after W&J.

Sample Graduate Programs

- Notre Dame Kroc Institute of Peace Studies in the Keogh School of Global Affairs
- George Washington University Elliot School of International Affairs
- University of Salisbury Conflict Analysis and Dispute Resolution
- GSPIA at University of Pittsburgh
- M.A. and Ph.D. with fellowships and stipends

Alumni Achievements

- M.A. completed at George Washington Elliott School of International Affairs specializing in Health Policy and Negotiation
- M.A. completed at Salisbury University specializing in conflict transformation, head of the teaching assistant program
- attending Notre Dame Law School with a focus on Human Rights
- attending Queens University's George J. Mitchell Institute of Conflict Transformation and Social Justice

Sample Careers

- Political affairs specialist with mediation skills in local, state, or federal offices specializing in health, public relations, policy development, or negotiations
- Public relations: client satisfaction/crisis
- Aversion for industry, hospitals, insurers
- Lawyer: civil, family, federal court, non-profit
- Mediator: personal, local, national, international conflict transformation

