



# Peace and Conflict Studies Certificate Program

The Program in Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS) serves students interested in the inter-disciplinary study of peace development and conflict management. The PACS Certificate is awarded by the College of Arts and Sciences and is available to any CU-Boulder student who completes the two PACS courses and 18 additional hours of approved course work relevant to such topical areas as war avoidance, conflict resolution, nonviolence, human rights, humanitarian intervention, social justice and ecological security. For more information see:

<http://www.colorado.edu/peacestudies>

*Students interested in learning more about PACS might consider enrolling in our introductory course.*

## **PACS 2500**

### **Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies**

Fall 2013 MWF 11:00-11:50 MCOL W100

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Ever wonder why societies the world over can't seem to solve the big problems -- problems like poverty, discrimination, war, climate change, and inequality? A big part of the problem is that we can't constructively handle conflicts over how to deal with these problems. This lecture class introduces students to the highly interdisciplinary field of Peace and Conflict Studies. Everyone, no matter what their future goals, needs to understand the role conflict plays at the interpersonal, community, national, and international levels. This course introduces a set of theories and practices that can help you more successfully deal with life's countless conflict predicaments.

**Learn ways to more constructively handle interpersonal disputes, as well as larger conflicts over issues like climate change, inequality, terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, abortion, sexual orientation, unemployment, hyper-partisanship, educational access, and biodiversity.**



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