

PEACE, CONFLICT AND SECURITY - CERTIFICATE

The Certificate in Peace, Conflict and Security Studies (PACS) is designed to help students explore why conflict and violence occur, and to develop practical, nonviolent skills to analyze, intervene and resolve conflicts in their personal life, in their communities and between countries. The certificate is granted by the College of Arts and Sciences. All enrolled CU Boulder undergraduate students, regardless of school or major, may apply for and earn the PACS Certificate.

The program utilizes an interdisciplinary perspective on the study of conflict, cooperation, violence, war and peacemaking. Coursework focuses on theorizing and analyzing various levels of conflict, from the interpersonal to international, and related possibilities for personal and social change. Coursework also emphasizes the development of transferable skills and experiential learning in conflict resolution and civic activism. The program encourages hands-on, "in the field" engagement through volunteer service, enrollment in study-abroad programs and internship placement with related agencies and programs.

For more information or an application, visit the Peace, Conflict and Security Studies Program (<http://www.colorado.edu/pacs/>) website.

Course code for this program is PACS.

Requirements

Completion of the certification requires 18 credit hours (9 upper-division) of study, up to six (6) of these credit hours may be completed through approved transfer credit. Each of these courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better. These courses must also include:

Required Courses and Credit Hours

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
<i>Introductory Course</i>		
PACS 2500	Introduction to Peace, Conflict and Security Studies	3
<i>Conflict Resolution Course</i>		3
PACS 3700	Communication and Conflict Management	
PACS 3850	International Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding	
PACS 3860	Environmental Conflict and Conflict Resolution	
<i>Senior Capstone Course</i>		3
PACS 4000	Special Topics in Peace, Conflict and Security Studies	
PACS 4100	Managing Organizational Conflict	
PACS 4150	Mediation Skills	
PACS 4500	Senior Seminar: Research in Conflict Contexts	
PACS 4900	Undergraduate Independent Study	
<i>PACS Elective</i> ¹		3

Choose one of the following courses or one of the courses listed in Conflict Resolution or Senior Capstone that were not used to fill those specific requirements

PACS 3800	Security Studies
PACS 3870	Nonviolent Civil Resistance: Movements and Strategies
PSCI 3123	War, Peace, and Strategic Defense
Outside PACS Electives ²	
6 credit hours of relevant course work related to PACS from non-PACS courses	6
Total Credit Hours	18

- Students may select a PACS Elective of their choice as long as the course differs from the PACS Conflict Resolution and Senior Capstone courses. For instance, a student may take PACS 3700 to fill the Conflict Resolution requirement and then PACS 3850 as their PACS elective.
- The PACS website contains a list of approved courses (<https://www.colorado.edu/pacs/approved-courses-category/>) that students may complete to fulfill the outside course requirements. The PACS director may allow for substitutions of approved outside courses on a case by case basis.