

Linking Majors to Careers

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The Peace and Justice Studies (PJS) major is an interdisciplinary program that gives students the opportunity to explore social justice and peace issues in the 21st Century from the perspective of multiple disciplines. Students acquire a depth of learning through the integration of ideas within those disciplines. Through their degree plan they are challenged to offer a new vision and leadership for positive social change.

The Interdisciplinary Bachelor of Arts in Peace and Justice Studies includes participation of 25 faculty from 11 departments, offering over 40 cross-listed courses related to peace, justice, conflict studies, diversity, and non-violent social change. The participating departments are:

- Business
- Economics
- English
- Sociology
- History/Politics
- Modern and Classical Languages and Literature
- Communication
- Education
- Fine Arts
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies

Peace and Justice Studies is grounded in the Regis Mission asking, “How ought we to live?” PJS at Regis is committed to respect human diversity and the dignity of each person; committed to the Earth and sustaining environmental diversity; and committed to nonviolent action for positive social change and the common good.

SKILLS: A degree in PJS may lead you into the field of nonprofit management, environmental or social service work, conflict and dispute resolution, teaching, community organization, politics and human rights work. The degree may also lead to graduate study in law, health care, international relations, theology, or the social or political sciences. The person who majors in **Peace and Justice Studies** has the opportunity to learn a variety of essential **skills** such as:

- Active Listening
- Critical Thinking
- Judgment and Decision Making
- Social Perceptiveness
- Instructing
- Complex Problem Solving
- Service Orientation
- Coordination
- Negotiation

IDEAS FOR MINORS:

It is not necessary at Regis to have a minor as well as a major; however, here are some suggestions about combining a PJS major with a minor from another department:

- Accounting/Business Administration/Economics
- Biochemistry/Biology/Chemistry
- Catholic Studies/Philosophy/History
- Communication/Pre-Law/Politics
- Criminal Justice/Sociology/Health

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL ENTRY INTO A CAREER:

1. Participate in internships to investigate career fields and gain new skills.
2. Join the PJS Student Professional Club to gain information about trends in the fields and possible careers.
3. Do informational interviewing to get a better handle on what kind of jobs there are in your area of interest. Career Services (Coors Life Directions Center) will be glad to help you get started with this.
4. Attend national or local professional association meetings recommended by your professor.
5. Conduct a research project.

RELATED JOBS: There are over a hundred organizations in the local region working on issues of peace and justice. A degree in PJS may lead you into the field of:

- Nonprofit Management
- Social Services
- Education and/or Teaching
- Politics
- Environmental Issues
- Conflict and Dispute Resolution
- Community Organization
- Human Rights

WEB SITES RELATED TO PEACE AND JUSTICE:

PAWSS Careers and Internships Guide

<http://paws.hampshire.edu/students/careers/index.html>

Find A Peacemaker

www.findapeacemaker.org

The Peace Registry

www.peacepartintl.org/content/blogsection/28/92

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS FIELD:

American Friends Service Committee

www.afsc.org

Colorado Department of Peace Campaign

www.codopcampaign.org

The Conflict Center

www.conflictcenter.org

Denver Justice and Peace Committee

www.denjustpeace.org

Metro Organizations for People

www.mopdenver.com

Student Peace Alliance/Campaign for a Department of Peace and Nonviolence

www.thepeacealliance.org

Peace and Justice Studies Association

www.peacejusticestudies.org

Peace Jam

www.peacejam.org

Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center

www.rmpjc.org

SOA Watch

www.soaw.org