The Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS) program takes a dynamic and interdisciplinary approach to the study of peace and the practice of conflict management, resolution, and transformation. The undergraduate programs develop knowledge and provide high-quality, professional training in conflict transformation, resolution, and management. Our program focuses on peace building and conflict transformation aimed at solving problems in a variety of social settings, as well as providing the theoretical foundations for professional practice in human rights, social justice, restorative practice, and cultural awareness.

### Degree Outcomes

Graduates become leaders in conflict transformation and change management in many settings. Potential career opportunities include:

- Trainer/facilitator
- Mediator/negotiator
- Humanitarian action
- Educator: K-12 and higher education
- Restorative justice, trauma, and healing
- Legal/criminal justice/juvenille justice
- Diplomat/peace builder
- Social change
- Law enforcement
- Community building/organizing/development
- Medical/health care

### The Student Experience

- Students gain perspective on the challenges facing individuals, families, organizations, communities, and social and political systems – locally and globally.
- Students are exposed to an array of techniques and strategies for nonviolent, constructive solutions to conflicts that arise in diverse personal, professional, organizational, and community environments.
- A practicum allows students to gain hands-on experience in peace and conflict practice.
- Study abroad is encouraged, including to Germany (University of Konstanz), Northern Ireland/United Kingdom (University of Ulster), Sweden (Linnaeus University and Malmo University), South Africa (University of Stellenbosch), Australia (University of Western Sydney and Australian Catholic University), and Denmark (University of Copenhagen).