

Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies

Students investigate theories and practices in the field of peace and conflict studies through case studies of local and global social change initiatives. What are the causes and conditions of violence and the conditions that foster peace and social justice? How do peacebuilders from diverse backgrounds articulate their vision for a more peaceful, just, and sustainable world? What can we learn from historical and contemporary peacebuilders working at a range of levels—from Nobel peace laureates to individuals and organizations in Boulder and beyond? How do they, and we, communicate and put our values into action? We will explore ethics, practical tools, and strategies for social change through contemplative inquiry, community-based learning, films, and conversation with individuals and organizations working locally and globally.

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