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What can I do with my degree in...Bachelor of Arts in Peace and Conflict Studies?

Knowing What's Expected

If you are an effective communicator, enjoy developing strategies as well as solving problems, and have excellent management skills, you will enjoy the options that the Peace and Conflict Major affords.

Jobs in this field require the ability to perform a wide variety of communications functions.

You will be required to develop and implement communication strategies and information programs, publicize activities and events, and maintain media relations on behalf of organizations.

Familiarity with computers and a second language is also an asset.

Transferrable Skills

- ❖ Excellent communication, organizational, and negotiation skills
- ❖ Initiative and ability to accept new ideas and take risks
- ❖ Ability to analyze detailed information accurately and quickly is necessary in order to make decisions

Your Choices

A Peace and Conflict Major opens the door to many functional areas of education. Depending on the concentration of your studies, you may pursue occupations in public service, both government and non-governmental organizations.

**some of the professions require specialized training.

Careers for Peace and Conflict Majors

- ❖ Peace Corps Volunteer
- ❖ Journalist/ Foreign Correspondent
- ❖ Diplomat /Ambassador
- ❖ Lawyer (International Law, Human Rights, Family, Labor, Intellectual Property)
- ❖ Environmental Consultant
- ❖ Public Legal Aid
- ❖ Judge
- ❖ Correctional Services Officer
- ❖ Policing/Peace Officer
- ❖ Community Mediators
- ❖ Town Councilor
- ❖ Fundraising Consultant
- ❖ Publicist

Necessary Skills

- ❖ Continually updating specialized knowledge
- ❖ Improving interpersonal skills
- ❖ Learning business management
- ❖ Researching social trends

What Employers Want

Contributions you make to your community reflect well on you as an individual. Employers are looking for students who are dedicated, hard working, and show a commitment to their interests.

By getting involved in on-campus societies (See-www.mountstudents.ca) and volunteering both locally and internationally early, you will not only show credibility in your area of interest but also a willingness to work towards goals.

Associations

Why join now? Professional associations are a great way to network within your field of study. Not only do these organizations help get you connected, they also help keep you well-informed. Many also have discounted student membership rates.

- ❖ Canadian Peace Research and Education Association
www.msvu.ca/PAX/CPREA/index.asp
- ❖ Halifax peace coalition
www.hfxpeace.chebucto.org
- ❖ Peace and Justice Studies Association
www.peacejusticestudies.org
- ❖ The Canadian Peace Alliance
www.acp-cpa.ca
- ❖ Conflict Resolution Network (Canada) www.crnetwork.ca
- ❖ International Peace Bureau
www.ipb.org

- ❖ Peace and Conflict Major (Refer to yellow binder)

Occupation Information

- ❖ opportunities for Public Relation Careers
- ❖ Careers for Writers & Others Who Have a Way with Words
- ❖ www.careercruising.com

International Opportunities

- ❖ Work and Study Abroad
- ❖ International Jobs And Cvs For International Jobs

Directories

- ❖ Who's Hiring
- ❖ Business Directory for the Metropolitan Halifax Chamber of Commerce

Job Searching

Job Hunting Websites

- ❖ www.msvu.ca/careerplanning
- ❖ Career Beacon
www.careerbeacon.com
- ❖ Halifax Herald
www.jobspress.com
- ❖ Atlantic Canada Careers
www.acc.net
- ❖ Canadian International Development Agency
www.acdi-cida.gc.ca
- ❖ Government of Canada
<http://jobs.gc.ca>
- ❖ Human Rights Internet
www.hri.ca
- ❖ Charity Village
www.charityvillage.com

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Available Reference Materials

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