“True peace is NOT the absence of tension: it is the presence of justice”
– Martin Luther King Jr.

The Department of Peace Studies encourages students to analyze the sources of social conflict and explore the history and techniques of peacebuilding. This problem-centered program connects the global to the local, and is premised on the belief that finding solutions to inequities and violence requires a thorough synthesis of insights from various fields of knowledge. Students engage in experiential learning via travel with faculty to conflict-affected areas and research projects. Discussion about the moral and ethical dimensions of conflict encourage students to pursue careers promoting peace and justice.
Majoring and Minoring in Peace Studies

Despite great strides in science and technology, the modern world continues to be plagued by war and social conflicts. Just as we have service academies to educate young people in the ways of war, we need Peace Studies programs to train students how to work toward nonviolent solutions to world problems. Chapman is one of the few universities to offer an academic major in this field. The Peace Studies Department recognizes that peace implies more than just the absence of war. Peace involves social justice, and it must be achieved using methods which themselves are non-violent.

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- Gain a certificate in mediation
- Intern within social justice, charitable, or government offices; legal, restorative justice or mediation services; and other socially responsible corporations

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- PCST 453 Mediation and Conflict Resolution
- PCST 354 Non-Violent Social Change
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