

Peace and Conflict Studies

Program Overview

Langara's [Peace and Conflict Studies](#) (PCCN) is an interdisciplinary field of study which is concerned with the problem of human conflict, and how it can be constructively and non-violently resolved. Its interdisciplinary approach to analysis draws on the perspectives of the physical and social sciences, history and philosophy. The department offers a [Diploma](#), which adds to an understanding of these most complex and pressing human issues, as well as a university transferrable [Associate of Arts degree](#).

Self-Study

Peace and Conflict Studies launched its program review in academic year 2023/24 with a Self-Study. The primary Self-Study writer was Lealle Ruhl, Coordinator of Peace and Conflict Studies. Additional support was provided by:

- Darren Bernaerdt (Interim Dean, Faculty of Arts)
- Sunita Wiebe (Director, Office of Academic Quality Assurance)
- Roshni Riar (Department Assistant, Office of Academic Quality Assurance)
- Pennie Poon (Manager, Office of Academic Quality Assurance)
- Institutional Research analysts

Data sources for the Self-Study included:

- Institutional Research-compiled student administrative data (*e.g.*, headcounts, retention, satisfaction)
- Student survey
- Alumni survey
- Faculty survey

The Self-Study was completed in September 2022.

External Review

Peace and Conflict Studies' external review took place on October 27th, 2022. The External Review Team consisted of:

- Lauren Vedal, Instructor, English Langara College (External Review Chair)
- Jennie Barron, Chair, Mir Centre for Peace, Instructor, Peace & Justice Studies, Selkirk College
- Steven Schroeder, Chair, Peace & Conflict Studies, Associate Professor, History, University of the Fraser Valley

Action Plan Goals

In response to the Self-Study and External Review, Peace and Conflict Studies created an Action Plan with these goals:

- Goal 1: Update external-facing Peace and Conflict Studies webpage
- Goal 2: Review and revise Peace and Conflict Studies curriculum
- Goal 3: Engage with stakeholders to ensure consistent growth in PCCN reflects interests and needs of stakeholders

Examples of Post-Review Successes

Forthcoming.