



Justice and Peace Studies FAQs

1. What can I do with a Justice and Peace Studies (JPST) Degree?

A Justice and Peace Studies major or minor will teach you how to analyze social problems to develop ethical and effective solutions. Our alumni have become:

- Immigration lawyers
- Medical doctors in underserved communities
- Public policy advocates
- Peace Engineers – through our Peace Engineering Minor
- State legislators
- Peace researchers in post-conflict countries
- Community mediators and restorative justice practitioners
- Social justice educators in schools and non-profits
- Volunteer service coordinators
- Entrepreneurs in the arts

2. What opportunities are there to get involved with faculty and other students in the program?

- Several Justice and Peace Studies courses are working with the Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota Tribal Community (MMDTC) to help tell their story in pursuit of federal recognition as a tribe. Some students are conducting research with the MMDTC funded by the College of Arts and Sciences SOLV Initiative.
- Justice and Peace Studies sends a delegation of students and faculty to the annual Peace and Justice Studies Association Conference to learn from scholars and activists, often presenting their own research, too.
- Our club, Students for Justice and Peace, hosts weekly meetings on social justice issues with guest speakers, local actions, as a student-led community of scholar activists from Justice and Peace Studies and beyond.
- Justice and Peace Studies hosts an annual World Café bringing together 300 students from 12 disciplines to engage in pressing social issues. Past topics include garment supply chains, the HIV/AIDS crisis, climate change, economic inequality, gun violence, and racism.

3. What types of internship opportunities are there for students?

All Justice and Peace Studies majors are required to complete an internship with one of the many local and world-class organizations in the Twin Cities or farther afield. JPST students have interned with: Peace Coffee, Advocates for Human Rights, WATCH MN (courtroom monitoring), political campaigns, The Center for Victims of Torture, The Corporation for National and Community Service in DC, the Holy See Mission to the UN in New York.

4. Do you have scholarships for students majoring in Justice and Peace Studies?

The Martyna Quintana Scholarship honors the memory and legacy of Martyna Quintana, the mother of seven children, including William Joseph Haynes, Jr, Class of 1970. It is awarded to a Junior who reflects Martyna Quintana's deep faith in God and the values of family and education with responsibility to help others, particularly persons in need.

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