

Why Study BA Development and Peace Studies?

What is the relationship between poverty, inequality and violent conflict?

How can shattered societies be rebuilt after conflict?

Where do ideas such as sustainability, gender and human rights fit into development practice?

Can some sorts of development assistance actually harm rather than help?

What are the main challenges of development in the 21st century?

What skills do I need to work in international development for organisations such as the United Nations, Oxfam, Save the Children or community-based organisations?

How can I make a positive difference?



These are some of the questions that concern **Development and Peace Studies** – a distinct interdisciplinary field of study with very practical applications.

Development and Peace Studies focuses on understanding and promoting positive changes in the economies, societies and politics of countries affected by poverty, exclusion, inequality and underdevelopment. These countries are also where many of today's conflicts occur, so an increasing number of development practitioners are turning to peace studies and conflict resolution to seek more effective interventions. Teaching staff have a wide experience of working directly with international organisations such as the United Nations, Oxfam, donor agencies such as DFID, SIDA, BMZ/GTZ as well as locally-based advocacy groups in the developing world. If you are hardworking and passionate about overseas development, a degree in **Development and Peace Studies** will give you a great start to your career, providing you with the skills and knowledge you need to become a successful development practitioner.

Scholarships

Each year the Department offers two scholarships – the Adam Curle Scholarship and the James O'Connell Scholarship – each worth £3,000 over three years. Any student who has formally confirmed acceptance of our offer is eligible to apply.

What modules can I take?

Our courses are extremely flexible with all degrees (including Development and Peace Studies) sharing a common first year, at the end of which you choose the degree to undertake. First-year core modules include: Introduction to Development, Introduction to Peace Studies, Conflict and Co-operation, Introduction to Politics, and Sociology of Peace and Conflict.

In the second and third years, you take several core modules such as Evaluating Alternative Approaches to Development and a dissertation focused on a Development and Peace Studies topic. In addition, you can take any one of the dozens of optional modules available for the BA in **Development and Peace Studies** (examples include Peace, Conflict and Development; Human Rights; Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding; Development and Democracy; Gender, Conflict and Development; International Politics of the Environment; Perspectives on Security and Development).

The International Diploma: An additional optional qualification

We have just introduced an exciting new optional qualification to our undergraduate programmes: the International Diploma. As a Development and Peace Studies undergraduate you have the opportunity to spend a whole year abroad at another university, doing an internship or work placement of your choice (or a combination of the three). You can therefore choose to spend an extra year overseas gaining valuable skills and experience in international development and in that way strengthen your three-year BA in Development and Peace Studies with an additional qualification. Note that the International Diploma option does not preclude you from enrolling in short-term academic exchanges such as Erasmus as part of your degree.



What job might I get?

Graduates in **Development and Peace Studies** go on to a wide range of careers, ranging from international aid agencies, non-governmental organisations (NGOs); from government positions in the civil service to teaching; from think-tanks and advocacy groups to working in the charity sector. In fact, according to HESA **98% of our 2008 graduates were in employment or further study within six months of graduating.**

Why Bradford?

- The BA in Development and Peace Studies is offered by the Department of Peace Studies - the largest university centre for the study of peace and conflict in the world
- Outstanding international reputation of our staff
- Excellent quality of our teaching (24/24)
- Our applied approach and cutting-edge research
- Degree flexibility and friendly atmosphere
- Bradford is a vibrant and exciting multicultural city

How do I find out more?

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“ The Department is really interesting and stimulating – the academics really know their stuff. The excellent reputation of the Department brought me here, but the course is even better than I expected. I want to work in war-torn societies, particularly in Africa, where I come from, and my studies here have really prepared me for that. Coming to study here was the best decision I have made in my life. ”

Angela Nketa, 2009