

PEACE *and* SOCIAL JUSTICE

“Peace and Social Justice showed me that your passions and your coursework do not have to exist separately. I was genuinely engaged, working on issues and for people who matter to me. I’d choose it all over again.”

Kaylee, Peace & Social Justice Major



ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

Graduates receive a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Peace and Social Justice Studies (PSJ). A minor is also available. The PSJ major combines well with other majors and minors, allowing students to further develop a particular topical focus. Peace and Social Justice is the study of the causes of social injustice and violence, and of the conditions and practices necessary for establishing justice, equity, and sustainable peace in human interactions. Students gain an understanding and learn to respond to and reduce conflict at the interpersonal, institutional, cultural, and global levels. Through hands-on experience, students gain leadership skills that will contribute to the development of systems and societies that promote peace and justice. No matter what life path you choose, you will use your knowledge, skills, and insights in effective work and compassionate action for peace with justice.

OPPORTUNITIES & INTERNSHIPS

- PSJ students pursue internships with a wide range of organizations, including Border Angels in San Diego, the Highlander Center in Tennessee, Native Americans for Community Action in Arizona, and the the Department of State in Washington D.C.
- Because it is important for PSJ students to

develop a global perspective, most majors study abroad. Our students have recently studied in Japan, South Africa, Italy, Jamaica, Chile, Cyprus, Croatia, France, and Nicaragua, among others.

- Each year, one PSJ student attends the Caux Scholars Program, a renowned, intensive four-week course in conflict resolution held in Switzerland.

CAREERS & OUTCOMES

Three quarters of PSJ majors earn scholarships and advanced degrees at places like Brandeis University, Indiana University, The University of Iceland, The University of London, and The University of Kentucky’s College of Law. A major or minor in Peace and Social Justice Studies prepares students for a wide variety of careers, including:

- Business
- Community Development
- Conflict Transformation
- Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement
- Diplomacy and Foreign Policy
- Education
- Electoral Politics, Human Rights, and Law
- Public Administration and Public Health
- Restorative Justice
- Social Work
- Sustainability



WHY IS A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION VALUABLE?

A liberal arts education at Berea College, combined with our work study program, equips students with highly employable skills like communication, problem-solving, and teamwork. Beyond offering a degree program, we help our students develop social responsibility and prepare them to successfully navigate diversity, change, and the complex demands of a modern work place.



80

percentage of employers who want colleges to emphasize critical thinking, analytic reasoning, and oral and written communication.

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Berea College's ranking as "Best Liberal Arts College" by Washington Monthly Magazine, 2018.

75

percentage of employers who believe successful college graduates should have both liberal arts training and experience in the field.

90

percentage of Berea students who credit liberal arts and work study for developing their communication, critical thinking, & problem-solving skills.



"People with a liberal arts education are able to think and view the world from several different perspectives . . . This ability to understand and adapt is very valuable in today's workplace."

Edward B. Rust Jr.
Chairman and CEO, State Farm Insurance Companies