The Peace and Development Studies major is concerned with inequalities of power and opportunity that lead to international and local conflict, uneven development, social dislocation and environmental degradation. Students will examine the structural causes of racist and gendered violence, environmental crises, forced migration, poverty, resource conflict, and inter-generational inequity. You are introduced to theories and methods for identifying, measuring and resolving conflict and environmental degradation. Constructive solutions include empowerment and self-determination, sustainable living, peace building, and conflict resolution strategies. Students will engage social theory within an interdisciplinary and applied framework, at both local and global scales. During your studies, you will engage with social theory within an interdisciplinary and applied framework of important civic and global issues.

Peace and Development Studies Unit Pool

- 400673 Human Rights, Peace and Development
- 101572 Development and Sustainability
- 101574 Marginalisation, Empowerment and Self Determination
- 101569 Sustainable Futures
- 101570 Alternatives to Violence
- 101331 Issues in World Development
- 101370 Peace Making and Peace Building
- 101326 Peace and Development

Recommended Study Pattern

The Bachelor of Social Science degree is made up of eight core units of study, with an eight unit major and eight electives, which can be used to give a second major to broaden your individual career aspirations.

Course Details

1667 Bachelor of Social Science

The Bachelor of Social Science degree is a broadly based, inter-disciplinary three year program offering flexibility and choice within a range of offerings in the social sciences. The degree seeks to equip all students with the interdisciplinary and specialist skills and knowledge that a new graduate would need on entering the workforce or on proceeding to advanced study. Students are encouraged to choose from more than one of the social sciences, to allow for personal and occupational interests, and prepare themselves to extend their studies at the major and sub-major levels. The majors and sub-majors include Child and Community, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Geography and Urban Studies, Peace and Development Studies, Sociology and Heritage and Tourism. In addition to this, students are able to select eight elective units from across UWS subject to availability and UWS rules. The Bachelor of Social Science aims to expand understanding of the social world in three ways: through social theory, social research and the applications of these ideas and knowledge to practice through social engagement. It provides a wide base for understanding issues in the complex, culturally diverse and ever-changing social environment of the 21st century. It also allows for a fourth year honours program for high achieving students who meet entry requirements.