

## Why Study BA Conflict Resolution?

What causes conflict and wars?

Are there similarities between conflicts at different levels such as family, community, international?

How can I analyse them?

What do mediators and negotiators do?

Do they need to be powerful?

Why was Nelson Mandela a successful mediator?

Why are so many conflicts being resolved by professional mediators outside the courts in the UK?

What skills do I need to become a professional mediator?

These are some of the questions that concern **Conflict Resolution** – a distinct and growing interdisciplinary field of study with very practical applications. **Conflict Resolution** focuses on understanding and analysing conflicts at different levels and exploring the various theories, methods and means for their management and resolution. A degree in **Conflict Resolution** will give you the skills you need to provide informed answers to the questions above. More importantly a degree in **Conflict Resolution** will give you the opportunity to learn and practise applied mediation, negotiation and facilitation skills.

### 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?

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

In the second and third years, an undergraduate in Conflict Resolution is expected to take several core modules specific to the degree (such as Concepts and Practices of Peacemaking and a dissertation focused on a Conflict Resolution topic) in addition to the opportunity of taking any one of the dozens of optional modules available (examples include Negotiating Praxis, Culture and Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding, African Approaches to Conflict Resolution, Human Rights).

## 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 Conflict Resolution 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 Conflict Resolution and in that way strengthen your three-year BA in Conflict Resolution 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 BA in Conflict Resolution.



## What job might I get?

Graduates in Conflict Resolution go on to a wide range of careers, ranging from community and family mediation to working for international aid agencies; from government positions in the civil service, foreign affairs and the armed forces to teaching and 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 Conflict Resolution 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 Peace Studies Department is brilliant – it is a hidden gem. The Department is really friendly, and I have really enjoyed my time here. The course is much more practical than an ordinary International Relations or Politics degree, and has helped me to focus on what I want to do after my studies. ”

Elizabeth Ball, BA Conflict Resolution, 2009