WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A SJPS DEGREE?

Employers are looking for people who can think critically, solve problems, and develop innovative ways to create a more just and peaceful world.

The Social Justice and Peace Studies program prepares students for a wide variety of careers or graduate study fields. Our graduates are working in a variety of fields, including the following:

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Environment
- Food Security
- Immigration Resolution
- Youth Activists
- Faith-Based Organizations
- Non-Governmental Organizations
  - Teachers, Professors
  - Career/Academic Counsellors
  - Researchers/Policy Advisors
- Business
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Social Media
- Health Care
  - Human Resources
  - Corporate Social Responsibility
  - Marketing
  - Human Resources
  - Social Media
- Law
- Crown Attorney
- Mediation/Adjudicator
- Legal Aid

A PLACE TO BECOME

Examples of places where our graduates have gone after graduation:

- Graduated in Social Equity, Wilfrid Laurier University
- Director of Partnership, The Minery Ltd.
- Mediation and Negotiation, Citizens for Public Justice, Ottawa
- Peace and Justice Studies Association
- Teachers, Professors

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- Cross-disciplinary academic program
- Community-Based Learning that provides community engagement and deepened understanding of local and regional issues
- Global Learning Opportunities that include optional short term experiences in the Dominican Republic, Arizona/Mexico border, Italy, and Field Studies Communities in Displacement
- Certificate and Diploma in Refugees, Migration and Forced Displacement
- Capstone course that provides students with the experience to synthesize their SJPS experience in a major research paper and community symposium.
- Activism and community peace building opportunities in the work for social change
- Leading researchers in the field, and dedicated and committed teachers who mentor students to work together to create a more just and peaceful world.
- Opportunities to engage research and activism at local and global level with The Centre for Social Concern and The Gender and Justice in the Community Summit

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Internships that provide students with the experience to develop innovative solutions to complex issues.
- Formal and experiential learning opportunities in the classroom and in the community.
- Externships that include optional short term placements that provide students with practical experience in their field of study.
- Community Engagement opportunities that include volunteering in local organizations and community groups.

ONLINE RESOURCES

- King’s University College Career Connect
- @KingsAtWestern
- Kings University College Job Board
- @SJPSKings
- sjps@kings.uwo.ca

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- kings.uwo.ca/sjps
- kings.uwo.ca/wellness

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What is SJPS?

Social Justice and Peace Studies is an interdisciplinary academic program committed to experiential education and inspired by the Catholic Social Teaching tradition. It encourages critical reflection on oppression and injustice locally and globally, and examines theoretical and practical approaches to justice and peace. SJPS calls students to social action that transforms the world in the interests of human dignity, equality, sustainability, and peace.

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THE SJPS PROGRAM IS FOR STUDENTS WHO:

- Want to develop critical research and analytical skills
- Believe in becoming inclusive change agents in their community and around the world
- Are interested in expanding their awareness of social justice and peace issues
- Are interested in understanding the interlocking nature of poverty, violence, racism, sexism, environmental degradation and other forms of oppression
- Want to participate in local and international experiential learning opportunities
- Want to think critically about how to create a more just and peaceful world

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
Academic and practical learning in SJPS will have lifelong application. Students who complete a SJPS degree will be well prepared, informed and active citizens. Their knowledge, insights and experiences are especially valuable in crucial roles in social engagement and social innovation, such as social work, education, government, medicine, environmental advocacy, the non-profit sector and business. On completion of a degree in SJPS, students will have the following knowledge, skills and competencies.

KNOWLEDGE:
- Analyze systems that give rise to oppression, injustice, and violence
- Investigate strategies to increase social justice, social peace, and conflict resolution
- Recognize the contemporary concerns for First Nations in Canada from a variety of perspectives and to discern how these issues are interconnected
- Propose innovative alternatives to address injustice and violence and apply them to future challenges

SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES:
- Conflict resolution through non-violent means
- Critical thinking
- How to participate and organize in activism
- Oral presentation skills honed by leading seminars, presentations, public lectures and debates
- Qualitative and quantitative research skills
- Social media
- Strong engagement as global citizens
- Synthesis to bring multiple perspectives together in creative ways

EXPERIENCE:
- Working with community-based organizations during placements
- Living in a global context through optional experiential learning internationally or a semester exchange abroad
- Creating a survey or brief analyzing a local and regional issue of injustice or violence
- Participating in a community-based learning seminar
- Captstone research project that brings together theory and method, practical experience from placements, and innovative actions to build justice and peace

ABOUT THE PROGRAM
The SJPS program at King’s is one of the only programs in Canada that combines the study and work of both justice and peace. This program critically examines the root causes of social injustice and violence in society, in our community and in the world. And it innovatively explores alternatives to injustice and violence, such as conflict resolution, peacemaking and citizenship. By focusing on how to build peace and justice, it is the intersection of rigorous academic training combined with community-based learning and social action. SJPS is the hub at King’s University for engaged, innovative and active learning in the creation of a more just and peaceful community and world.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS
- Meet with faculty during office hours
- Participate in the SJPS/CRC weekly academic meeting
- Review your program progression requirements and plan for a successful degree path
- Sign up for intramurals, join a club at King’s and check out the Western Mustangs games
- Meet with faculty to talk about the SJPS/CRC weekly academic meeting
- Complete the SJPS/CRC weekly academic meeting

ENGAGE In Local and Global Community
- Attend King’s International Internships and Graduating Year
- Volunteer for events such as St. Joseph’s Hospitality Centre, The Lion’s Club, The Peace and Justice Studies, Community-based learning seminar
- Consider joining the CRCSC as an officer or program rep
- Apply for residence and participate in the living learning communities
- Explore opportunities such as assistantships and scholarships
- Confer different ways to build engaged learning and international experience into your degree
- Consider volunteering for Peace and Justice Studies, Community-based learning seminar
- Participate in the SJPS/CRC weekly academic meeting
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