

Pace University International Disarmament Institute
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Executive Summary

Pace University's International Disarmament Institute is a global leader in disarmament education, providing space for generating and sharing knowledge. The Institute focuses on undergraduate education, supporting majors in Peace and Justice Studies, and International Relations and Global Studies; as well as minors in Diplomacy, and Coastal and Ocean Studies. Classes blend theory, artistic expression and civic engagement. In curricular experiences and funded internships, students monitor and participate directly in disarmament policymaking at the UN General Assembly First Committee, treaty-specific conferences, as well in local forums. The Institute's research documents the humanitarian and environmental consequences of weapons, as well as disarmament policy pathways. The Institute particularly aims to amplify the voices of communities affected by weapons, making written submissions to disarmament forums on issues of Indigenous inclusion, the impact of nuclear testing in the Pacific and the rights of persons with disabilities. In its convening role, the Institute has facilitated UN and NGO discussions about youth engagement and disarmament education, including annual statements to the First Committee, side events and a workshop for UN personnel.

Further details about the Institute can be found here: <https://www.pace.edu/dyson/faculty-and-research/research-centers-and-initiatives/international-disarmament-institute>