

Peace and Conflict Theory

The main purpose of the discipline: the formation of students' understanding of the essence of modern theories of conflict and peace, ways of conflict resolution, based on the latest sociological research.

By mastering the content of the discipline, students will have the opportunity to analyze modern theories of conflict and peace, ways of resolving conflict, based on the latest sociological research. The teacher will provide a comprehensive overview of the many types of contemporary conflicts and characterize the social causes of their occurrence. The classes will reveal the features of the latest forms of peacekeeping. The teacher will demonstrate the role of mediation and negotiation in the settlement and transformation of the conflict. Theoretical approaches to conflict management and peacebuilding measures will be considered.

Students will be able to analyze the causes, dynamics and consequences of the conflict through the construction of a map of the conflict in seminars. Students are expected to be able to apply the provisions of modern theories of conflict and peace to the analysis of the conflict in Donbass. For the intermediate attestation in the discipline, the student's ability to critically analyze the conditions of the conflict and ways to maintain peace on the basis of the latest concepts that will be set out in the course. To pursue further professional activities, students acquire skills of formulating negotiating positions during conflict resolution, gain knowledge of the basics of mediation and the principles of dialogue.