

Concentration in Dispute Resolution

Recognizing that problem-solving skills are essential management tools, the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, in conjunction with the Graziadio School, provides MBA students an opportunity to study in one of Pepperdine's internationally recognized law programs while fulfilling the requirements for the MBA. An arm of Pepperdine University School of Law, the Straus Institute offers two tracks of study for Graziadio's students: individual courses in dispute resolution, or a 14-unit curriculum that allows students to earn an "MBA with a concentration in Dispute Resolution" from Graziadio and a "Certificate in Dispute Resolution" from the law school. In addition to the Strauss Institute requirements, students enrolled in the concentration need to complete an additional 2-unit elective at the Graziadio Business School.

The Straus Institute offers the most extensive law school dispute resolution curriculum in the country and is annually recognized by the U.S. News & World Report as a prominent leader in this field. Some of the courses taught in this program include:

- Negotiation and Settlement Advocacy,
- Commercial and International Dispute Resolution,
- Cross-Cultural Negotiation and Dispute Resolution,
- Environmental and Public Policy Dispute Resolution,
- Dispute Resolution in the Entertainment Industry,
- Communication and Conflict,
- International Commercial Arbitration, and
- International Investment Disputes.

Each of the courses utilizes an interactive participation format and integrates skills building experiences as well as an academic understanding of the subject matter. To encourage faculty mentoring and coaching of students, course enrollment is limited to 20-24 participants.

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