



UPEACE Certificate Programmes are designed for candidates who would like to take part in the UPEACE campus life and learning environment, but are unable to do so for an entire year. These may be working professionals or undergraduate students in the field of Peace and Conflict Studies in their final year of study, who are interested in a study abroad opportunity. These certificates are designed to deepen participants' knowledge in the topic of their choice. They are deliberately flexible, allowing for a hybrid option that incorporates both on-campus and online learning modalities.

Certificates incorporate eleven or twelve credits' worth of courses, depending on the modality that best suits each participant (number of on-campus vs. online credits). Diplomas are earned by completing all certificate requirements, in addition to an independent research project.



### IS IT FOR YOU?

- Are you a communicator, journalist, or someone concerned about the way public narratives and discourses may contribute to exacerbate conflict?
- Would you like to deepen your understanding of how to transform conflict and to build peace through the use of alternative narratives, nonviolent communication, and creative means?
- Would you like to acquire a transdisciplinary perspective on media, peace, and conflict studies while gaining some practical skills relevant to your work?
- Struggling to find time to engage in a long-time learning process? This programme offers you the possibility of combining on-campus learning on our highly diverse community with courses taught remotely via our virtual platform.

### WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

Graduates of the certificate programme in Media and Peace will:

- Be sensitive to peace-oriented values and principles
- Have a critical understanding and knowledge of the root causes of diverse conflicts, as well as nonviolent strategies for transforming these conflicts toward a peaceful worlds
- Consult on existing practices or collaborate in the creation of new exciting strategies



### COURSES

This certificate programme consists of 11-12-credits, which can be distributed between face-to-face and online courses, plus the completion of an independent research project on a topic of the student's choice. Please find a listing of available courses below:

- Peace and Conflict Studies; The Foundation Course (3 credits)
- Introduction to Media and Peace (3 credits)
- Global Structures and Cultures, Media and Conflict (3 credits)
- Gendered Representations & Media (3 credits)
- Freedom of Expression in the Digital Age (3 credits)
- Strategic Nonviolent Resistance (3 credits)
- Nonviolent Transformation of Conflicts (2 credits)

*\*Please note that the course off-ering per academic year will vary in accordance with visiting professors' availability.*



### WHERE WILL YOU BE STUDYING?

This certificate is offered by the internationally-recognized Department of Peace and Conflict Studies of the University for Peace. As a leading center of peace and conflict research and education, the department offers M.A. programmes in International Peace Studies, Media and Peace, Gender and Peacebuilding, and Peace Education. It caters to a diverse, global body of students. Instruction is provided by a group of leading scholars and expert practitioners in the field.

The University for Peace - established by the UN General Assembly in 1980 - has been training leaders for peace for the past four decades. It is the world's leading educational institution in the field of peace and conflict resolution in its pursuit of the mandate given to it by the General Assembly, namely "to provide humanity with an international institution of higher education for peace and with the aim of promoting among all human beings the spirit of understanding, tolerance and peaceful coexistence, to stimulate cooperation among peoples and to help lessen obstacles and threats to world peace and progress, in keeping with the noble aspirations proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations."

### HOW TO APPLY?

- 1 Once you have read through all of the Certificate Prospectus and chosen your programme, you are ready to apply!
- 2 Click on Apply Now on the main page to begin the application process.
- 3 Please take note of your application code before you begin filling out the form. The online application will automatically save your progress as you advance through the screens, but you will need this code to return to an unfinished application.
- 4 Once your Application has been submitted, the Admissions Team will review it and inform you of your admissions status.
- 5 Once you've been accepted at UPEACE, make sure to review your Admissions Package and fill out the necessary documentation to complete your enrolment.
- 6 Once your first payment has been submitted, UPEACE will contact you regarding your visa application and housing options.
- 7 At any time during the Application Process, connect with the Admissions Team for assistance at [specialprogrammes@upeace.org](mailto:specialprogrammes@upeace.org) - UPEACE admissions notifications will come via email, so check your inbox!



### COSTS

**ON-CAMPUS CREDIT: \$425 USD**  
+ \$50 administrative fee per credit

**ONLINE CREDITS**  
\$700USD (2 credits) - \$950USD (3 credits)

*This certificate programme allows participants to customize their learning experience. Participants can choose how many face-to-face vs. online courses they wish to take, depending on their availability to travel to our main campus in Costa Rica. To find out the exact cost of your certificate, please contact [specialprogrammes@upeace.org](mailto:specialprogrammes@upeace.org) and let an Admissions Officer help you figure out what works best for you.*



### SCHOLARSHIPS & WAIVERS

#### ON CAMPUS

## 30%

- Citizen or national of a signatory country of the UPEACE Charter
- Students who have received an undergraduate or graduate degree from a partner university\*
- Peace Corps veterans

## 50%

- Professors from a partner university\*
- Costa Rican citizens and residents (host country)
- Current, full-time UN employees and volunteers
- Members of the official diplomatic missions to the UN
- Documented refugee or asylee
- UPEACE Alumni

## 30-50% MERIT BASED

Discretionary

#### ONLINE

## 30%

- Costa Rican citizens and residents (host country)
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- UPEACE Alumni
- Professors from a partner university\*
- Alumni from one of our partner universities\*