



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?

Do you believe that transdisciplinary understandings of peace and conflict are the key to building sustainable peace? Are you interested in studying a range of topics and exploring how the theories and practices interrelate and support each other?

Are you a working professional who would like to gain new skills and an updated understanding of theories relevant to your work or a student of peace and conflict studies interested in broadening your knowledge and practices?

Do you want to spend time in a challenging environment that will push you to discover new things about yourself in a global university with students and faculty from all over the world?

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

The certificate programme in Peace and Conflict Studies is designed to be flexible so that participants can direct their own learning. The content of your study will be defined by the courses you choose. Regardless, all certificate graduates will gain:

- Knowledge of processes of peacebuilding and conflict transformation from local and international perspectives
- An understanding of intersectional gender mainstreaming as it applies to local and international peacebuilding



COURSES

This certificate programme consists of 11-12 credits, which can be distributed between face-to-face and online courses. Please find an example of a customized programme below:

First Semester Programme (hybrid or on-campus options):

- Introduction to International Peace Studies (3 credits)
- Gender and Peacebuilding (3 credits)
- 3 credits offered by the Peace and Conflict Studies Department on campus or online, of the student's choice
- UN System course (2 credits) or 2-3 credits of online courses

Second Semester Programme (hybrid or on-campus options):

- Comparative Peace Processes (3 credits)
- 3 credits from the Gender and Peacebuilding Programme
- Tools for Conflict Resolution and Transformation (either on campus or online- 2-3 credits)
- 3 credits offered by the Peace and Conflict Studies Department on campus or 2-3 credits of online courses, of the student's choice

**Please note that this is a sample programme based on the courses being offered for the current academic year. The course offering per academic year will vary in accordance with visiting professors' availability. The final version of our academic offer will be posted in June 2020.*



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 - 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 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)
- Current, full-time UN employees and volunteers
- Citizen or national of a signatory country of the UPEACE Charter
- UPEACE Alumni
- Professors from a partner university*
- Alumni from one of our partner universities*