Is it for you?

Are you interested in becoming a leader of sustainability work that contributes to social and environmental change?

Do you want to become an expert on key environmental issues including climate change, food security, natural resources management, water security, coastal resources management, or conservation?

Do you want to spend a year studying in an academically-challenging environment at a global university with students and faculty from all over the world?

What will you learn?

The Master’s degree in Environment, Development and Peace is relevant to students and professionals working in education, research, and policy that want to deepen their understanding of sustainability and acquire tools to put knowledge into action. In this program, you will learn contemporary frameworks and tools to analyze and address key sustainability issues. You will become skilled researchers and communicators on environmental and development challenges and solutions. Furthermore, you will build a large international network of collaborators to help you further your professional goals, as well as:

- Become familiarized with current theoretical and practical debates, within the field of Environment and Development
- Develop an in-depth understanding of the United Nations System and related organizations working for peace in local, regional, and international contexts
- Understand the complexities of environment and development issues through multiple field visits to local communities, community and government organizations and conservation areas
- Apply a critical and social justice lens to environmental and development debates, as well as local and international case studies
- Implement our teachings via applied research, the development of a professional product, and/or through working as an intern within a local or international organization.

M.A. In Environment, Development and Peace: University Wide Courses

You will receive, along with your peers from other programmes, courses on Peace and Conflict theories and practices, the UN system, the relationship of identity politics and peacebuilding, and research methods. The students of this M.A. programme will also receive practical training on working in conflict areas. For more information about these courses, follow this link to consult the Detailed Academic Calendar (in table format): https://bit.ly/2WLHg9U.

M.A. In Environment, Development and Peace: Programme-Specific Courses

In addition to the university-wide courses, students in this programme will take (1) a course on Environment, Conflicts and Sustainability and (2) a Natural Resource Management Field Course, in addition to other programme-specific courses. Previous courses include:

- Climate Change Adaptation & Justice
- Climate Change Governance
- Environment, Conflicts, and Sustainability
- Food Security
- Forests, Forestry and Poverty
- Gender, Environment & Development
- Management of Coastal Resources
- Urban Sustainability
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Water, Security and Peace
- Thesis/Capstone/Internship: In the final months of the M.A. programme, you will produce a research-based thesis or a capstone project. You will also have the option to choose an internship at a relevant organization to complete your M.A. programme requirements.
M.A. Programme in Environment, Development and Peace

Where will you be studying?

The M.A. in Environment, Development and Peace is offered by the internationally-recognized Department of Environment and Development of the University for Peace. As a leading center of environmental research and education, our department offers two distinct degree programmes: 1) an M.A. in Environment, Development, and Peace and 2) an M.A. in Responsible Management and Sustainable Economic Development. The students of the M.A. in Environment, Development, and Peace have the opportunity to pursue one of four specializations including: 1) Environmental Security and Governance, 2) Climate Change, 3) Sustainable Natural Resource Management, and 4) Sustainable Food Systems. Our department caters to a diverse global body of students and 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. Go to www.upeace.org and find the programme of your choice by visiting the Programmes section. We recommend you read the “IS IT FOR YOU” cards for each programme, as they are designed to help you find the programme best suited to your professional profile.

2. Click on Requirements in the top menu bar within the programme of your choice to learn about the required documentation you’ll need to have on hand when filling out your application form.

3. Read the instructions and click on Apply Now to begin the application process.

4. 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.

5. At any time during the Application Process, connect with the Admissions Team for assistance at admissions@upeace.org – UPEACE admissions notifications will come via email, so check your inbox.

6. Once your Application has been submitted, the Admissions Team will review it and inform you of your admissions status.

7. Once you’ve been accepted at UPEACE, make sure to review your Admissions Package and fill out the necessary documentation to complete your enrolment.

8. Once your first payment has been submitted, UPEACE will contact you regarding your visa application and housing options.

9. GET READY FOR A TRANSFORMATIVE YEAR AT UPEACE!
Tuition Fees

$17,000
TUITION

+$2,500
ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

=$19,500
USD

*The UPEACE M.A. programmes are designed to be completed in 18 months.

Scholarships and Waivers

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
- ONLY for M.A. in Spanish (Resolución de Conflictos, Paz y Desarrollo): Citizens or nationals of countries where Spanish is the official language

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*

*These waivers will depend on the evaluating committee. Prospective students interested in a merit-based scholarship must send a separate statement indicating their interest and why they deserve the scholarship.

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