M.A. Programme in International Law and the Settlement of Disputes

Is it for you?
Are you a domestic lawyer interested in expanding your work profile to international law, or a conflict resolution practitioner interested in gaining knowledge of the international legal frameworks for the settlement of disputes?

Do you wish to equip yourself with the knowledge and skills for the settlement of disputes in international law required for working with international and regional courts and tribunals, as legal officers in governmental and international organizations, or as diplomats?

Would you like to study and network in a truly multicultural environment with students from around the world and engage with resident and visiting faculty comprising some of the world’s leading academics and practitioners, including lawyers and judges of international and regional courts?

Would you like to benefit from a graduate programme that builds in courses taught by United Nations agencies and other international organizations providing the unique opportunity of receiving certificates of training in addition to academic credits?

What will you learn?
The Master’s degree in International Law and the Settlement of Disputes focuses on the theories, procedures and practices for resolution of international and transnational disputes through the rule of law. Through this programme, you will:

- Gain holistic, rigorous, and critical knowledge of the role that international law and institutions play in the settlement of disputes
- Learn skills in developing pleadings before international courts and tribunals through moot court simulations and opportunities such as representing UPEACE directly in the final rounds of the Phillip Jessup Moot Court competition
- Build a solid understanding of dispute settlement norms and practices in diverse areas of international law, such as human rights law, law of armed conflicts, law of the sea, law related to territorial and boundary disputes, international economic law, international criminal law, diplomacy, amongst others
- Learn practical tools for the settlement of legal disputes through non-judicial means including diplomacy, negotiation, mediation, and conciliation, as well as an in-depth understanding of non-judicial mechanisms for justice, including in post-conflict transitional settings

M.A. in International Law and the Settlement of Disputes: University-Wide Courses
You will receive, along with your peers from other programmes, courses on Peace and Conflict Studies and the United Nations System and will participate in the UPEACE Model United Nations Conference. You will also receive practical training on working in conflict areas along with students from a few other M.A. programmes. 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 International Law and the Settlement of Disputes: Programme-Specific Courses
In addition to the university-wide courses, students in this programme will take 7 programme-specific courses. Previous courses include:

- Public International Law
- International Human Rights Law
- Universal System for Protection of Human Rights
- International Law Related to Armed Conflict I: Jus Ad Bellum
- International Law Related to Armed Conflict II: Jus in Bello
- Transitional Justice and International Criminal Law
- International and Transnational Adjudication
- International Law and Diplomacy
- International Economic Law
- Maritime and Territorial Dispute Settlement
- Protection of Refugees
- International Labour Law
- Indigenous Peoples’ Rights
- Introduction to Humanitarian Work
- 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.
Where will you be studying?

The programmes within the Department of International Law provide students with a rigorous understanding of the role of law in today’s complex global society. These programmes provide an introduction to this dynamic field, as well as the opportunity to gain a solid and critical understanding of public international law and its various underpinnings. Students can choose between two different programmes: Master of Arts in International Law and Human Rights and Master of Arts in International Law and the Settlement of Disputes. 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](http://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 TUTION + $2,500 ADMINISTRATIVE FEES = $19,500 USD

*The UPEACE M.A. programmes are designed to be completed in one year

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*

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