M.A. Programme in International Peace Studies

Is it for you?

Are you interested in learning about processes of peacebuilding and conflict transformation from local and international perspectives?

Do you want to become an informed peace and conflict practitioner equipped with the skills and tools to help transform conflicts and build peace?

Do you want to spend a year studying in an academically-challenging environment at a global university with students and faculty members drawn from every corner of the world?

What will you learn?

The Master’s degree in International Peace Studies will train you to be an insightful researcher, an effective policymaker and a reflexive communicator, and help you make a positive impact in the global humanitarian field. Through this programme, you will obtain:

- An updated synthesis of research and theory relevant to the analysis, management, and transformation of conflict, as well as a diversity of perspectives on peace, justice, and security
- Knowledge and familiarity with the United Nations System and related institutions and organizations working for peace in local, regional, and international contexts
- Skills and practices for effective scholarship, policy formulation, peacebuilding, and/or humanitarian work

M.A. in International Peace Studies: 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 International Peace Studies: Programme-specific Courses

In addition to the university-wide courses, students in this programme will take 7 programme-specific courses. Previous courses include:

- Tools for Conflict Transformation
- Identity Politics, Inclusion and Peacebuilding
- Introduction to International Peace Studies, from War to Peace
- Religions, Cultures, War and Peace
- Comparative Peace Processes
- Strategic Nonviolent Resistance
- Sustainable Development and Peacebuilding
- Gender and Peacebuilding
- Peacekeeping Operations and Humanitarian Assistance
- 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.
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Where will you be studying?
The M.A. in International Peace Studies 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 various other M.A. programmes on Gender and Peacebuilding, Media and Peace 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. 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!
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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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