M.A. Programme in Responsible Management and Sustainable Economic Development

Is it for you?

In today's world, environmentally and socially-sustainable policies have become evermore important for organizations, regardless of their size, location, or mission to fulfill. From complying with environmental and social regulations to developing policies to allow organizations to prosper in an increasingly-diverse world, understanding sustainability and management is a requirement to effectively meet the challenges of the 21st century.

Are these topics close to your heart? Are you interested in earning a degree that can potentially benefit your career, society, and the environment?

Are you up for the challenge of solving problems by broadening your thinking and articulating complexity in new and different ways? Do you envision yourself involved in organizations and working towards their sustainability?

Are you keen on acquiring the tools and learning the frameworks that will help you manage organizations towards a more sustainable paradigm?

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?

As a student of the Master's in Responsible Management and Sustainable Economic Development, you will be trained as a responsible manager with a strong emphasis in sustainability; you will build skills needed to work in the corporate, public or social sectors and to apply sustainability principles to business and organizational operations. Specifically, you will be trained to turn complex challenges into opportunities for public, private, civil society organizations and social enterprises, and to build the skills needed to lead organizations pursuing sustainability transitions.

M.A. in Responsible Management and Sustainable Economic Development: 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 Responsible Management and Sustainable Economic Development: Programme-Specific Courses

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

- Environment, Conflicts, and Sustainability
- Review of Economic Theories and Concepts
- Development Studies and International Cooperation
- Research Methods
- Circular Economy, a Regenerative System
- Leading in Times of Change: Innovating from the Inside Out
- Introduction to Responsible Management
- Social Responsibility
- Transition to a Low Carbon Economy
- Social Entrepreneurship

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 M.A. in Responsible Management and Sustainable Economic Development 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 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 TUTION + $2,500 ADMINISTRATIVE FEES = $19,500 USD

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

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**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"