The Distance Education Programme at the UN-mandated University for Peace prepares competent professionals to resolve pressing and complex global issues that concern humanity, and to develop new and innovative approaches to traditional conflicts through varying levels of analysis and action.

Whether you are looking for short training courses or a full-fledged postgraduate degree, the Distance Education Programme offers a variety of educational modalities, including individual and automated online courses (which can be taken for credit or for training purposes only), as well as an Online M.A. in Sustainable Peace in the Contemporary World.
ONLINE M.A. IN SUSTAINABLE PEACE IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD

The online MA programme in Sustainable Peace in the Contemporary World engages competent professionals and researchers in resolving pressing and complex global problems that concern humanity. Every course in the programme shares a commitment to ethics, fundamental human values, gender sensitivity and multiculturalism. The content of the online M.A. moves from a study of the origins of conflict at the personal, local, internal, and international levels to the promotion and practice of peace. The programme discusses the responsibilities and capacities of all social sectors, including key political and economic institutions, as well as civil society and individuals, and their potential impact on the environmental and social aspects of peace and conflict. All courses are well-integrated within the programme, bringing together modern theories, and concepts, in-depth case studies, best-practices from around the world, sound methodologies and the valuable contributions of course-takers.

The courses can be taken individually or can be combined towards the online M.A. in Sustainable Peace in the Contemporary World. Students can obtain the Online MA in Sustainable Peace in the Contemporary World upon successful completion of 42 credits, including 36 credits for course work and 6 credits for a final independent research project (IRP). Out of those 36 credits, 6 credits can be taken face-to-face at the University for Peace campus in Costa Rica, thus allowing them to experience the truly unique multicultural environment that makes UPEACE so unique. Students who complete their Online M.A. can also participate in that year’s Commencement Ceremony in Costa Rica. The Online M.A. is designed to be completed anywhere between 1.5-4 years.

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ONLINE DIPLOMA IN PEACE STUDIES

Students can opt for an Online Diploma in Peace Studies upon successfully completing 12 credits’ worth of courses offered within the Online M.A. programme, in addition to submitting a final academic exam. Students opting for the Online Diploma can choose any of the courses offered by the Programme.

Cost: US $5,000

“The University for Peace not only gave me an education but directly influenced me on the route that I have taken thus far.”

— John Phillip Byars, East Jerusalem
UPEACE Alumnus 2012, Online M.A. Sustainable Peace in the Contemporary World

ONLINE COURSES

All online courses in the Distance Education Programme are open to a wide range of interested participants. These can be taken for credit and not-for-credit (training purposes only). All applicants wishing to take the courses for credit must have completed their undergraduate degree (B.A., B.S. or equivalent) from an accredited college or university. Students admitted to any UPEACE online course must exhibit an outstanding academic record and a commitment to working towards positive social change; a minimum of two years’ work experience – particularly in a related field – is a plus.

COSTS

3-credit course (9 weeks): US $950 / non-credit US $750
2-credit course (6 weeks): US $700 / non-credit US $500
Our automated courses offer the best option for students looking for an enriching educational experience, and who are more inclined towards self-paced study. This is a self-directed learning option that has been specifically designed for mature students interested in acquiring knowledge, while having full control of when they do it, what they focus on, and how much time they spend on learning. These courses present the perfect opportunity for individuals who are interested in gaining a more in-depth perspective on the topics of Human Rights, Peacekeeping and Multicultural Awareness, but lack the time to commit to a more demanding, directed course. The courses use an asynchronic methodology and, unlike UPEACE’s other online courses, allow students to set their own deadlines for completing the course.

After successfully enrolling in the course, students will have access to approximately 15 lessons of study material, after which they can decide when to take the final multiple choice test. Upon successful completion of the course, students will be awarded a Certificate by the University for Peace Distance Education Programme. Our Automated Courses are solely for training purposes and cannot be taken for credit. The cost for each course US $50, to be paid online through our platform at www.elearning.upeace.org.