

M.A. PROGRAMME IN INTERNATIONAL PEACE STUDIES





RESEARCH AND THEORY

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.



UN SYSTEM AND ORGANIZATIONS

Knowledge and familiarity with the United Nations System and related institutions and organizations working for peace in local, regional, and international contexts.



SKILLS AND PRACTICE

Skills and practices for effective scholarship, policy formulation, peacebuilding, and/or humanitarian work.







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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. As a leading center of peace and conflict research and education, the department offers various other M.A. programmes. It caters to a diverse, global body of students. Instruction is provided by a group of leading scholars and expert practitioners in the field.

WHY CHOOSE UPEACE?

The University for Peace – established by the UN General Assembly in 1980 – has been training leaders for peace for four decades. It is the world's leading educational institution in the field of peace and conflict resolution, as mandated by the General Assembly.





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.



- Go to www.upeace.org and find the programme of your choice by visiting the Programmes section. We recommend you read the information and brochure for each programme, as they are designed to help you find the programme best suited to your professional profile.
- Click on Requirements in the top menu bar of the program of your choice to find out what documentation you will need to have on hand to apply to the program of your choice.
- Click on the button that says apply and create your user to start the application process.
- 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
- Once your Application has been submitted, the Admissions Team will review it and inform you of your admissions status.
- Once you've been accepted at UPEACE, make sure to review your Admissions Package and fill out the necessary documentation to complete your enrolment.
- Once your first payment has been submitted, UPEACE will contact you regarding your visa application and housing options.



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

ADMINISTRATIVE

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SCHOLARSHIPS AND WAIVERS

TUITION

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 oficial 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%

USD

- 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.