

Master of Arts Peace and Conflict Studies (GPCS)

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This joint Master of Arts in Peace and Conflict Studies - offered by The University of Winnipeg in cooperation with the University of Manitoba - encompasses analysis of social conflicts including the structural roots of social divisions and inequalities, as well as strategies for transforming conflict and promoting social justice. The program uses holistic and interdisciplinary approaches to prepare students to pursue independent research and practice in local, national and global and conflict dynamics and issues. The degree is offered with either a thesis option or a comprehensive examination. Students completing the Joint MA in Peace and Conflict Studies will receive a joint parchment, and may choose to participate in convocation at either of the two universities.

Options in the Program of Study

Thesis Option

A minimum of 18 credit hours of coursework, including:

- a. 12 credit hours in Core courses,
- b. 3 credit hours in research methods,
- c. 3 credit hours in an elective, and
- d. A thesis.

Course and Comprehensive Option

A minimum of 30 credit hours of coursework, including:

- a. 12 credit hours in Core courses,
- b. 3 credit hours in Practicum,
- c. 3 credit hours in research methods,
- d. 12 credit hours in electives, and
- e. A comprehensive examination.

Core Courses

GPCS 7010	Interpersonal Communication, Problem-Solving, and Trust-Building
GPCS 7020	Theories of Conflict and Conflict Resolution
GPCS 7110	International Human Rights and Human Security
GPCS 7120	Peacebuilding and Social Justice

Elective Courses

GPCS 7126	Ethnic Conflict Analysis and Resolution
GPCS 7128	Storytelling: Identity, Power, and Transformation
GPCS 7122	Dispute Systems Design
GPCS 7124	Gender, Conflict and Peacemaking
GPCS 7240	Indigenous Approaches to Peacemaking
GPCS 7250	Restorative and Social Justice
GPCS 7260	Peace Education
GPCS 7300	Special Topics
GPCS 7400	Special Topics: Directed Reading in Peace and Conflict Studies
GPCS 7500	Practicum

Admission requirements

Students must normally possess:

- a. A high academic standing in previous university work with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 or the equivalent based on the last 60 credit hours or two full years or equivalent of university study;
- b. A four-year honours or four-year baccalaureate degree, in:
 - 1) Peace and conflict studies, conflict analysis and resolution, conflict transformation, or peace studies; or
 - 2) A related discipline or profession, such as social work, education, or sociology, among others. In this instance, as part of their program requirements, applicants may be required to take additional courses;
- c. Proficiency in the English language at levels required by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.
- d. **Application Deadline: December 1 for enrollment in September**
http://umanitoba.ca/colleges/st_pauls/mauro_centre/peace_conflict/maprogram/apply.html