



FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES

PEACE & CONFLICT STUDIES (MA)

The Master of Arts (MA) in Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS) is offered jointly by The University of Winnipeg and the University of Manitoba. The program 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.

This joint program uses holistic and interdisciplinary approaches to prepare students to pursue independent research and practice in local, national and global 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.

The expected time to graduate is 24 months (part-time); maximum time is 3 years.

SAMPLE CAREERS

Conflict mediation and facilitation, organizational leadership and human resources, post-conflict development and reconstruction activities, peace research, preparation for doctoral studies.

SAMPLE COURSES

Interpersonal Communication, Problem-Solving and Trust-Building examines role of language and communication where theoretical and practice perspectives are fundamental to the field of conflict analysis and resolution/peace studies. Power, gender, culture in communication and conflict; theories, practical skills for problem-solving, and trust-building are explored in diverse milieus.

Theories of Conflict and Conflict Resolution provides an overview of the theoretical foundations of conflict analysis and resolution examining macro and micro theories regarding the causes of conflicts and approaches to their resolution. Conflicts are complex on multiple interlocking planes. The course focuses on theory and the implications of these theories for practice.

International Human Rights and Human Security examines the shift in focus from state security to people. Human security is a bridge between the inter-related fields of development, human rights and conflict resolution. The course explores how these efforts at exploring the human condition can best be understood and applied.

Restorative and Social Justice Examines the principles of restorative justice, the theoretical foundations of the restorative justice movement, and the development of new restorative justice programs. Restorative justice healing, re-integration and reconciliation are explored in a variety of contexts, including colonized and postcolonial indigenous communities.

MORE SAMPLE COURSES

- **Peace-building and Social Justice**
 - **Dispute Systems Design**
 - **Peace Education**
 - **Indigenous Approaches to Peacemaking**
 - **Gender, Conflict and Peacemaking**
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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A 4-year honours or 4-year baccalaureate degree with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in the last 60 credit hours, in either:

- (a) peace and conflict studies, or conflict analysis and resolution; **or**
(b) another related discipline, such as education, social work, or sociology, among others

English Requirement (if applicant's first language is not English): Minimum TOEFL score 550 (paper-based), 213 (computer-based), 86 (internet-based) **or** IELTS score of 6.5. The test should have been taken within two years of the date a completed application is filed. For more information, please read: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/future-student/docs/English-language-requirements-policy.pdf>

HOW TO APPLY

Students must apply for this joint program through the University of *Manitoba*. Please visit http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/graduate_studies/admissions/programs/peace_conflict.html for all information regarding the application procedure.

Deadline for application is December 1 for enrolment in September.

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