



University  
for Peace



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## Call for Applications

- MA in Environment, Development and Peace
  - Specialization Environmental Security and Governance
  - Specialization Sustainable Natural Resource Management
  - Specialization Climate Change Policy
  - Specialization Sustainable Food Systems
- MA in Peace Governance and Development
- MA. Responsible Management and Sustainable Economic Development
- MA in International Law and Human Rights
- MA Disaster Resilience Leadership and Humanitarian Assistance
- MA Media, Peace and Conflict Studies
- MA Gender and Peace Building
- PhD in Peace Governance and Development
- PhD in Disaster Resilience Leadership

The United Nations Mandated – University for Peace (UPEACE) in collaboration with Somali Disaster Resilience Institute (SDRI) welcomes applications the following Master's Degree Programmes to be hosted by SDRI.

### **A stimulating One-year Programmes**

The Masters Programs are designed to offer aspiring participants an opportunity to be job-ready by advancing their knowledge and practice under the guidance of internationally recognized academics from an international Institutions such as UPEACE.

These innovative programs take into consideration the latest international and regional insights to help participants better understand national contexts. Participants develop competences required to contribute to development of their countries as well as peaceful co-existence between countries at the regional and global environment as well as cope in a rapidly changing world.

The programs are designed with participants' interests and needs in mind with highly qualified UPEACE Professors delivering the courses in Mogadishu.

From a practical perspective, the programs provide a sophisticated and solid theoretical background in each module. The central idea is to apply a theoretical and practical framework to the way participants think and work the various fields. The programme is structured in 13 Modules including an independent research project or optional field visits/internship.

UPEACE embraces an innovative and interdisciplinary approach to both the pedagogy and content. Our academic programs offer specialized, multidisciplinary courses and our international faculty uses engaging and participatory teaching models for face to face classroom instruction.

## Programme Summary

**1. MA in Peace, Governance and Development** is envisaged to advance the development of the full spectrum of knowledge, skills and related capacities of students. The programme will offer a holistic selection of courses that critically examine the academic concepts, theories, contemporary debates and practices of the interdisciplinary studies of peace, conflict, governance and development in Africa. Students will have the chance to follow a tailored set of courses with an emphasis either on governance and security or development and peace building within the programme. They will explore relevant theoretical frameworks, analyze and critique policy and practice, explore case examples and reflect on the political, economic, social and cultural contexts to find innovative ways to invest in the prevention and transformation of violence, for sustainable development and peace to emerge.

| Course Code       | Course Title   | Credit | Duration |
|-------------------|--|--------|----------|
| 100               | Introduction to peace and conflict studies               | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| 102               | Conflict management, mediation and negotiation in Africa | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| 103               | Human rights, Justice and Peace in Africa                | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| 104               | Gender peace and human security in Africa                | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| 105               | Peace education and conflict transformation              | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| 106               | African political and economic governance                | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| <b>Semester 2</b> |  |        |          |
| 107               | Governance and transformative leadership                 | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| 108               | Environmental Security and Governance                    | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| 109               | Approaches to Development in Africa                      | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| 110               | Post conflict reconstruction and Development             | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| 111               | RESEARCH METHODS   | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| 112               | Project management, Social media and development         | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| 113               | RESEARCH PROJECT (THESIS)                                | 6      | 6 weeks  |
|                   | <b>Total</b>   |        |          |

**2. MA in Environment, Development, and Peace (EDP)** provides a comprehensive training on issues of sustainable development, environmental governance, natural resource management, and environmental conflict management from both ecological and social perspectives. It encompasses a broad range of subjects and themes, including Food Systems, Water Management, Forestry, Coastal Resources, Climate Change, Urban Ecology and Social Movements. The program focuses on the human dimensions of the environment-development nexus, highlighting the connections between local perspectives and broader processes at the national, regional and global levels and emphasizing the importance of political economic structures and inequality in access to resources as key drivers in environmental conflict and global environmental change. The program prepares students for a wide range of careers in both environmental and development policy and programming in the public, private, and non-profit sectors.

| Course Code       | Course Title  | Credit | Duration |
|-------------------|---|--------|----------|
| UPM 6001          | UPEACE Foundation Course  | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| DED-6007          | Environment, Conflicts, and Sustainability  | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| UPE 6070          | Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation   | 1      | 1 weeks  |
| UPM 6003          | The United Nations System and UPEACE Model United Nations Conference (UPMUNC) (Part I)  | 2      | 2 weeks  |
| GPB 6036          | Gender, Environment and Sustainable Development   | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| DED 6021          | Water, Security and Peace   | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| DED 6022          | Sustainable Agriculture   | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| <b>Semester 2</b> |   |        |          |
| NRD 6075          | Forests, Forestry and Poverty   | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| NRD-6092          | Management of Coastal Resources   | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| DED-6023          | Research Methods  | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| NRD 6083          | Natural Resource Management Field Course  | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| DED 6030          | Accelerating Climate Action: The Power of Coalitions                                    | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| UPM-6003          | The United Nations System and UPEACE Model United Nations Conference (UPMUNC) (Part II) | 1      | 1 weeks  |
| DED 6029          | Climate Adaptation and Climate Justice  | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| DED-6024          | Food Security   | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| RMSED 6042        | Project Management  | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| RMSED 6044        | Leading in Times of Change: Innovating from the inside out                              | 3      | 3 weeks  |
|                   | RESEARCH PROJECT (THESIS)   | 6      | 6 weeks  |
|                   | <b>Total</b>  |        |          |

**3. The M.A. Programmes in International Law and Human Rights** provide students with a rigorous understanding of the role of law in today's complex global society. Though international law has a long history, the last century has seen an impressive expansion of the role of law and legal institutions in international and transnational relations, involving not just states, but an increasing array of

various types of actors. Our Masters Programmes provide an introduction to this dynamic field as well as the opportunity to gain a solid and critical understanding of public international law and its various underpinnings. Aside from a focus on the foundational principles and values of the international legal system, various courses deal with the broad range of international institutions that play a pivotal role in the development of international law as well as in its implementation and enforcement. Our courses are taught by faculty with rich international experience, as well as by visiting professors from prestigious universities and key international organizations (UN, UNHCR, ICRC, etc.) Our faculty has long-standing experience in teaching both lawyers and students from different disciplines. The in-class experience offers an exciting and diverse environment, with students hailing from all over the world and a broad range of backgrounds.

| Course Code                  | Course Title  | Credit | Duration |
|------------------------------|---|--------|----------|
| UPM 6001                     | UPEACE Foundation Course  | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| DIL-6100                     | Public International Law  | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| UPE 6070                     | Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation (Optional)                                  | 1      | 1 weeks  |
| UPM 6003                     | The United Nations System and UPEACE Model United Nations Conference (UPMUNC) (Part I)  | 2      | 2 weeks  |
| DIL-6101                     | International Human Rights Law  | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| DIL-6105                     | Universal System for Protection of Human Rights   | 1      | 1 weeks  |
| DIL-6085                     | International Law Related to Armed Conflicts  | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| DIL-6043                     | Globalization and Human Rights  | 3      | 3 weeks  |
|                              |   | 3      | 3        |
| <b>Semester 2</b>            |   |        |          |
| DIL-6102                     | Regional Mechanisms for Human Rights Protection   | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| DIL-6121                     | Counter-terrorism and Human Rights  | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| UPM-6003                     | The United Nations System and UPEACE Model United Nations Conference (UPMUNC) (Part II) | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| DIL-6080                     | Human Rights Reporting, Monitoring, and Evaluation                                      | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| DIL-6103                     | Protection of Refugees  | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| DIL-6084                     | International Labour Law  | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| DIL-6122                     | The Right to Peace  | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| DIL-6106                     | Indigenous Peoples' Rights  | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| UPE 6064                     | Working in Conflict and Post-Conflict Areas (Field Training)                            | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| DIL-6112                     | Technology and Human Rights   | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| DIL-7100, DIL-7200, DIL-7500 | Graduation Project: ISP-Thesis  | 8      | 8 weeks  |
|                              | <b>Total</b>  |        |          |

**4. The Master of Arts (MA) degree in Responsible Management and Sustainable Economic Development (RMSED)**

emphasizes economic and management perspectives of peace while focusing on the concepts of sustainability and responsibility. Its creation was based on the belief that to better contribute to the promotion of sustainable peace, it is imperative to explore what role the economy plays in the world today and its impact on our environment and societies' wellbeing. Issues of rural and urban poverty, growing inequalities and disparities, environmental degradation, financial crises and globalization are challenging political economic stability and social cohesion in all societies. Modern society faces the growing challenge of sustainability; finding solutions that will maintain and protect social systems for future generations. Students from the RMSED Program will become responsible managers with strong emphasis on sustainability that will be able to work in the corporate sector, public sector or social sector, both in industrialized and developing countries.

| Course Code | Course Title   | Credit | Duration |
|-------------|--|--------|----------|
| UPM 6001    | UPEACE Foundation Course   | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| DED-6007    | Environment, Conflict and Sustainability   | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| UPE 6070    | Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation (Optional)                                 | 1      | 1 weeks  |
| UPM 6003    | The United Nations System and UPEACE Model United Nations Conference (UPMUNC) (Part I) | 2      | 2 weeks  |
| GPB 6036    | Gender, Environment and Sustainable Development  | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| RMSED 6040  | Review of Economic Theories and Concepts   | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| DED-6023    | Research Methods   | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| RMSED-6043  | Introduction to Responsible Management   | 2      | 2 weeks  |
| RMSED-6010  | Social Responsibility  | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| Semester 2  |  |        |          |
| UPM-6003    | The United Nations System and UPMUNC (PartII)  | 1      | 3 days   |
| RMSED 6041  | Social Entrepreneurship  | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| RMSED 6045  | Circular Economy, a regenerative System  | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| RMSED 6042  | Project Management   | 1      | 1 weeks  |
| RMSED 6044  | Leading in Times of Change: Innovating from the inside out                             | 3      | 3 weeks  |
|             | RESEARCH PROJECT (THESIS)  | 6      |          |
|             | <b>Total</b>   |        |          |

**5. The Master of Arts (MA) degree in Disaster Resilience Leadership and Humanitarian Assistance (DRLHA)**

emphasizes the development of a generation of disaster resilience leaders (DRL) as well as strengthen the capacity of existing leaders in the field of DRM. The program specifically strengthens leadership and resilience competencies to increase their effectiveness and involvement in disaster risk reduction and management and humanitarian assistance. The program is designed as a modular programme with the duration of twelve (12) months, involving thirteen (13) taught modules and a field practicum plus a dissertation. The program is designed to cover holistic domains including conceptual fundamentals of disaster resilience, resilience programming and learning, measurement and analytics, monitoring and evaluation in DRM, leadership and climate change, environment and health and nutrition in emergencies.

The Master programme is designed to target individuals with an interest in addressing issues of disaster risk through a community development focus. It is ideally suited for persons with a basic degree and who are into their early to mid-careers.

| Course Code | Course Title  | Credit            | Duration        |
|-------------|---|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1000        | Introduction to Disaster Resilience and Humanitarian Action (DRL 100 and 101) | 3                 | 3 weeks         |
| 1002        | Role of Leadership and Institutions in Resilience and Humanitarian Action     | 3                 | 3 weeks         |
| 1003        | Early Warning Systems for Disaster and Climate Change Risk Reduction          | 3                 | 3 weeks         |
| 1004        | Emergency Response Planning, Management and Coordination                      | 3                 | 3 weeks         |
| 1005        | Advanced Resilience Programming and Learning                                  | 3                 | 3 weeks         |
| 1006        | Environmental Risk and Impact assessment                                      | 3                 | 3 weeks         |
|             |   | <b>18 credits</b> | <b>18 weeks</b> |
| Course Code | Course Title  | Credit            | Duration        |
| 1007        | GIS and Remote Sensing in Disaster Risk Management                            | 3                 | 3 weeks         |
| 1008        | Livelihoods, Food Security and Nutrition                                      | 3                 | 3 weeks         |
| 1009        | Managing Displacement, Migration and Social Protection                        | 3                 | 3 weeks         |
| 1010        | Disaster Resilience Leadership Field Practicum                                | 3                 | 3 weeks         |
| 1011        | Public Health Systems in Emergencies  | 3                 | 3 weeks         |
| 1012        | Advanced Disaster Resilience Research Methods                                 | 3                 | 3 weeks         |
|             |   | <b>18 credits</b> | <b>18 weeks</b> |
| 1013        | Dissertation (Independent Research Project)                                   | 8 credits         |                 |

***Minimum of 44 credits is required for the Master's Degree programme***

**6. The Master of Arts (MA) degree in Media, Peace and Conflict Studies** explores the informational context in which armed violence takes place and equips students with up-to-date tools and strategies to advocated for peace, justice, and sustainability through ethical media production, and to become informed and active global citizens of an increasingly interconnected and interdependent world. Grounded in a solid understanding of peace and conflict theory, this programme considers the many ways in which media has been used to propagate hostile attitudes and enemy images, as well as the long tradition of journalists, artists, and other who have sought to use media to hold the powerful accountable, challenge the status-quo, and to promote mutual understanding and coexistence. This specialization compliments existing courses from the IPS programme with an in-depth and critical consideration of current media theories and practices in relation to contemporary concerns including privacy, security, and manipulation of information, a twenty first century debate on media ethics and peace journalism, and an advocacy-focused exploration of gender and other identities, representation, and equality. Throughout the academic year, MPCS students will also be invited to deepen their understanding of communications theories and sharpen their practical skills though media-related projects and workshops, including participating in the media team of the United Nations simulation conference and volunteering with our online magazine, Peace and Conflict Monitor.

| Course Code | Course Title             | Credit | Duration |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------|----------|
| UPM 6001    | UPEACE Foundation Course | 3      | 3 weeks  |

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| IPS 6049            | Introduction to International Peace Studies, from War to Peace                           | 3 | 3 weeks |
| UPE 6070            | Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation (Optional)                                   | 1 | 1 weeks |
| UPM 6003            | The United Nations System and UPMUNC (Part I)  | 2 | 2 weeks |
| PCS                 | Critical Seminars  | 0 | Ongoing |
| MPS 6043            | Media: Theories and Practices  | 3 | 3 weeks |
| MPS 6045            | Ethical Media Production and Peace Journalism  | 3 | 3 weeks |
| DIL-6111            | The Kurds between Past and Present Genocides in Iraq: Fresh Hopes or New Tragedies?      | 2 | 2 weeks |
| PCS-6008            | Research Methodology (I Part)  | 1 | 1 weeks |
| MPS 6049            | Gender and Media   | 2 | 2 weeks |
| Semester 2          |  |   |         |
| IPS 6057            | Strategic Nonviolent Resistance  | 3 | 3 weeks |
| PCS-6008            | Research Methodology (II Part)   | 2 | 2 weeks |
| UPM-6003            | The United Nations System and UPMUNC (Part II)   | 1 | 3 days  |
| PCS 6011            | Tools for Conflict Resolution and Transformation   | 3 | 3 weeks |
| IPS 6066            | Violent Extremism: causes, consequences, and solutions                                   | 3 | 3 weeks |
| UPE 6064            | Working in Conflict and Post-Conflict Areas - Field Training                             | 2 | 1 week  |
| PCS 6012            | Identity Politics, Inclusion and Peace Building  | 3 | 3 weeks |
| MPS 7000 / MPS 7001 | Graduation Project: Thesis (8 credits) or Internship (8 credits) or Capstone (5 credits) | 8 | -       |
| <b>Total</b>        |  |   |         |

**7. The Master of Arts (MA) degree in Gender and Peace Building** offers critical knowledge and training in gender studies, which is a crucial aspect of any and all peace efforts. The programme deals in depth with the diverse and international aspects of gender as they relate to violence, peace negotiations, peace building and peacekeeping in different locations on the planet. The programme also encompasses the many fields of knowledge in which gender plays a crucial role. The needs and interests of students and professionals are carefully considered in the design and implementation of the programme. Upon graduation, participants may expect to successfully apply for grant proposals, as well as to design, implement and evaluate a variety of programmes and projects, based upon a profound knowledge of the conflicts and struggles brought about by discrimination based on gender-oriented power relations. Graduates will be able to recognize the enormous possibilities that a gender perspective offers to men and women in the prevention of conflicts, sitting at the negotiating table, or participating in post-conflict intervention. They will also be able to implement the concepts of equality in their daily lives.

| Course Code | Course Title             | Credit | Duration |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------|----------|
| UPM 6001    | UPEACE Foundation Course | 3      | 3 weeks  |

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| GPB 6034            | Gender Theories and Practices  | 3 | 3 weeks |
| UPE 6070            | Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation (Optional)                                   | 1 | 1 weeks |
| UPM 6003            | The United Nations System and UPMUNC (Part I)  | 2 | 2 weeks |
| PCS                 | Critical Seminars  | 0 | Ongoing |
| GPB 6036            | Gender, Environment and Sustainable Development  | 3 | 3 weeks |
| GPB 6026            | Gender in Peace Building and Human Security  | 3 | 3 weeks |
| PCS-6008            | Research Methodology (I Part)  | 1 | 1 weeks |
| DIL-6111            | The Kurds between Past and Present Genocides in Iraq: Fresh Hopes or New Tragedies?      | 2 | 2 weeks |
| Semester 2          |  |   |         |
| MPS 6049            | Gender and Media   | 2 | 2 weeks |
| GPB 6022            | Gender Mainstreaming in Peacekeeping Operations and in Humanitarian Assistance           | 3 | 3 weeks |
| PCS-6008            | Research Methodology (II Part)   | 2 | 2 weeks |
| UPM-6003            | The United Nations System and UPMUNC (Part II)   | 1 | 3 days  |
| PCS 6011            | Tools for Conflict Resolution and Transformation   | 3 | 3 weeks |
| GPB 6062            | Gender and people on the move: Trafficking, Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Migration       | 3 | 3 weeks |
| UPE 6064            | Working in Conflict and Post-Conflict Areas - Field Training                             | 2 | 1 week  |
| PCS 6012            | Identity Politics, Inclusion and Peace Building  | 3 | 3 weeks |
| MPS 7000 / MPS 7001 | Graduation Project: Thesis (8 credits) or Internship (8 credits) or Capstone (5 credits) | 8 | -       |
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**8. The Master in International Law and the Settlement of Disputes** offers students an understanding of the role that international law and institutions play in the settlement of international and transnational disputes. This specialization examines the role of national and international courts and tribunals in contributing to the settlement of disputes. As international and transnational adjudication has acquired a more prominent role in international relations, it is essential to understand how these global and regional courts are responding to the challenges of the early 21st Century. Students will examine the role of law in traditional and not-so traditional territorial and boundary disputes and acquire an overview of the law of the sea. And finally, they will be examining the increasingly important field of dispute settlement in international economic relations, which will include investment arbitration.

| Course Code | Course Title   | Credit | Duration |
|-------------|--|--------|----------|
| UPM 6001    | UPEACE Foundation Course                               | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| DIL-6100    | Public International Law                               | 3      | 3 weeks  |
| UPE 6070    | Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation (Optional) | 1      | 1 weeks  |



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|------------------------------|---|---|---------|
| UPM 6003                     | The United Nations System and UPEACE Model United Nations Conference (UPMUNC) (Part I)  | 2 | 2 weeks |
| DIL-6101                     | International Human Rights Law  | 3 | 3 weeks |
| DIL-6105                     | Universal System for Protection of Human Rights   | 1 | 1 weeks |
| DIL-6085                     | International Law Related to Armed Conflicts  | 3 | 3 weeks |
| DIL-6077                     | Transitional Justice and International Criminal...                                      | 3 | 3 weeks |
| DIL-6120                     | International and Transnational Adjudication  | 3 | 3 weeks |
| <b>Semester 2</b>            |   |   |         |
| DIL-6121                     | Counter-terrorism and Human Rights  | 3 | 3 weeks |
| UPM-6003                     | The United Nations System and UPEACE Model United Nations Conference (UPMUNC) (Part II) | 3 | 3 weeks |
| DIL-6026                     | International Economic Law  | 3 | 3 weeks |
| DIL-6103                     | Protection of Refugees  | 3 | 3 weeks |
| DIL-6084                     | International Labour Law  | 3 | 3 weeks |
| DIL-6122                     | The Right to Peace  | 3 | 3 weeks |
| DIL-6106                     | Indigenous Peoples' Rights  | 3 | 3 weeks |
| UPE 6064                     | Working in Conflict and Post-Conflict Areas (Field Training) Optional                   | 3 | 3 weeks |
| DIL-6081                     | Maritime & Territorial Dispute Settlement   | 3 | 3 weeks |
| DIL-7100, DIL-7200, DIL-7500 | Graduation Project: ISP-Thesis  | 8 | 8 weeks |
|                              | <b>Total</b>  |   |         |