



Master's Degree and Certificate in International Law and Diplomacy



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About the Programme

The Master of Arts in International Law and Diplomacy (online and hybrid formats) is a graduate programme permitting students to specialize in the interface between international law and diplomacy.

It will not only broaden students' knowledge in the field of international law and its various foundational dimensions but will also equip them with knowledge and skills to work in the field of diplomacy and related international careers.

During this programme, students will analyse the different dimensions of international law including those related to law-making, armed conflicts, human rights, economic relations, territorial and maritime disputes, environmental disputes as well as those related to the theory and practice of diplomacy in the 21st century including dispute settlement and conflict resolution. Students will also attend skills development sessions that are designed to support their professional career and employability.

This master's degree offered by two UN entities (University for Peace and United Nations Institute for Training and Research) combines the best of academic and executive-style education. Students will also gain first-hand experience of the work of the United Nations (UN) as they will have the opportunity to participate in a field trip to Geneva and The Hague where the UN maintains a significant presence.

■ Who is it for?

The programme is designed for graduate students, diplomats, government officers, NGO representatives, international civil servants or private law practitioners willing to strengthen their knowledge in international law, dispute settlement, international affairs management and diplomacy.



Invest in Your Future

This unique programme, backed by the United Nations, is designed to give students a first-hand experience in the field of international law, international affairs and diplomacy.



LEARN FROM HIGHLY EXPERIENCED EXPERTS

This programme is taught by practitioners, UN staff, diplomats and academics.



VISIT THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE UN

It includes an optional study field trip to Geneva and/ or The Hague, where students will visit different international organizations, network with international civil servants and diplomats and participate in skills-based sessions to prepare them for a successful international career.



BENEFIT FROM AN INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

This programme connects different disciplines to provide students with holistic knowledge, including skills development and coaching sessions.



TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FLEXIBLE LEARNING METHODS

It allows students to accommodate their needs for flexibility by offering diverse optional modules and weekly seminars.



Hybrid

Students must complete the Master of Arts International Law and Diplomacy in four semesters.

Online

Students must complete the Master of Arts International Law and Diplomacy in four semesters and the Certificate in International Law and Diplomacy over six months

Duration



Learning Objectives



At the end of the programme, students should:

- Be able to demonstrate key knowledge of the theory and practice of international law;
- Be able to participate in different processes of law making, implementing and enforcement in promoting the rule of law at different levels, especially regionally and internationally;
- Have a deep understanding of the theory and practice of diplomacy;
- Be able to appraise the nexus between international law, diplomacy, the UN System and current contemporary challenges;
- Be able to apply key soft skills in an international working environment;



Credits and Enrolment Fees

M.A. in International Law and Diplomacy: Online

Students can obtain the MA in International Law and Diplomacy (online) upon successful completion of 42 credits, including 36 credits for course work and 6 credits for a final independent research project (IRP). In order to graduate from the programme, students must undertake the courses marked as 'Mandatory' (29 credits) in the list below. In addition, students must take optional courses (7 credits) from the list, before completing their final graduation project (IRP).



(*)UN staff can opt for a 20% waiver (tuition balance: 8,800 USD). Furthermore, Costa Rican nationals and residents will be eligible for a 30% waiver (tuition balance: 7,700 USD). Applicants who complete their admission and payment by the early bird deadline will also benefit from a 10% tuition reduction.



Course Title	Entity	Type
Public International Law		Mandatory
International Human Rights Law		Mandatory
Foundation Course		Mandatory
UN System		Mandatory
Law related to Armed Conflict I (Jus ad bellum)		Mandatory
Law related to Armed Conflict II (Jus in bello)		Mandatory
International Criminal Law		Optional
Law of the Treaties		Mandatory
International Environment Law		Optional
Transitional Justice		Optional

Course Title	Entity	Type
International Law and Diplomacy		Mandatory
Regional Human Rights Systems		Mandatory
International and Transitional Adjudication		Optional
World Politics		Optional
Globalization and Human Rights		Optional
International Economic Law		Optional
Human Rights Reporting, Monitoring, and Evaluation		Optional
Maritime and Territorial Dispute Settlement		Optional
Workshop on Negotiation and Mediation skills		Mandatory
Law of International Organisations		Mandatory











M.A. in International Law and Diplomacy: Hybrid

Students can obtain the MA in International Law and Diplomacy (Hybrid) upon successful completion of 42 credits, including 36 credits for course work and 6 credits for a final independent research project (IRP).







In order to graduate from the programme, students must undertake the first semester courses marked as 'Mandatory' in the list below on the UPEACE main campus in Costa Rica from August to December. Students in the hybrid modality must complete the rest of the programme online within 3 semesters.

In the hybrid modality, students will complete on-campus mandatory courses (14 credits) and online mandatory courses (13 credits), for a total of 27 credits of mandatory courses. In addition, students must take optional courses (9 credits) from the list, before completing their final graduation project (IRP).



Course Title	Entity	Methodology	Type
International Criminal Law		Online	Optional
Law of Treaties		Online	Mandatory
International Environmental Law		Online	Optional
Transitional Justice		Online	Optional
International Law and Diplomacy		Online	Mandatory
Regional Human Rights Systems		Online	Optional
World Politics		Online	Optional
International and Transnational Adjudication		Online	Optional
Globalization and Human Rights		Online	Optional
International Economic Law		Online	Optional

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Course Title	Entity Methodology	Type
Human Rights Reporting, Monitoring, and Evaluation	 Online	Optional
Maritime and Territorial Dispute Settlement	 Online	Optional
Workshop on Negotiation and Mediation Skills	 Online	Mandatory
Law of International Organizations	 Online	Mandatory
Rule of Law	 Online	Mandatory
Independent Research Project	 Online	Mandatory



Optional Field Visit to Geneva or The Hague

Each year UNITAR will organize two optional 5-day field trips to Geneva (Switzerland) and The Hague (Netherlands) for the students in the Master of Arts in International Law and Diplomacy. Students can sign up for one field visit or for both (Geneva and The Hague) if they wish to do so.

During this activity, students will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the very heart of diplomacy, visit different international organizations and network with other diplomats, personnel of permanent missions accredited to the UN, civil servants of international organizations and civil society representatives.

The fee for each five-day field trip is 1,500 USD. If students register for both field visits, the ten-day field trip is 3,000 USD. The fee does not include travel, accommodation, food or visa expenses.





About UNITAR

As a training arm of the United Nations, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is an autonomous institution within the UN system that provides innovative learning solutions to individuals, organizations, and institutions in the fields of diplomacy, economic and social development, peace, and security. Over the last 60 years, UNITAR has contributed to developing the capacities of Member States and other stakeholders to enhance global decision-making and support country-level and regional-level actions for shaping a better future and enabling positive change.





■ About UPEACE

The University for Peace was established as a Treaty Organization with its own Charter in an International Agreement adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 35/55 on 5 December 1980, with the mission “to provide humanity with an international institution of higher education for peace and with the aim of promoting among all human beings the spirit of understanding, tolerance and peaceful coexistence, to stimulate cooperation among peoples and to help lessen obstacles and threats to world peace and progress, in keeping with the noble aspirations proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations.”

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Required Admissions Documents

- English Proficiency Test Scores Report (TOEFL, IELTS)
- Statement of Purpose
- Letters of recommendation
- Official Undergraduate (Bachelor's Degree) Transcripts and Degree Certificate
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Copy of Passport





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