



# University for Peace



## Second Master's Pathway for UPEACE Alumni

*Build on your UPEACE foundation. Return for a new specialization. Earn a second full master's degree.*

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| <b>ON CAMPUS</b><br>Second-semester<br>specialization | <b>18 CREDITS</b><br>Minimum programme<br>coursework | <b>8 CREDITS</b><br>Thesis or professional<br>internship | <b>USD 6,800</b><br>Special pathway tuition |
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**Designed for UPEACE graduates:** Eligible alumni who completed a recognized UPEACE master's degree in 2016 or later may pursue a compatible second master's programme through a focused residential pathway.

### A focused route to a second UPEACE master's degree

Many UPEACE graduate programmes share a common interdisciplinary first semester. This pathway recognizes the academic foundation eligible alumni have already completed and allows them to concentrate on a new programme specialization.

#### At a glance

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| <b>Who can apply</b>      | Graduates of a recognized UPEACE master's programme from 2016 onward                     |
| <b>Study format</b>       | Programme-specific second-semester courses offered on campus in Costa Rica               |
| <b>Coursework</b>         | A minimum of 18 credits approved by the coordinator of the selected programme            |
| <b>Graduation project</b> | An 8-credit master's thesis or professional internship, depending on programme structure |
| <b>Award</b>              | A second full master's degree from the University for Peace                              |
| <b>Special tuition</b>    | USD 6,800 tuition fee for participation in the pathway                                   |

#### How the pathway works

1. **Confirm your eligibility.** Identify the complementary programme options available from your completed UPEACE degree by emailing [admissions@upeace.org](mailto:admissions@upeace.org).
2. **Complete the specialization semester.** Enroll in at least 18 credits of programme-specific second-semester courses on campus. Your course selection must be approved by the relevant programme coordinator.



3. **Complete the graduation requirement.** Undertake an 8-credit master's thesis or, where available within the selected programme, an 8-credit professional internship.
4. **Earn your second degree.** After successfully completing all approved academic requirements, receive a second full UPEACE master's degree.

## Eligibility and academic review

**Eligibility checklist:** Applicants must hold a recognized UPEACE master's degree awarded in 2016 or later, select a compatible pathway, meet any applicable language requirements, and complete academic review. Admission depends on academic fit and available programme capacity and is not automatic.

### PROGRAMME PATHWAYS | INTERNATIONAL LAW

## Expand your expertise in international law

Eligible alumni may deepen or broaden their legal specialization through one of the complementary residential master's programmes below.

| Your completed UPEACE degree                                                         | Second master's degree option                                                                                                                                                       |
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| MA in International Law and the Settlement of Disputes (on-campus, online or hybrid) | MA in International Law and Human Rights                                                                                                                                            |
| MA in International Law and Human Rights (on campus)                                 | MA in International Law and the Settlement of Disputes                                                                                                                              |
| MA in International Law and Diplomacy (online or hybrid)                             | MA in International Law and Human Rights OR MA in International Law and the Settlement of Disputes                                                                                  |
| LLM in Transnational Crime and Justice (Turin)                                       | MA in International Law and Human Rights OR MA in International Law and the Settlement of Disputes                                                                                  |
| LLM in Cybercrime, Cybersecurity, and International Law (online)                     | MA in International Law and Human Rights OR MA in International Law and the Settlement of Disputes                                                                                  |
| MA in Sustainable Peace in the Contemporary World (online)                           | MA in International Law and Human Rights OR MA in International Law and the Settlement of Disputes. A self-paced preparatory online module in Public International Law is required. |
| Maestría en Resolución de Conflictos, Paz y Desarrollo (Spanish)                     | MA in International Law and Human Rights OR MA in International Law and the Settlement of Disputes. English proficiency is required under University policy.                        |

**Important:** All second-semester courses under this pathway are offered on campus. The programme coordinator will approve the courses required for each admitted student.



## What this pathway can add

5. A complementary legal specialization grounded in UPEACE's interdisciplinary approach.
6. Advanced engagement with human rights or international dispute settlement
7. A second full master's credential aligned with evolving professional goals.

## PROGRAMME PATHWAYS | PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES

### Develop a new lens on peacebuilding

Move across complementary areas of peace studies to strengthen the knowledge and practice needed for complex professional settings.

| Your completed UPEACE degree                                     | Second master's degree option                                                                                                 |
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| MA in International Peace Studies                                | MA in Gender and Peacebuilding OR MA in Peace Education                                                                       |
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| MA in Peace Education                                            | MA in International Peace Studies OR MA in Gender and Peacebuilding                                                           |
| MA in Sustainable Peace in the Contemporary World (online)       | MA in International Peace Studies OR MA in Gender and Peacebuilding                                                           |
| MA in Development Studies and Diplomacy (online)                 | MA in International Peace Studies OR MA in Gender and Peacebuilding                                                           |
| MA in Religion, Peace and Conflict (online)                      | MA in International Peace Studies OR MA in Gender and Peacebuilding                                                           |
| Maestría en Resolución de Conflictos, Paz y Desarrollo (Spanish) | MA in International Peace Studies OR MA in Gender and Peacebuilding. English proficiency is required under University policy. |

**Important:** Eligibility is based on the complementary programme group described above. Academic fit and programme capacity will be assessed during admission review.

### A multidisciplinary advantage

A second specialization can help alumni connect peacebuilding practice with gender analysis, education, conflict transformation, diplomacy, religion, or sustainable peace. The result is a broader academic profile built on an existing UPEACE foundation.



## Connect peace with sustainable development and regional practice

These pathways allow eligible alumni to add an environmental and development specialization or pursue UPEACE's Spanish-language master's programme.

### Environment and Development

| Your completed UPEACE degree                                     | Second master's degree option                                                                      |
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| MA in Development Studies and Diplomacy (online)                 | MA in Environment, Development and Peace                                                           |
| MA in Sustainable Peace in the Contemporary World (online)       | MA in Environment, Development and Peace                                                           |
| Maestría en Resolución de Conflictos, Paz y Desarrollo (Spanish) | MA in Environment, Development and Peace. English proficiency is required under University policy. |

### Spanish-language pathway

| Your completed UPEACE degree           | Second master's degree option                                                                                    |
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| Any UPEACE MA or LLM taught in English | Maestría en Resolución de Conflictos, Paz y Desarrollo. Spanish proficiency is required under University policy. |

**Language requirements:** Applicants moving from a Spanish-language programme to an English-language programme must demonstrate English proficiency. Applicants moving from an English-language programme to the Spanish-language programme must demonstrate Spanish proficiency, in accordance with University policies.

### Academic planning

Because programme requirements and course availability may vary, the coordinator of the selected programme will confirm the courses each admitted student must complete. Applicants are encouraged to contact Admissions early for an individual eligibility review.



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## How to Apply: A simplified process for UPEACE alumni

Applications are submitted directly by email for initial review and processing. Previous UPEACE academic records can normally be verified internally.

### Prepare these documents

1. **Statement of Purpose:** Briefly explain your academic and professional motivation, your selected second master's programme, and its relevance to your career goals.
2. **Updated identification:** Provide a current passport copy or other official identification document.
3. **Curriculum vitae:** Submit an updated CV reflecting your current academic and professional experience.
4. **Student ID photo:** Provide a recent photo for a new UPEACE student ID if you are admitted.

**Previous UPEACE records:** Your UPEACE diploma and transcript will normally be verified through existing institutional records. Admissions may request copies when needed for verification, record updates, or academic review.

### What happens after you apply

1. **Submit your application.** Email the required documents to [admissions@upeace.org](mailto:admissions@upeace.org).
2. **File review.** Admissions will confirm whether your application file is complete.
3. **Academic assessment.** The relevant Academic Department will review eligibility, academic fit, language requirements, and available programme capacity.
4. **Admission outcome.** Admissions will communicate the decision and, if applicable, provide enrollment instructions, tuition information, and any additional academic or administrative requirements.

### Submit or request guidance

**Email:** [admissions@upeace.org](mailto:admissions@upeace.org)

**Suggested subject line:** *UPEACE Alumni Second Master's Pathway*