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MA PEACE



This programme is amongst the very few master-level offerings in the English-speaking world that direct the studies of global peace at the qualities of peacefulness, social justice, holistic well-being, good governance, and ecological integrity.

This programme will appeal to students from diverse sectors and domains, including public, private and non-for-profit sectors, national and trans-national agencies, grassroots, regional and global organisations.

Graduates will have the opportunities to explore local, and transnational field-based peacebuilding experiences, and become part of an emergent global network of peacemakers.

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www.uwtsd.ac.uk/ma-peace-studies

Indicative topics include:

- Positive Peace: Theories and Practices
- Peace from the Perspectives of Well-Being
- Contesting Social and Historical Narratives
- Culture, Identity and Dialogue
- Ecology and Spirituality
- Empowerment and Leadership
- Harmony: Theory and Practice
- The Philosophy and Practice of Social Research

Course Length:

Full-time MA: 12 months

Part-time MA: 2 years

Please contact Dr Ryan O'Byrne for PGDip and PGCert information

Course Overview

The MA Peace Studies and Global Humanity for Peace (GHFP) Institute provides an advanced understanding of the interrelationships between peace, social justice, wellbeing and governance. Meeting the growing need for positive conceptions of peace, and for understanding the global nature of building peace in complex and dynamic contexts. The interdisciplinary curriculum focuses on innovative theories

of peace, with an emphasis on personalised and collaborative learning, graduates will have the opportunities to explore local and transnational peacebuilding experiences, and become part of an emergent global network of peacemakers. It aims to inspire graduate researchers and practitioners to identify the principles and values underlying positive peace, and to encourage questions concerning the policies, institutional practices, and structural conditions that contribute to peace, well-being, and social justice.

Duration: October 2025 – 18 months

Location: Online

Attendance: Full or Part time

Suitable for UK and international students

Modules

Compulsory modules

- **Positive Peace: Theory and Practice** (30 credits)
- **Peace from the Perspectives of Well-Being: Theory and Practice** (30 credits)
- **MA Dissertation (Peace Studies)** (60 credits)

Indicative optional modules include

- **Ecology and Spirituality** (30 credits)
- **Harmony: Theory and Practice** (30 credits)
- **Empowerment and Leadership** (30 credits)
- **Contesting Social & Historical Narratives** (30 credits)
- **Culture, Identity, & Dialogue** (30 credits)

Why study Peace Studies at UWTSD?

Our Masters in Peace Studies can be taken online either full-time or part-time and aims to inspire students to develop a comprehensive understanding of the principles and values underlying positive peace and identify community processes, institutional practices, public policies and structural conditions that can contribute to a more peaceful world.

Students will learn benefit from the GHfP Institute's research, knowledge and publications in this and other linked areas. The GHfP Institute team has many years' experience in innovative approaches to peacebuilding in different parts of the world. Throughout the MA programme, graduates will critically engage with some of the most complex challenges which define the 21st Century.

If you are a graduate interested in pursuing peace-related higher learning, a researcher wishing to deepen your knowledge about global peace and familiarise yourself with methodological skills for peace research, a practitioner intending to strengthen your own knowledge of positive peace and reflect on and improve your practices, or a leader/policymaker seeking to broaden your understanding of the structural dimensions of peacefulness, this programme is for you.

What you will learn?

The MA Peace Studies programme encourages students to move beyond viewing peace as merely the absence of violence. It seeks deepens graduates understanding of peace and peacefulness, exploring the complexities of conflict, justice, and sustainable peacebuilding. Through examining core theories of conflict resolution, social justice, wellbeing, sustainability, and ethics, students gain a critical understanding of approaches to positive peace—equipping them with the analytical and practical skills to contribute meaningfully to peace and justice initiatives in diverse contexts.

Teaching strategy

The MA programme is delivered on an online distance learning basis. It strives to provide graduate researchers and practitioners with an in-depth understanding of key themes of positive peace, whilst ensuring that the learning is grounded in their professional interests. It encourages and facilitates empirical research that unfolds the complexity of fostering positive peace in a globalised world. It intentionally creates a learning community among the graduate researchers and practitioners, and embeds key approaches involved in peace, such as dialogue, listening, relational enrichment, and well-being sensitive practices, in the process of teaching and learning. The programme offers an opportunity for participants to advance skills and research capacities and to contribute to knowledge about structural peace, social transformation, and community regeneration.

Admissions

The MA programme will launch in October 2025. Join us in becoming part of an emergent global network of peace makers. The UWTSd welcomes applications from students with a UK second-class bachelor's degree with honours or overseas equivalent. Additionally, this programme may consider applications from students from non-traditional academic backgrounds or with suitable work experience upon request and with the Programme Manager's approval. Please email Dr Ryan O'Byrne for further information.

Funding

The UWTSd aims to attract the world's brightest researchers and practitioners to its international programmes. For that reason, it has established several scholarship programmes in collaboration with the Guerrand-Hermès Foundation for Peace designed to offer talented and motivated international researchers and practitioners the opportunity to pursue a degree at UWTSd. To find out about funding opportunities that are available, please visit the UWTSd Bursaries and Scholarships page.

To apply, visit our website at: www.uwtsd.ac.uk/ma-peace-studies/. If you need further information or assistance, please email Dr Ryan O'Byrne: r.obyrne@uwtsd.ac.uk.