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Master's Degree and Certificate in Gender and Development





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About the Programme

The **Master of Arts in Gender and Development** (hybrid and online) is a graduate programme that offers critical knowledge in gender studies at the nexus of development studies. In addition, this programme equips students with the required soft skills for a successful international career in this field. The programme will consist of in-person and face-to-face sessions with online asynchronous courses provided by UNITAR. Students can also participate in optional field visits to Geneva, Switzerland, and/or The Hague, the Netherlands.

The M.A. in Gender and Development is offered by the internationally recognised Department of Peace and Conflict Studies of the University for Peace (UPEACE) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR). During this programme, students will analyze different perspectives, which is necessary for nurturing gender consciousness in development work, focusing on a variety of topics, including, but not limited to, women's empowerment, queering development, gender in its intersections with environment

and development, the interplay of gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and disability, and other factors. Students will also attend skills development and coaching sessions that are designed to support their professional career and employability. Career paths in this field span a wide and diverse range of opportunities. Prospective employers include governments, international and regional organizations, think tanks, academia, human rights organizations, and the civil society.

Students can also pursue a shorter programme, namely the **Certificate in Gender and Development** (hybrid or online), or sign up for individual online courses offered as part of the Master of Arts in Gender and Development, or Certificate in Gender and Development.



Who Is This Master's For?

The programme is designed for graduate students, diplomats, government officers, NGO representatives, international civil servants, professionals, or anyone interested in and willing to strengthen their knowledge in gender and development.

Invest in Your Future

This unique programme, backed by the United Nations, is designed to give students first-hand experience in the fields of gender and development.



LEARN FROM HIGHLY EXPERIENCED EXPERTS

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



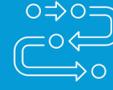
VISIT THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE UN

It includes a 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 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.



Duration



Hybrid

Students must complete the Master of Arts in Gender and Development in two semesters.



Online

Students can complete the Master of Arts in Gender and Development, and the Certificate in Gender and Development, in up to four semesters.



Learning Objectives

At the end of the master's programme, students should be able to:

- Identify how gender functions in a variety of contexts and at different levels
- Gain expertise in the intersections of gender and development
- Design and critically assess gender mainstreaming in work
- Critically examine how gender perspectives inform the policies and practices of the United Nations system and related organizations
- Critically analyse existing research

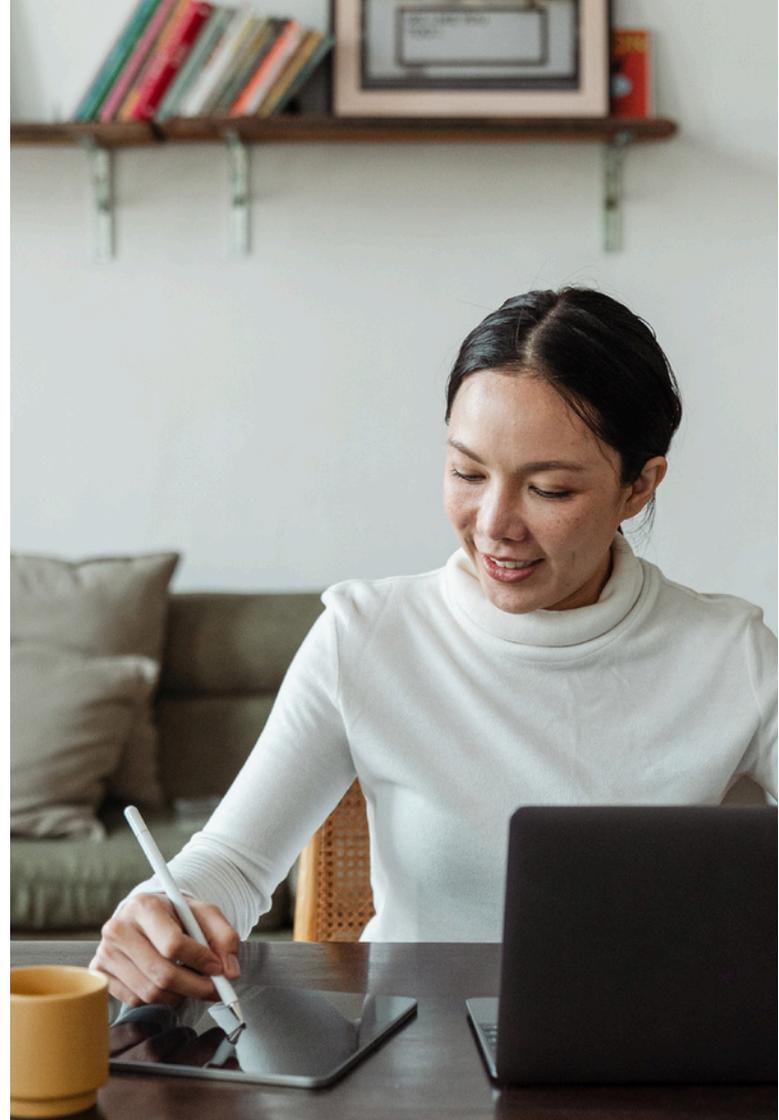
Credits, Courses and Enrolment Fees

M.A. in Gender and Development: (Hybrid)

Students can obtain the Master of Arts in Gender and Development (hybrid) upon successful completion of 41 credits, including 33 credits for coursework and 8 credits for a master's thesis or internship assignment. Students who choose Capstone as their Graduation Project must take an additional 3-credit course (37-course credits and 5 Capstone credits):



(*UN Staff and Costa Rican nationals will be eligible for a 50% waiver (9,750 USD). All other applicants may apply for a 20% waiver (15,600 USD) which may be granted in limited numbers by mutual decision of UPEACE and UNITAR to ensure equitable gender and regional representation. Applicants who complete their admission and payment by the early bird deadline will also benefit from a 10% tuition reduction.



Course Selection

Course Title	Entity	Type	Methodology
UPEACE Foundation Course		Mandatory	In-Person
Conflict Resolution and Crisis Management		Mandatory	Online
Identity, Community, and Peacebuilding		Mandatory	In-Person
Contemporary Topics in Gender and Peacebuilding		Mandatory	In-Person
Research Methodology		Mandatory	In-Person
Facilitation and Training for Peacebuilders		Optional	In-Person
Diplomacy in the 21st Century		Mandatory	Online
PeaceLab		Optional	In-Person

Course Title	Entity	Type	Methodology
Creating Queer and Trans Affirming Spaces		Mandatory	In-Person
Education for Sustainability		Mandatory	In-Person
Gender and Human Mobility: Transnational and Intersectional Perspectives		Mandatory	In-Person
Skills for a Successful International Career		Mandatory	Hybrid
Gender, Environment, and Development		Mandatory	In-Person
The United Nation System - UPMUNC		Mandatory	In-Person
Graduation Project		Mandatory	In-Person

M.A. in Gender and Development: Online

Students can obtain the MA in Gender and Development 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' (28 credits) in the list below. In addition, students must take optional courses (8 credits) from the list, before completing their final graduation project (IRP).



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Course Selection

Course Title	Entity	Type	Methodology
Development Studies and International Cooperation		Mandatory	Online
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Sustainable Development Theory, Policies and Practice		Mandatory	Online
Gender and Development		Mandatory	Online
Research Methodology		Mandatory	Online
Gender and Human Mobility: Transnational and Intersectional Perspectives		Mandatory	Online
Workshop on Negotiation and Mediation Skills		Optional	Online

Course Title	Entity	Type	Methodology
Introduction to the United Nations System		Mandatory	Online
Gender, Environment, and Development		Mandatory	Online
Creating Queer and Trans Affirming Spaces		Mandatory	Online
Globalization and Human Rights		Optional	Online
Conflict Resolution and Crisis Management		Mandatory	Online
Fundraising for Sustainable Development		Optional	Online
Independent Research Project		Mandatory	Online

Certificate in Gender and Development:

Students can obtain the Certificate in Gender and Development upon the successful completion of 12 credits.

Hybrid



Online



Course Selection

Course Title	Entity	Type	Methodology
Development Studies and International Cooperation		Mandatory	Online
Gender and Development		Mandatory	Online
Gender, Environment and Development		Mandatory	Online
Conflict Resolution and Crisis Management		Mandatory	Online

Optional Field Visits to Geneva and/or The Hague

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.

Students can sign up for one field visit or for both (Geneva and The Hague), if they wish to do so. Students will spend 5 days in Geneva (Switzerland), and 5 days in The Hague (Netherlands). The fee for each five-day field trip is USD 1,500. If students register for both field visits, the ten-day field trip is USD 3,000. The fee does not include travel, accommodation, food, or visa expenses.





About UNITAR

As the 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.



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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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