

Master's Degree in Lifelong Learning in Conflict, Peace and Security (FAQs)

GENERAL INFORMATION

WHAT IS THE MA IN LIFELONG LEARNING IN CONFLICT, PEACE AND SECURITY?

The Master in Conflict, Peace and Security offers a distinctive opportunity to deepen understanding of conflicts in all their facets and explore innovative strategies for their management, resolution, and transformation, guided by world-leading academics and experts.

Partnering with the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), this programme equips participants with a comprehensive analytical toolkit, firsthand insights, and specialised expertise from the field. Designed for professionals in conflict-prone settings within international, regional, governmental, or nongovernmental organisations, as well as graduate students and researchers, it enhances capabilities to comprehend and effectively address conflicts.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THIS PROGRAMME?

- **Comprehensive Understanding of Conflict:** Demonstrate in-depth knowledge of conflict theories, diverse approaches, and the complexities inherent in contemporary conflicts.
- **Analysis and Strategic Planning:** Acquire analytical skills to assess conflict situations and develop strategic plans for peaceful interventions, focusing on conflict prevention and resolution.
- **Non-violent Intervention Techniques:** Master techniques and strategies for intelligent, non-violent intervention in conflict scenarios, aiming to mitigate escalation and promote peaceful outcomes.
- **Development of Intervention Programmes:** Access and utilize information and knowledge to design effective intervention programmes, seeking specific, positive solutions to conflict dynamics.
- **Leadership in Negotiation and Mediation:** Lead and facilitate negotiation and mediation processes with proficiency, promoting dialogue, consensus-building, and sustainable peace agreements.
- **Transformative Communication Skills:** Employ advanced communication techniques to proactively prevent conflicts and effectively resolve existing ones, fostering constructive dialogue and mutual understanding.

WHEN DOES THE PROGRAMME START?

The **2025 edition** of the programme will begin on **15 October 2025**.

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COURSE DETAILS

WHAT IS THE MODE OF DELIVERY?

The programme is delivered **fully online, in english and asynchronously**. This means that interaction with professors and fellow students occurs intermittently with a time delay, allowing you to set your own pace within the time frame and deadlines of each course. There are no live teaching sessions, offering flexibility with no time constraints.

WHAT IS THE DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME?

The programme spans two years and is structured as a part-time course. At the UOC, an ECTS credit is equivalent to 25 hours of student work. Depending on the number of ECTS credits, the duration of lifelong learning programmes ranges from 1 month to 2 years, approximately:

- **Lifelong Learning Master's Degree:** 2 years.
- **Specialisation Diploma:** 1 year.
- **Expert Diploma:** 1 semester (6 months).
- **Postgraduate Course:** between 1 and 6 months.

CURRICULUM

WHAT ARE THE CORE MODULES FOR THE MA AWARD?

The Master's in Conflict, Peace, and Security is awarded upon the successful completion of the modules listed below (60 ECTS).

- **Conflict Analysis – 3 ECTS**
- **Conflict Resolution – 3 ECTS**
- **Introduction to Peace Operations and History of PO (Peace Operations) – 3 ECTS**
- **Philosophy of Peace and Non-Violence – 4 ECTS**
- **Media, Conflict and Peace Building – 3 ECTS**
- **Game Theory – 4 ECTS**
- **Human Security – 3 ECTS**
- **Research Methods – 4 ECTS**
- **Economy, Environment and Migration – 4 ECTS**
- **The Intercultural / Ethnic Conflict and Diversity Management – 4 ECTS**
- **Corruption, Conflict and Security – 3 ECTS**
- **Prevention and Transformation of Conflict – 4 ECTS**
- **Mandate Evaluation, Leadership and Strategic Planning – 4 ECTS**
- **Gender Matters – 2 ECTS**
- **Crisis Management – 4 ECTS**
- **Final Master Project – 8 ECTS**

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EXIT CURRICULUM AWARDS AND CERTIFICATION

ARE OTHER POSSIBLE EXIT AWARDS IN THE LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMME?

Yes, learners may alternatively opt for any of our shorter academic programmes:

- [Specialization Diploma in Armed Conflict](#) – 30 ECTS
- [Specialization Diploma in Crisis Management and Strategic Planning](#) – 31 ECTS
- [Expert Diploma in Intercultural Conflict Management](#) – 14 ECTS
- [Expert Diploma in Human Security and Peace Operations](#) – 14 ECTS
- [Expert Diploma in Conflict, Peace and Gender](#) – 13 ECTS
- [Expert Diploma in Strategic Conflict Management](#) – 16 ECTS

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION DEADLINE?

For a 2025 start, please apply by **20 September 2025**.

WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

Please visit the [PROGRAMME WEBPAGE](#) to review all programme entry requirements.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

You can apply online through this link: <https://ptpreg.unitar.org/>.

Complete all required fields and uploads prior to submission. Please note that applications for all programmes (including Certificates and Courses) are accepted through the same system/link. Learners are encouraged to email the Programme Coordinators at conflictology@unitar.org with any questions.

FEES AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

WHAT IS THE TUITION FEE FOR THE PROGRAMME?

The tuition fee for the Online MA in Lifelong Learning in Conflict, Peace, and Security is **7,410 EUR**.

ARE FLEXIBLE PAYMENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE?

Yes, flexible payment options are available, learners can pay the tuition fees in instalments. For detailed information on costs and payment options, please visit the UOC's website section on [PAYMENT OPTIONS](#).

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