Master's Degree and Certificate in Development Studies and Diplomacy

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About the Programme

The **Master of Arts in Development Studies and Diplomacy** is an interdisciplinary and holistic programme that will broaden student's knowledge in the field of development studies, sustainability and diplomacy and equip them with the required soft skills for a successful international career in any of these areas of expertise. It is offered both online and in blended/hybrid format (online + face-to-face on the UPEACE campus in San Jose, Costa Rica). Students can also participate in an optional field visit to Geneva, Switzerland, and The Hague, the Netherlands.

During this programme, students will analyse the different dimensions of development including environmental, social, economic and human dimensions as well as the theory and practice of diplomacy in the 21st century. Students will also attend skills development sessions that are designed to support their professional career and employability. Careers in this field can be very broad. Prospective employers include governments, international organizations, development agencies, academia and the private sector.

Students can also pursue a shorter programme such as the **Certificate in Development Studies and Diplomacy (online)** or sign up for individual online courses within the framework of the Master of Arts in Development Studies and Diplomacy and the Certificate in Development Studies and Diplomacy.

Who is it for?

The programme is designed for graduate students, diplomats, government officers, NGO representatives, international civil servants or private sector specialists willing to strengthen their knowledge in development studies, sustainability, 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 development, 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 a study field trip to Geneva and The Hague, where students will 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.

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 Development Studies and Diplomacy in two semesters.

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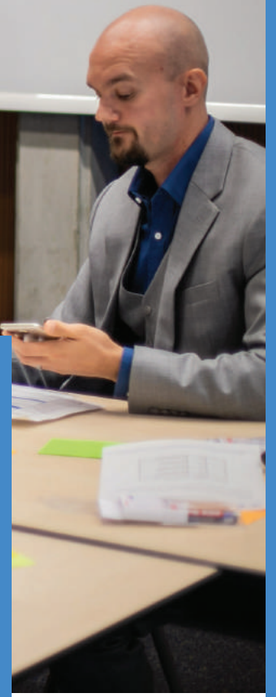
Students can complete the Master of Arts in Development Studies and Diplomacy and the Certificate in Development Studies and Diplomacy up to four semesters.



Learning Objectives

At the end of the programme, students should:

- Have a deep understanding on the theory and practice of development studies, international cooperation and sustainable development.
- Be able to evaluate the different dimensions of development.
- Have a deep understanding on the theory and practice of diplomacy.
- Be able to appraise the nexus between diplomacy, the UN System and contemporary challenges.
- Be able to apply key soft skills in an international working environment.

About UNITAR

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) was created in 1963 to train and equip young diplomats from newly-independent UN Member States with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate through the diplomatic environment.

Over the years, UNITAR has acquired unique expertise and experience in designing and delivering a variety of training activities to individuals from both public and private sectors.

About UNITAR's Work on Multilateral Diplomacy

UNITAR is a leading training provider in global and strategic challenges for professionals within and outside the United Nations system. Through its Division for Multilateral Diplomacy, UNITAR works closely with the United Nations Member States and an increasing number of other partners to strengthen the capacities of diplomats, government officials and other major actors, in view of actively supporting the overall efficiency of the multilateral system.

About UPEACE

The University for Peace was established as a Treaty Organization with its own Charter in an International Agreement adopted by the United Nations, pursuant to General Assembly 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."

Credits and Enrollment Fees

M.A. in Development Studies and Diplomacy: Hybrid

Students can obtain the M.A. in Development Studies and Diplomacy upon successful completion of 42 credits, including 36 credits for course work and 6 credits for a final independent research project (IRP.

*UN staff and Costa Rican nationals can opt for a 50% waiver (tuition balance: 9,750 USD). All other applicants may apply for a 20% waiver (tuition balance: 15,600 USD), which may be granted in limited numbers by mutual decision of UPEACE and UNITAR to ensure equitable gender and regional representation.

Course Title	Type
Foundation Course	Mandatory
Public International Law	Optional
Review of Economic Theories and Concepts	Optional
Gender and Peacebuilding	Optional
Sustainable Development Theory, Policies and Practice	Mandatory
Development Studies and International Cooperation	Mandatory
Circular Economy, a regenerative System	Mandatory
Research Methods	Mandatory
Gender and people on the move: Trafficking, Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Migration	Optional
Sustainable Tourism	Optional

Course Title	Type
Responsible Management	Optional
Model UN Conference	Mandatory
Introduction to the United Nations System	Mandatory
Conflict Resolution and Crisis Management	Mandatory
Demographic Change, Migration and Conflict	Optional
Leading in Times of Change: Innovating from the inside out	Mandatory
Food Security	Optional
Applied Sustainability and Development	Optional
Globalization and Human Rights	Optional
International Economic Law	Optional

Course Title	Type
Diplomacy in the 21st century	Mandatory
Skills for a Successful International Career	Mandatory
Fundraising for Sustainable Development	Optional
UN Environmental Diplomacy and Sustainable Development	Optional
Social Entrepreneurship	Optional
Climate Adaptation and Climate Justice	Optional
Maritime & Territorial Dispute Settlement	Optional
Independent Research Project	Mandatory

M.A. in Development Studies and Diplomacy: Online

Students can obtain the M.A. in Development Studies and Diplomacy upon successful completion of 42 credits, including 36 credits for course work and 6 credits for a final independent research project (IRP).

Course Title	Type
Foudation Course: Development Studies and International Cooperation	Mandatory
Sustainable Development Theory, Policies and Practice	Mandatory
Migration and its link to Peace, Security, and Sustainable Development Agenda	Optional
Food Security	Optional
Research Methodology	Mandatory
Sustainable Development Goals	Mandatory
Global Governance	Mandatory
International Law, Borders and Conflicts	Optional

Course Title	Type
Climate Change and Human Mobility	Optional
Gender and peacebuilding	Optional
Cimate Adaptation and Justice	Optional
Introduction to the United Nations System	Mandatory
World Politics	Mandatory
Globalization and Human Rights	Optional
Conflict Resolution and Crisis Management	Mandatory
Human Rights, Internet and Sustainable Development	Optional

Course Title	Type
Demographic Change, Migration and Conflict	Optional
UN Environmental Diplomacy and Sustainable Development	Optional
Workshop on Negotiation and Mediation	Optional
Diplomacy in the 21st century	Mandatory
Fundraising for Sustainable Development	Optional
Sustainable Tourism	Optional
Independent Research Project	Mandatory

Certificate in Development Studies and Diplomacy: Online

Students can obtain the Certificate in Development Studies and Diplomacy upon successful completion of 11 credits.

$3,550
Tuition fee

Course Title	Type
Development Studies and International Cooperation	Mandatory
Global Governance	Mandatory
Conflict Resolution and Crisis Management	Mandatory
Diplomacy in the 21st century	Mandatory

Optional Field Visit to Geneva and 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 will spend 3 days in Geneva (Switzerland) and 2 days in The Hague (Netherlands).

The fee of the five-day field trip is $1,500. The fee does not include travel, accommodation, food or visa expenses.

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