M.A. in International Law and Diplomacy
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About the Programme

The Master of Arts in International Law and Diplomacy (online and hybrid formats) is a graduate programme permitting students to specialize in the interface between international law and diplomacy. It will not only broaden students’ knowledge in the field of international law and its various foundational dimensions but will also equip them with knowledge and skills to work in the field of diplomacy and related international careers.

During this programme, students will analyse the different dimensions of international law including those related to law-making, armed conflicts, human rights, economic relations, territorial and maritime disputes, environmental disputes as well as those related to the theory and practice of diplomacy in the 21st century including dispute settlement and conflict resolution. Students will also attend skills development sessions that are designed to support their professional career and employability.

This master’s degree offered by two UN entities (University for Peace and United Nations Institute for Training and Research) combines the best of academic and executive-style education. Students will also gain first-hand experience of the work of the United Nations (UN) as they will have the opportunity to participate in a field trip to Geneva and The Hague where the UN maintains a significant presence.
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 international law, international affairs and diplomacy.

Who is it for?

The programme is designed for graduate students, diplomats, government officers, NGO representatives, international civil servants or private law practitioners willing to strengthen their knowledge in international law, dispute settlement, international affairs management and diplomacy.

BENEFIT FROM HIGHLY EXPERIENCED EXPERTS

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

VISIT THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE UN

It includes a field trip to Geneva and The Hague, where students will participate in skills-based sessions for a successful international career.

BENEFIT FROM INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

This programme connects different dimensions of international law and diplomacy to provide holistic knowledge and to advance students’ understanding of cross-cutting issues related to the promotion of the rule of law, human rights, peace and security.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FLEXIBLE LEARNING METHODS

It allows students to accommodate their needs for flexibility by offering diverse optional modules and weekly seminars.

AFTER THE PROGRAMME

Careers in this field can be very broad. Prospective employers include governments, international and regional organizations, regional and international courts, law firms, academia and the non-governmental sector.
**Duration**

Students must complete the Master of Arts in International Law and Diplomacy (online and hybrid) within 4 semesters.

**Format**

The Master of Arts in International Law and Diplomacy (online) will be implemented online. All subjects will be hosted on UPEACE’s Virtual Learning Environment.

The Master of Arts in International Law and Diplomacy (hybrid) will be implemented partly on-campus at UPEACE in San Jose, Costa Rica (first semester) and online (second, third and fourth semesters). All online courses will be hosted on UPEACE’s Virtual Learning Environment.

Students can also enroll in any of the individual courses offered by the Online Programmes. Students enrolling in and successfully completing individual courses for credits will obtain a certificate of completion and upon request, an academic transcript. Students enrolling in and successfully completing individual courses without credits will obtain a certificate of completion.

**Learning Objectives**

At the end of the programme, students should:

- Have a deep understanding of the theory and practice of international law;
- Be able to participate in different processes of law making, implementing and enforcement in promoting the rule of law at different levels, especially regionally and internationally;
- Have a deep understanding of the theory and practice of diplomacy;
- Be able to appraise the nexus between international law, diplomacy, the UN System and current contemporary challenges;
- Be able to apply key soft skills in an international working environment.
About UNITAR’s Work on Multilateral Diplomacy and International Law

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 and in the field of international law, the overall efficiency of the multilateral system.
M.A. in International Law and Diplomacy: Online

Students can obtain the MA in International Law and Diplomacy (online) 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’ (29 credits) in the list below. In addition, students must take optional courses (7 credits) from the list, before completing their final graduation project (IRP).

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*UN staff will be eligible for a 20% waiver ($2,200.00). Therefore UN staff will pay $8,800.00. Tuition Fees: for 9 week courses with 3 Credits: $950.00 per course. For 6 week courses with 2 Credits: $700.00 per course.

UPEACE 33 credits + UNITAR 9 credits = $11,000.00* TUITION
Students can obtain the MA in International Law and Diplomacy (Hybrid) 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 first semester courses marked as ‘Mandatory’ in the list below on the UPEACE main campus in Costa Rica from August to December. Students in the hybrid modality must complete the rest of the programme online within 3 semesters. In the hybrid modality, students will complete on-campus mandatory courses (14 credits) and online mandatory courses (13 credits), for a total of 27 credits of mandatory courses. In addition, students must take optional courses (9 credits) from the list, before completing their final graduation project (IRP).

### Credits and Enrollment Fees

Students can obtain the MA in International Law and Diplomacy (Hybrid) 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 first semester courses marked as ‘Mandatory’ in the list below on the UPEACE main campus in Costa Rica from August to December. Students in the hybrid modality must complete the rest of the programme online within 3 semesters. In the hybrid modality, students will complete on-campus mandatory courses (14 credits) and online mandatory courses (13 credits), for a total of 27 credits of mandatory courses. In addition, students must take optional courses (9 credits) from the list, before completing their final graduation project (IRP).

#### UPEACE

33 credits

#### UNITAR

9 credits

Total: $13,000.00*

Tuition

*UN staff will be eligible for a 20% waiver ($2,600.00). Therefore UN staff will pay $10,400.00.

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Public International Law | On-campus | Mandatory |
United Nation System | On-campus | Mandatory |
International Human Rights Law | On-campus | Mandatory |
Universal Human Rights System | On-campus | Mandatory |
Law Related to Armed Conflict I (Jus ad Bellum) | On-campus | Mandatory |
Law Related to Armed Conflict II (Jus in Bello) | On-campus | Mandatory |
International Criminal Law | Online | Optional |
Law of Treaties | Online | Mandatory |
International Environmental Law | Online | Optional |
Transitional Justice | Online | Optional |
International Law and Diplomacy | Online | Mandatory |
Regional Human Rights Systems | Online | Optional |
World Politics | Online | Optional |
International and Transnational Adjudication | Online | Optional |
Globalization and Human Rights | Online | Optional |
International Economic Law | Online | Optional |
Human Rights Reporting, Monitoring, and Evaluation | Online | Optional |
Maritime and Territorial Dispute Settlement | Online | Optional |
Workshop on Negotiation and Mediation Skills | Online | Mandatory |
Law of International Organizations | Online | Mandatory |
Rule of Law | Online | Mandatory |
Independent Research Project | Online | Mandatory |

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Human Rights Reporting, Monitoring, and Evaluation | Online | Optional |
Maritime and Territorial Dispute Settlement | Online | Optional |
Workshop on Negotiation and Mediation Skills | Online | Mandatory |
Law of International Organizations | Online | Mandatory |
Rule of Law | Online | Mandatory |
Independent Research Project | Online | Mandatory |
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.
Required supporting document

- English Proficiency Test Scores Report (TOEFL, IELTS)
- Statement of Purpose
- Two letters of recommendation
- Official Undergraduate (Bachelor’s Degree) Transcripts and Degree Certificate
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Copy of Passport

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