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# Peace Studies

MPhil in Conflict Resolution  
and Reconciliation



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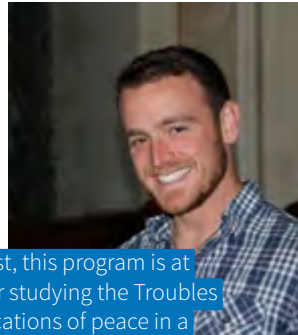
Trinity College Dublin is Ireland's leading university and is recognised as one of the top universities in the world. Trinity was founded in 1592, and today the university is a cosmopolitan community of students from around the world. The Trinity Library is one of the world's great research libraries.



## Peace Studies in Trinity College Dublin

Peace Studies in Trinity College Dublin seeks to understand the sources of conflict and how to resolve it through peacemaking and peacebuilding. Peace Studies in TCD includes three postgraduate programmes: the MPhil in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation (based in Belfast), the MPhil in International Peace Studies and the Postgraduate Diploma in Conflict and Dispute Resolution Studies (both based in Dublin). We also supervise PhD and MLitt students conducting research on a wide range of peace and conflict related issues.

Peace Studies is part of the School of Religion in Trinity College Dublin. The School consists of two disciplines: 1) Peace Studies, and 2) Religious Studies. The School is committed to interdisciplinarity, academic rigour and public engagement. The School of Religion in Trinity College Dublin tackles some of the big questions facing humanity by seeking to understand the roles of peace and conflict, religion and theology in both their historical settings and contemporary life.



“Based in Belfast, this program is at ground zero for studying the Troubles and the ramifications of peace in a post-conflict society. The professors and coursework are foremost in the field and challenge you to go beyond assumptions, and the community and staff make you feel at home. All of this, while being immersed in an environment where you live and experience the effects of post-conflict everyday make for a deeply meaningful and constructive education.”

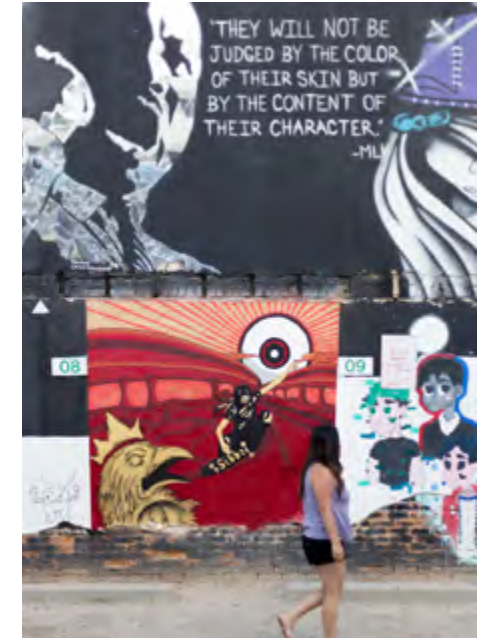
*Peter Kiernan, MPhil in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation – Trinity College Alumni*



## MPhil in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation

The MPhil in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation is based in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and provides an opportunity to study the dynamics of peace and conflict within a society grappling with an on-going peace process. Taught modules focus on topics such as conflict resolution and conflict transformation, mediation skills, transitional justice and reconciliation. Students may also take modules taught in Dublin. A distinctive feature of the programme involves service-learning through placements with community-based organisations working directly to transform conflict in a divided society. The programme also includes field trips within Northern Ireland and to the UN in Geneva.

Northern Ireland faces many social and political challenges as it emerges from decades of violence. Yet Belfast is a vibrant city, undergoing an exciting transformation. The city provides a unique backdrop to the MPhil, allowing students to immerse themselves



in a society dealing with the challenges and opportunities of conflict transformation. Offering an inter-disciplinary approach to the challenges of political and social reconciliation in the aftermath of armed conflict, this MPhil combines high-quality academic education with practical understanding and on-the-ground learning.

## Programme structure and assessment

The duration of the programme is one year full-time and two years part-time. Taught modules are provided over two terms (September to December and January to April). Students then pursue independent research on a relevant topic of their choice for the MPhil dissertation. Students are assessed for six taught modules and the MPhil dissertation.



### Admission Requirements

The MPhil in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation welcomes students from a wide variety of disciplines and backgrounds. Applicants must have achieved at least an upper second class honours degree or the equivalent of a GPA of 3.2 on their primary degree. Students not meeting these criteria may exceptionally be considered at the discretion of the Dean of Graduate Studies.

### Career Opportunities

Our graduates find employment in a wide range of careers, such as: conflict resolution and mediation, peacebuilding, human rights, international development, NGOs and the non-profit sector, advocacy and activism, the public sector and government, diplomacy, the United Nations and international organisations, research, teaching, journalism, academia and law.

### Scholarships

Some scholarships are available on a competitive basis to postgraduate students (both taught and research degrees) in Peace Studies. Please see [www.tcd.ie/religion/postgraduate/scholarships](http://www.tcd.ie/religion/postgraduate/scholarships)

### How to apply

If you are interested in any of these programmes please contact the Senior Executive Officer, School of Religion at [srpostgrad@tcd.ie](mailto:srpostgrad@tcd.ie). You can apply online directly through the School of Religion website at [www.tcd.ie/religion/postgraduate/pgstudiespeace/](http://www.tcd.ie/religion/postgraduate/pgstudiespeace/) or by choosing the School of Religion on the following link [www.tcd.ie/courses/postgraduate/faculty](http://www.tcd.ie/courses/postgraduate/faculty)

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