

Conflict Resolution & Reconciliation M.Phil

At Trinity College Dublin in Belfast

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What is the course about?

Conflict resolution is about how to make peace between warring parties. Reconciliation is about how societies recover and rebuild relationships after violence. These topics are part of the field of Peace Studies.

Peace is an ancient concept, but the formal study of peace is relatively recent. Peace Studies seeks to understand the causes of violent conflict and how to resolve it peacefully. It's a growing a field, and as urgent now as it has ever been.



Modules are taught primarily through weekly classes in Belfast. They include:

- Dynamics of Reconciliation
- Peace and Justice in Palestine
- Contemporary Conflict and Peacemaking: Global Perspectives
- Conflict and Peace in Northern Ireland
- Mediation and Peacebuilding Skills
- Community Learning (placement)
- Research Skills

Who is the programme for?

This course combines academic theory, skills, and experience and is designed for anyone who wants to deepen their understanding of conflict resolution and reconciliation. Applicants with undergraduate degrees in any discipline are welcome.



Teaching Team



Dr. David Mitchell

Areas of expertise:

- Peacebuilding & reconciliation
- Northern Ireland politics & peace processes
- Comparative peace processes & post-conflict societies



Dr. Brendan Ciaran Browne

Areas of expertise:

- Post-conflict justice
- Settler colonialism & resistance in Palestine
- Transitional justice & forced displacement

"Trinity M.Phil in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation offers the perfect blend of individualisation you look for in any bespoke academic experience and the expertise you expect from a top international university. I can't think of a better place to study peace and conflict, and I'm certain there isn't a better group of people to support you on that journey."

A.J. Pruitt, student

CAREER

Our graduates are scattered across the globe, helping build a more peaceful and sustainable future in areas such as:

- Grassroots non-governmental organisations
- International non-governmental organisations
- Government, international organisations, and diplomacy
- Journalism
- Law
- PhD research



Studying in Belfast

This course offers a unique opportunity to study conflict resolution in Belfast, a city shaped by one of the most significant peace accords of recent decades. Belfast is a vibrant, transforming city where peace remains imperfect, providing an unparalleled living context for critical study.

Trinity College Dublin's Belfast campus offers a close-knit, supportive learning environment with specialist library resources, dedicated staff and researchers. Students also have access to study spaces, sports facilities, clubs and societies through nearby Queen's University Belfast.

"After covering conflicts in several regions for two decades as a journalist, I plan to delve deeply into issues pertaining to conflict, gender, identity and nationalism through research work, and this course sets the perfect path for that. The curriculum has the perfect blend for focusing on local and global issues and is extremely relevant for both fresh graduates in politics, law, and international relations; and practitioners including journalists, human rights activists, and lawyers"

Sonia Sarkar, Graduate

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