



Trinity College Dublin
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The University of Dublin

Peace Studies

MPhil in International
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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.



"The MPhil in International Peace Studies is unique: the modules I got to pick were fascinating and the materials/sources used very inspiring! The Programme allows you to be an independent thinker while being patiently accompanied by the staff to fulfill your true potential as a critical yet open-minded thinker: key values in order to become an active agent of change in our society today. I can honestly say that studying at Trinity College Dublin for one year was one of the greatest learning experiences I've had."

Carmel Irandoust, MPhil in International Peace Studies – Trinity College Alumni



MPhil in International Peace Studies

The MPhil in International Peace Studies examines the causes and consequences of war and armed conflict, with a view to understanding how to achieve sustainable peace. Lectures and seminars explore and discuss conflict analysis and peacebuilding, conflict resolution and mediation, nonviolence, gender, human rights, international development, the role of religion and other topics relevant to understanding the dynamics of peace and conflict. Lecturers draw on interdisciplinary perspectives from political science, international relations, philosophy, sociology, ethics and conflict resolution, allowing students to engage critically with the social, political and economic issues associated with peace and conflict.

There is an opportunity for a three-month internship with an NGO, government agency or international institution. The programme also includes field trips to Belfast and to the UN in Geneva. Students may also take modules taught as part of the MPhil in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation in Belfast.

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 International Peace Studies 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

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. You can apply online directly through the School of Religion website at www.tcd.ie/religion/postgraduate/pgstudiespeace/ or by choosing the School of Religion on the following link www.tcd.ie/courses/postgraduate/faculty/

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