

Peace, Conflict and Security Studies

Blanquerna-Institute for Economics & Peace (IEP)



3 reasons to choose this Master

1 Professional
internships provided by the Faculty in leading companies in the sector

2 Faculty
made up of outstanding active professionals

3 With institutional support



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Calendar: Starts: october. Ends: july

Schedule: monday to thursday:
6:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Credits: 60 ECTS

Presentation

This program provides students with theoretical frameworks and methodological tools to analyse and understand key issues concerning peace and conflicts. Students will acquire essential skills which will enable them to build up a career as practitioners or researchers in the areas of conflict analysis, arms control, international security, conflict prevention, peacemaking and peacebuilding. The program explores cross-cutting conflict issues and core challenges to peace sustainability from different perspectives.

The Master has been designed in collaboration with the Institute for Economics and Peace and will be taught with the participation of IEP experts as well as professors from Blanquerna-Ramon Llull University and other leading institutions. The Institute for Economics and Peace is the world's leading think tank dedicated to developing metrics to analyse peace and to quantify its economic value.

Main objectives

The main objectives of the course are to enhance the ability of students:

- To identify, review and critically analyse a wide range of sources on peace, security and conflict.
- To gain in-depth knowledge on the main theories on root causes of conflicts and cultures of violence.
- To explore conditions for sustainable peace and to learn about successful peacebuilding initiatives.
- To critically engage with peace and security policies at an international level using a comparative perspective.

- To acquire and put into practice conflict resolution, negotiation and mediation skills.

Career opportunities

- Working for governmental institutions (diplomatic corps and foreign affairs services, international organisations, peace missions).
- Working for non-governmental organisations in the areas of peace research and education, conflict resolution, non-violence, culture of peace, etc.
- Working for think tanks, international media and policy institutes.



Professional approach

- Faculty with a wide professional experience in disarmament, conflict management, election assistance and monitoring, conflict resolution, post-conflict peacebuilding and peace activism.
- Close cooperation with specialized institutions and organisations.
- Best professional practices.
- Networking.

An excellent education

- Professional specialisation.
- High demand in the labour market.
- Professional orientation at the end of the Master's degree.
- Support from Blanquerna Alumni.

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Degree Program

I. Introduction to Peace and Security Studies (12 ECTS)

- Theories on Conflict, Violence and Peace (2 ECTS)
- Peace and Security (3 ECTS)
- Positive Peace and Peace Culture (2 ECTS)
- Economics, Development and Conflict (3 ECTS)
- War & Peace: Historical and Philosophical Foundations (2 ECTS)

II. Peacebuilding (12 ECTS)

- Conflict Resolution, Mediation and Negotiation Skills (3 ECTS)
- International Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding Missions (2 ECTS)
- Reconciliation, Transitional Justice and Sustainable Peace (3 ECTS)
- Elections, Democracy and Peace (2 ECTS)
- Gender Dimension in Conflict and Peacebuilding (2 ECTS)

III. Conflict and Peace Cross-cutting Issues (12 ECTS)

- Disarmament and Arms Control (2 ECTS)
- Peace and Non-Violence Education (2 ECTS)
- Indigenous and Local Perspectives on War and Peace (2 ECTS)
- Climate change and Conflicts (2 ECTS)
- Regional Conflict Analysis (4 ECTS)

IV. Professional Internship (12 ECTS)

- Professional Internship (12 ECTS)

V. Research Methodology (12 ECTS)

- Research Methodology in Peace Studies and Conflict Analysis (2 ECTS)
- Final Master Project (10 ECTS)

Faculty

Sonia Andolz, Msc Cultural & Social Anthropology; Msc Migration and Refugee Studies (Oxford University).

José Alberto Azaredo Lopes, former Minister of Defence of Portugal.

Farid Benavides, PhD in Political Science and Law. Former Deputy Minister of Justice, Government of Colombia.

Ingeborg Breines, Former director of UNESCO. Former co-president International Peace Bureau.

Jordi Calvo Rufanges, PhD in Peace, Conflicts and Development. Coordinator-researcher of Centre d'Estudis per la Pau JM Delàs and Vice-president of the International Peace Bureau.

Blanca Camps, Researcher and PhD Candidate in Politics, Policies and International Relations.

Albert Caramés, Associate Consultant at the International Institute of Nonviolent Action (NOVACT), member of the board of International Peace Bureau.

Aude Fleurant, Director of the Arms and Military Expenditure Programme of Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).

Felipe Gómez Isa, Professor of Public International Law and researcher at the Institute of Human Rights of the University of Deusto.

Steve Killelea, founder and Executive Chairman of the Institute for Economics and Peace.

Òscar Mateos, Professor and Researcher at Blanquerna School of Communication & International Relations. CIDOB associate researcher and board member of the International Catalan Institute for Peace.

Mark Owen, Director Centre of Religion, Reconciliation and Peace, University of Winchester.

John Packer, Associate Professor of Law and Director of the Human Rights Research and Education Centre

(HRREC) and Inaugural Neuberger-Jesin Professor of International Conflict Resolution at the University of Ottawa. Former expert of the UN Mediation Team and former director of the OSCE HCNM.

Alejandro Pozo, PhD in Peace and Conflict Studies, Senior Research on Humanitarian Affairs at Doctors Without Borders.

José Ángel Ruiz Jiménez, Professor in the Department of History at the University of Granada. Member of Instituto de la Paz y los Conflictos de la Universidad de Granada.

Onno Serro, director of the Degree in International Relations. Blanquerna School of Communication & International Relations, Ramon Llull University.

Eduard Soler, Research coordinator and senior researcher CIDOB.

Serge Stroobants, former Colonel in the Belgian army; Holds degrees from the Belgian Royal Military Academy, Free University of Brussels, Université Jean Moulin Lyon III (France), the German General Staff College and Vesalius College.

Jordi Urgell, Deputy Director and researcher at Escola Cultura de Pau.

Francesc Vendrell i Vendrell, Diplomat and Former Special Representative of the UN Secretary General to El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala, East-Timor; former EU Representative to Afghanistan.

Lurdes Vidal, Head of the Arab and Mediterranean World Department at European Institute of the Mediterranean.

Maria Vilellas, Researcher at the peacebuilding unit, Escola de Cultura de Pau. Member of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF). Tom Woodhouse, Emeritus Professor Department of Peace Studies and founding director of the Centre for Conflict Resolution (University of Bradford).