

GLOBAL CONFLICT AND PEACE PROCESSES (MSc/PgDip/PgCert)

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Duration: 12 months full-time or 24 months part-time (MSc); 9 months full-time (PgDip); 4 months full-time (PgCert).

Aims: The degree is designed for students wishing to develop an advanced knowledge of the intellectual terrain of intrastate conflict and contemporary approaches to the management of violent conflict. The programme will familiarise students with the theoretical and methodological insights from the fields of sociology, anthropology, political science and human rights. It analyses a range of international peace processes, themselves well known, in which these themes are explored empirically - Northern Ireland, Bosnia, Lebanon, Sierra Leone. The degree works both as a stand-alone programme for students wishing to enhance their knowledge of this area to an advanced level, as well as providing the necessary bases for students wishing to pursue PhD and related studies in sociology.

Content:

FULL TIME ROUTE

Stage 1

- SO5011 Qualitative Sociology: Philosophy and Methods (30 credit points)
- SO5014 Advanced Social Theory (30 credit points)

Stage 2

- SO5526 Global Conflict and Peace Processes (30 credit points)

One specialist option (related to dissertation topic) (30 credit points) from the list below:

- SO5512 Dimensions of Globalization (30 credit points)
- SO5514 Religious belief and practice in the modern world (30 credit points)
- SO5515 The Comparative Study of European Societies (30 credit points)
- SO5519 Sex, Gender, Violence: Critical Approaches (30 credit points).
- SO5523 Quantitative Sociology: Philosophy & Methods (30 credit points)
- SO5525 Post-Conflict Justice and Peacebuilding (30 credit points)

Stage 3

- SO5912 Dissertation in Global Conflict and Peace Processes (60 credit points)

Assessment: Assessment methods vary from course to course and include essays, reports, exercises and presentations. Courses are generally 100% continuous assessment. The degree of MSc shall not be awarded to a candidate who fails to achieve a CGS Grade of D3 or above in the Dissertation, irrespective of their performance in other courses.

PART TIME ROUTE

This route will run over two years. Students can take up to 120 credit points in a single year. SO5912 must be taken in Year 2. The following courses are compulsory and can be taken in either Year 1 or Year 2:

- SO5011 Qualitative Sociology: Philosophy and Methods (30 credit points)
- SO5014 Advanced Social Theory (30 credit points)
- SO5526 Global Conflict and Peace Processes (30 credit points)

Plus one specialist option (related to dissertation topic) (30 credit points) from the list below:

SO5512 Dimensions of Globalization (30 credit points)
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SO5519 Sex, Gender, Violence: Critical Approaches (30 credit points).
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