

POST-CONFLICT JUSTICE AND PEACEBUILDING (MSc/PgDip/PgCert)
57L3PCB1/61L3PCVX/62L3PCVZ

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 post-conflict justice and peacebuilding and their contribution to sustainable peace and reconciliation between groups after conflict. It familiarises students with the central theoretical, conceptual, and empirical dimensions of post-conflict justice and peacebuilding as they have expanded and developed over the past twenty years. It also addresses the mechanisms by which justice is claimed to assist peacebuilding and reconciliation - memory, truth recovery, forgiveness and reparations – and examines the intersections between these two fields. As such, it subjects the processes of post-conflict justice and peacebuilding to critical reflection by considering the boundaries and interactions between the two, the limits to and challenges of administering mechanisms for justice and peace in conflict-affected societies, and the ongoing challenges for both of local ownership, evaluation, and sustainability. The degree works both as a stand-alone programme for students wishing to enhance their knowledge of this area to an advanced level in order to pursue a career in post-conflict justice and peacebuilding, as well as providing the necessary bases for students wishing to pursue PhD and related studies in transitional justice, peacebuilding, or reconciliation studies in the social sciences.

Content:

FULL TIME ROUTE

Stage 1

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

Stage 2

SO5525 Post-Conflict Justice and Peacebuilding (30 credit points)

One Specialist Option, Related to Dissertation Topic (30 credit points) from the following:

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

Stage 3

SO5911 Dissertation in Post-Conflict Justice and Peacebuilding (60 credit points)

PART TIME ROUTE

This route will run over two years. Students can take up to 120 credit points in a single year. SO5911 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)
SO5525 Post-Conflict Justice and Peacebuilding (30 credit points)

Plus one Specialist Option, Related to Dissertation Topic (30 credit points) from the following:

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

Assessment: Assessment methods vary from course to course and include essays, reports, exercises and presentations. Courses are generally 100% continuous assessment. Students can obtain a Postgraduate Certificate on satisfactory completion of modules to the value of 60 credit points, or a Diploma in Post-Conflict Justice and Peacebuilding should they exit with modules worth 120 credit points passed successfully. The MSc in Post-Conflict Justice and Peacebuilding requires the student to pass the dissertation and the four module courses. 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.