

PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES

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Master's Degree Programme in Peace and Conflict Transformation

This unique master's programme offers you the opportunity to focus on non-violent forms of conflict resolution and on how to build peace by peaceful means.

The first students were admitted to the peace studies programme in Tromsø in August 2002. This manifested the realisation of the dreams and ambitions of those who had quietly worked for a higher education in peace.

While traditional peace research focuses on violence and its consequences, peace studies in Tromsø takes a different perspective. It emphasises non-violent conflict handling and explores possibilities for reducing violence.

Let's give peace a chance

Tromsø's position in the peaceful Far North provides students with a unique context to study peace. This is a region with a history of peaceful co-existence of complex ethnic and cultural identities. Non-violent handling of conflicts has been an important experience in the region throughout its history.

The perspective of our master's programme is clearly global; we attract students from all over the world. Our students bring their individual history and diverse ethnic and cultural experiences to the programme.

Course outline

Being a peace student in Tromsø means that you will apply your ability to handle conflicts and problems as you learn theoretically about them.

During the first year, teaching is intensive; the theoretical and methodological dimensions of topics, such as conflict, violence, conflict management and peace are emphasised.

The second year focuses mainly on the individual student's project. You may design your project depending on your personal interests. It is also possible to do fieldwork up to three months to support this

individual research project.

Professional prospects

Our students have been recruited to interesting jobs, nationally and internationally.

They are now working within the diplomatic services, governmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as teachers and researchers.

Learning outcomes

The MPCT is designed to provide students with in-depth knowledge and understanding of the academic field of peace studies, in addition to developing a range of key academic skills, such as:

- General methodological and analytical skills
- Evaluating and applying theoretical knowledge to diverse issues in peace studies
- The ability to design and carry out a research project

Look to Tromsø

The University of Tromsø has approximately 9000 students at undergraduate, Master's and PhD levels. Located at 70 degrees north, it is the northernmost university in the world, and offers studies in most subject areas.

We welcome you to study at the largest research and educational institution in northern Norway, in a region distinguished by its abundance of natural resources, proximity to the polar region, multi-cultural communities, and major export industries.

The university has a national responsibility for the development of research and education in peace and conflict issues, Sámi/indigenous studies, as well as arctic and fishery related studies.

More information about the University of Tromsø
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Admission

The programme aims to recruit applicants from all over the world. 24 students are admitted every August.

Applicants must document at least three years of study at the university level, equivalent to a Bachelor's degree in social sciences, humanities, health studies, law or a closely related field.

Please enclose a statement of purpose together with your application, telling us about your motivation for applying, and why we should admit you to our programme.

Application deadlines

1 December (Quota applicants)
1 February (International applicants)
15 April (Applicants with proficiency in Norwegian)

The Quota Scholarship Programme is open to international applicants from certain geographical areas.

Contact information

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• Information about the Quota Scholarship Programme:
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