

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 conflict resolution and post-conflict peacebuilding. It familiarises students with the central theoretical, conceptual, and empirical dimensions of well-developed approaches conflict resolution (or “peacemaking”) and the more recent mechanisms of post-conflict peacebuilding which have expanded and developed over the past twenty years. It also addresses and examines the intersections between these two areas of study, particularly discussing the interaction and overlap between peacemaking and peacebuilding theory and processes. As such, it subjects the processes of peacemaking and peacebuilding to critical reflection by considering the boundaries and interactions between the two, the limits to and challenges of administering mechanisms for peace, justice and development within 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 Peace and Conflict intervention practice, as well as providing the necessary bases for students wishing to pursue PhD and related studies in Peace and Conflict Studies, conflict resolution or peacebuilding in the social sciences.

Content: Candidates must undertake the following:

FULL TIME ROUTE

Stage 1

PD5506 Getting Started at the University of Aberdeen (0 credit points)
SO5529 Peace and Conflict Studies (30 credit points)

Plus 30 credit points from the following list:

SO5512 Dimensions of Globalization (30 credit points)
SO5515 The Comparative Study of European Societies (30 credit points)
SO5519 Sex, Gender, Violence: Critical Approaches (30 credit points).
SL5512 Advanced Quantitative Methods in Social Science (30 credit points)

Stage 2

SO5919 Dissertation in Peace and Conflict Studies (60 credit points)

Stage 3

SO5014 Advanced Social Theory (30 credit points)
OR
SO5015 Policy Evaluation (30 credit points)

Plus

SL5011 Advanced Qualitative Methods in Social Science (30 credit points)

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Stage 5

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Assessment: Assessment methods vary from course to course and include essays, reports, exercises and presentations. Students can obtain a Postgraduate Certificate on satisfactory completion of modules to the value of 60 credit points, or a Diploma in Peace and Conflict Studies should they exit with modules worth 120 credit points passed successfully. The MSc in Peace and Conflict Studies 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 (SO5916), irrespective of their performance in other courses.