

PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES, M.A.

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Peace and Conflict Studies M.A. Program Information

The Joint Master of Arts Program in Peace and Conflict Studies (JMP-PACS) encompasses the analysis and resolution of social conflicts; peace research that examines the structural roots of social conflicts, divisions, and social inequalities; and strategies for building community and promoting social justice. The Program is intended to be rigorous as the significance of research and intervention for conflict resolution, peace-building, and creating a culture of human rights demands a high standard of commitment, scholarship, and professionalism.

Joint Master's Program

The University of Manitoba and The University of Winnipeg together offer the Joint Master's program, with courses and thesis direction (if applicable) offered at both institutions. Students of a JMP are admitted by the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies at the University of Manitoba. Graduates of Joint Master's programs receive a joint-institution parchment. Students in the JMP may elect to attend the convocation of either of the two participating universities. The programs are governed by the Joint Discipline Committee (JDC) at the department/unit level, consisting of faculty members of both institutions.

Admission Information

Admission to the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

Application and Admission Procedures are found in the Academic Guide (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/application-admission-registration-policies/>).

Admission requirements for Master's students are found in the Master's Degrees General Regulations (https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/masters-degrees-general-regulations/#Admission_FGSMasters) section of the Guide.

Peace and Conflict Studies M.A. Admission Requirements

Applicants require a four-year honours or four-year baccalaureate degree, either: (a) earned in peace and conflict studies, or conflict analysis and resolution; or (b) earned in another related discipline, such as education, law, social work, native studies, political studies, human ecology, human rights, women's studies, and sociology, among others. A high academic

standing in previous university work with a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 in the last 60 credit hours are eligible for admission to a course of study leading to the Master's degree. However, PACS is a highly selective graduate program and applicants should be advised that in order to be competitive for admission, possession of a GPA much higher than the minimum required is strongly recommended.

Appropriate research capability, typically demonstrated by authorship of a major research paper, for example, a senior undergraduate term paper, or thesis, or an article in a refereed publication. Applicants will also have a proficiency in the English language at levels required by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Application Information

Students should complete and submit their online application with supporting documentation by the date indicated on the Peace and Conflict Studies M.A. program of study (<https://umanitoba.ca/explore/programs-of-study/peace-and-conflict-studies-ma/>) page.

Degree Requirements

The Joint M.A. Program in Peace and Conflict Studies has the following requirements:

Thesis Option: Twelve credit hours of core courses*; three credit hours in research methods; three credit hours in a PACS elective or PACS practicum; a thesis proposal and defence, and a thesis examination. The research methods and PACS electives can be taken from a list of PACS approved courses at the 7000 level.

or

Comprehensive Exam Option: twelve credit hours of core courses*; three credit hours in research methods; three credit hours in practicum; twelve credit hours of PACS electives; and a comprehensive examination. The research methods, and PACS electives can be taken from a list of approved courses at the 7000 level.

After the completion of 9 credit hours of coursework within the Program, the student must apply for consideration within either the Thesis route or the Comprehensive Exam route.

Expected Time to Graduate: 2 years

Progression Chart

Thesis Route

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
GRAD 7300	Research Integrity Tutorial	0
GRAD 7500	Academic Integrity Tutorial	0
PEAC 7010	Interpersonal Communication, Problem-Solving, and Trust-building	3
PEAC 7020	Theories of Conflict and Conflict Resolution	3
PEAC 7110	International Human Rights and Human Security	3
PEAC 7120	Peacebuilding and Social Justice	3
PEAC XXXX	PACS Elective Course	3
PEAC 7070	Special Topics in Peace and Conflict Studies 2 ¹	3
Hours		18

Year 2

GRAD 7000	Master's Thesis ²	0
Hours		0
Total Hours		18

¹ Either a PACS research methods course or a research methods course offered by another program (with approval of advisor).

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- Students are expected to produce a thesis proposal subject to a public oral defence.
 - If applicable, Students must obtain approval from the Research Ethics Board (REB), prior to obtaining research.
 - Students must successfully submit and defend their final version of the Thesis.

Comprehensive Exam Route

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
GRAD 7300	Research Integrity Tutorial	0
GRAD 7500	Academic Integrity Tutorial	0
PEAC 7010	Interpersonal Communication, Problem-Solving, and Trust-building	3
PEAC 7020	Theories of Conflict and Conflict Resolution	3
PEAC 7110	International Human Rights and Human Security	3
PEAC 7120	Peacebuilding and Social Justice	3
PEAC XXXX	PACS Elective Courses	6
Hours		18
Year 2		
PEAC XXXX	PACS Elective Courses	6
PEAC 7500	Practicum	3
PEAC 7070	Special Topics in Peace and Conflict Studies ¹	3
GRAD 7010	Comprehensive Examination ²	0
Hours		12
Total Hours		30

¹ Either a PACS research methods course or a research methods course offered by another program (with approval of advisor).

² Students must successfully write and defend their Comprehensive Examination.

Registration Information

Students should familiarize themselves with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies 'GRAD' courses applicable to their program (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/registration-information/>). If you have questions about which GRAD course(s) to register in, please consult your home department/unit.

Prior to registering, all students (new and returning) must meet with their program advisor to select and receive approval for courses to be taken. Any course revisions (additions and/or withdrawals) must be approved in the same manner.

Regulations

Students must meet the requirements as outlined in both Supplementary Regulation and BFAR documents as approved by Senate.

Supplementary Regulations

Individual units may require specific requirements above and beyond those of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, and students should consult unit supplementary regulations (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/supplementary-regulations/>) for these specific regulations.

Bona Fide Academic Requirements (BFAR)

Bona Fide Academic Requirements (BFAR) (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/academic-performance-general/#BFAR>) represent the core academic requirements a graduate student must acquire in order to gain, and demonstrate acquisition of, essential knowledge and skills.

All students must successfully complete:

- GRAD 7300 prior to applying to any ethics boards which are appropriate to the student's research or within the student's first year, whichever comes first; and
- GRAD 7500 within the first term of registration;

unless these courses have been completed previously, as per Mandatory Academic Integrity Course (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/academic-performance-general/#GRAD7500>) and Mandatory Research Integrity Online Course (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/academic-performance-general/#GRAD7300>).

Students must also meet additional BFAR requirements (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/student-experience/core-academic-requirements/#additional-requirements-by-program>) that may be specified for their program.

General Regulations

All students must:

- maintain a minimum degree grade point average of 3.0 with no grade below C+;
- meet the minimum and not exceed the maximum course requirements, and
- meet the minimum and not exceed the maximum time requirements (in terms of time in program and lapse or expiration of credit of courses).