

PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES, M.A.

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).

² • 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 2 ¹	3
GRAD 7010	Comprehensive Examination 2	0
Hours		12
Total Hours		30

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² Students must successfully write and defend their Comprehensive Examination.