



INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY ICU Rotary Peace Center

The ideal candidate holds at least a bachelor's degree or equivalent (preferably in international relations or a related social science), and has international field experience, a clear research topic to explore in the master's program, and a strong commitment to peacebuilding at the national and international levels. Candidates must have at least three years of relevant work experience (the average is nine years). ICU has a focus on global leadership and the United Nations.

"The most remarkable aspect of 'peace studies' is the multidisciplinary nature of the subject. Studying peace literally implies making an academic journey through political science, international relations, public policy, history, economics, psychology, anthropology, sociology, management, and a whole lot of other disciplines. I feel intellectually enriched, having glimpses into almost all the academic disciplines a university can offer." — Abdullah Yusuf (2015-17)

Program overview

Location: Tokyo, Japan

Degree: Master of Arts in Peace Studies

Department: Public Policy and Social Research Program at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Program: ICU was founded on a strong liberal arts tradition, and its Master of Arts in Peace Studies is known as a flexible, interdisciplinary program that enables students to approach peace studies from various fields. Its high academic standards, attractive faculty-to-student ratio, and dialogue-centered approaches across the program make ICU a unique institution not only in Japan, but globally.

Core courses: Peace and conflict studies and development, conflict and peacebuilding

Other courses: Specialized courses in security and conflict resolution, religion, conflict and human security, gender and peace, the psychology of peace and conflict resolution, human rights, international law, environment studies, education, and literacy

Other requirements: Master's thesis and successful completion of thesis evaluation. Selected candidates must submit a thesis proposal when seeking admission.

Notable professors: Osamu Arakaki, Shin Chiba, Shaun K. Malarney, Katsuhiko Mori, Herman Salton, Giorgio Shani, Wilhelm M. Vosse, Motohide Yoshikawa

Partnerships: United Nations University (UNU) Global Seminar, credit transfer for elective courses at UNU; Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS)

Activities: Field trip to Hiroshima, seminars and workshops, briefings on UN human rights protections and emergency preparedness

Length: 22 months, beginning August. Fellows participate in a Japanese language and culture training session before the start of the first semester.

English language requirements: English is the language of instruction. Applicants whose native language is not English must submit either TOEFL scores (paper: 550; internet: 79), or IELTS scores (6.5). Applicants who have completed bachelor's or master's degree work in a college, university, or graduate school where English is the language of instruction are exempt from the testing requirement (official certification may be required in some cases).

Career paths of recent graduates:

- Founder and CEO at The Female Voice
- Anti-trafficking coordinator at the Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault
- Education associate at UNHCR in Malaysia
- Consular affairs officer at the U.S. Department of State
- Executive director at Access to Resources and Microfinancing Initiatives for Social Enterprises
- Brigadier general with the Bangladesh Army
- Advocacy officer at Human Rights Now
- Protection associate at UNHCR in Greece

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