UNIVERSITY OF BRADFORD  
Bradford Rotary Peace Center

The ideal candidate holds a bachelor's degree or equivalent in a relevant academic discipline. Students should demonstrate a capacity for critical independent thinking and possess a commitment to influencing their sociopolitical and economic environment. Candidates should have a minimum of three years of work experience (the average is six years).

“At the University of Bradford, the Peace Studies and International Development department felt like a community. Professors were approachable and always open to discussing issues related to coursework and peace and conflict in general. I feel so lucky to have connected with so many thoughtful, intelligent, and critical thinkers. Interacting with the professors in the department was one of my favorite things about the program.” — Holly White (2016-18)

Program overview

Location: Bradford, England

Degree: Various master’s degree programs offered in the related fields of peace, conflict, security, and development.

Department: The Division of Peace Studies and International Development (PSID), the world’s largest university center for research and courses on peace studies, conflict resolution, and development. PSID is recognized for its influential work with policy, civil society, international organizations, and other groups around the world.

Program: MA in Advanced Practice in Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution; MA in International Relations and Security Studies; MA in Peace Resilience and Social Justice; MSc in Sustainable Development; MA Peace, Conflict, and Development Studies; MSc in Economic and Finance for Development; MSc in Project Planning and Management

Core classes: Fragile States and the Security-Development Nexus; The African Study Visit; Applied Conflict Resolution; Cities in Conflict; Gender, Conflict, and Development; Issues in Development Theory and Practice; Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding; Religions, Conflict, and Peacemaking; International Politics and Security Studies; Critical Perspectives in Sustainable Development; Applied Conflict Research; Studying Peace in a Changing World; The International System in Theory and Context. Please note the modules are subject to change.

Additional required courses: Core modules by program, as well as a 15,000-word thesis

Notable professors: Christoph Bluth, Neil Cooper, Owen Greene, Fiona Macaulay, Behrooz Morvaridi, Donna Pankhurst, Munro Price, Paul Rogers (Emeritus Professor), Afshin Shahi, and Tom Woodhouse (Emeritus Professor)

Activities: Study visits to Africa, Northern Ireland, Oslo and The Hague, conflict sensitivity training, and a crisis game of simulated conflict management (see video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=122OiQ6l0rU)

Length: 15 months beginning September

Postgraduate students: 120-140 master's level students in the division. An average class size is 25.

English language requirements: English is the language of instruction. All applicants whose first language is not English must submit either TOEFL scores (internet: 80; listening 17, reading 18, speaking 20, writing 17) or an IELTS score of 6 (5.5 minimum in each section).

Career paths of recent graduates:
• Civilian protection monitor at the Nonviolent Peaceforce in Philippines
• Food security and livelihoods technical adviser at Save the Children in Lebanon
• Director of programs at the PeaceJam Foundation
• Executive director at A Global Voice for Autism
• Research assistant at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute
• Track II mediation program manager at the Search for Common Ground
• Program coordinator at UNICEF

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