

INTERNATIONAL MASTER'S DEGREE IN CONFLICTOLOGY

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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The establishment of this special Master's Degree in Conflictology between the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Open University of Catalonia (UOC) is an initiative of great significance. The Master's programme recognises the growing importance of building strong strategic and privileged partnerships between academic institutions and the United Nations in a view to strengthening capacities for peace. It directly supports the mandate of UNITAR to enhance the effectiveness of the work of the United Nations and its Member States.

Over the last fifty years, UNITAR has grown to become a respected service provider in professional, executive-type courses. With over 27,000 beneficiaries annually, UNITAR delivers innovative and cutting-edge training to develop the capacities of beneficiaries. The partnership of UNITAR and UOC will provide peacekeepers, civil servants, civil society representatives and

interested parties with the possibility to upgrade their studies and training with a formally recognised degree.

This Master's programme is perfectly suited to the needs of beneficiaries interested in developing their knowledge on armed conflicts, conflict transformation and the maintenance of peace and security in general. With its à la carte selection of courses from UOC and UNITAR, the Master's Degree combines the best of university education and UN executive training.

We look forward to working with our partners so that the Master's Degree may grow into a recognised and valued resource in achieving effective capacity building for peace operations.



Ms. Sally Fegan-Wyles



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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

MR. EDUARD VINYAMATA
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The collaboration agreement with UNITAR covering the School for Cooperation (International Graduate Institute) programmes and, more specifically, the Master's Degree courses in Conflictology in Spanish and English is the result of an amicable and fruitful relationship. For the UOC, it represents recognition of the fact that it shares with the United Nations both its ideals and an undertaking to improve peace processes through scientific and academic development of conflict resolution from the perspective of innovation and a commitment to peace and human development.

Over the last 16 years, the UOC has pioneered virtual university studies and attracted some 70,000 students from around the world.

The University uses Catalan, Spanish,

English and French as it expands on the web with a commitment to multilingualism.

We share education through our respective programmes and through our faculty and students. This will no doubt have an impact on improving peace processes in the world, forming an alliance between executive training and peace-building professionals' contribution at universities.



Mr. Eduard Vinyamata



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AN INNOVATIVE MASTER'S DEGREE

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF CATALONIA JOIN FORCES? AN INNOVATIVE MASTER'S DEGREE FOR PROFESSIONALS

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Open University of Catalonia (UOC) have joined forces to create a unique International Master's Degree in Conflictology for professionals working in the field of peace and security. This Master's programme is designed to enable candidates to upgrade their studies and professional experience with a formally-recognised degree awarded by the Open University of Catalonia. The Master's is an innovative degree in which students explore conflicts on different levels, ranging from the family to the professional levels, and reaching up the international level.



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The Open University of Catalonia (UOC) is an internationally-renowned online university which offers courses and degrees with the benefits of personalized studies, flexibility, accessibility and collaboration. The UOC is a leader and innovator in education and technology, and is a

benchmark for quality in its academic work and research in e-learning based on Information and Communication Technologies (ICT).

UOC

More than 60,000 registered students in 87 countries;

Close to 3,000,000 users of its virtual campus;

Excellent university education.



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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Established in 1965, UNITAR is a training arm of the United Nations, which provides professional, executive-type courses mainly to government officials in the fields of Environment; Peace, Security and Diplomacy; and Governance. Last year, close to 27,000 people benefited from UNITAR's training

activities.

The UNITAR Peacekeeping Training Programme offers a systematic and comprehensive preparation programme to civilian, military and police personnel.

UNITAR

Close to 27,000 beneficiaries in 2012 on the full range of UNITAR activities;

Cutting-edge training for civilian, military and police personnel;

Almost 50 years of experience.

WHY UNDERTAKE MASTER'S STUDY

A Master's Degree is a valuable qualification that provides multiple benefits. Candidates who choose to pursue post-graduate studies in Conflictology may seek to:

1

Acquire up-to-date and advanced knowledge on issues related to peace and conflict.

2

Develop transferable knowledge and skills, thus facilitating the recruitment in international, regional and national bodies, non-governmental organizations, and/or consultancy firms.

3

Learn about cutting-edge methods and strategies to implement effective conflict prevention and conflict resolution programmes at different levels.

4

Receive a degree from an accredited university to advance in their careers.



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DESCRIPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL MASTER'S DEGREE

Conflicts are everywhere...
but solutions exist!

The International Master's Degree in Conflictology presents empirical knowledge and insight on conflict resolution, transformation, mediation and management, for conflicts of all importance, be they interpersonal or global.

Practitioners and academics from prestigious universities, the United Nations and peace research institutes guide participants through the virtual learning environment, enabling them to learn about the peaceful resolution of conflicts and prepare for professional practice. This programme trains participants in all applications of conflictology and facilitates the development of professional projects by giving participants access to the largest network of people working to promote peace.

OBJECTIVES

At the end of the Master's Degree, students will be able to:

- Analyse the nature and characteristics of contemporary conflicts at different levels;
- Access information and knowledge to develop efficient intervention programmes;
- Synthesise techniques and strategies for non-violent intervention;
- Formulate a plan of action for peaceful interventions, both for the prevention of conflicts and for their resolution;
- Lead and facilitate negotiation and mediation processes, at the family, professional and international levels.

REQUIREMENTS

DEPENDING ON THEIR NEEDS AND INTERESTS, CANDIDATES MAY DECIDE TO APPLY FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS.

MASTER'S DEGREE IN CONFLICTOLOGY

To receive the Master's Degree in Conflictology, issued by the UOC in partnership with UNITAR, candidates must complete the following courses equivalent to 60 ECTS (1500 hours) in no more than two years.

UNITAR COURSES:

- Introduction to Peace Operations
- History of UN Peace Operations
- Conflict Analysis
- Conflict Resolution
- Human Security in the Practice of Peace Operations

UOC COURSES:

- Philosophy of Peace
- Media and Peace Building
- Crisis Management
- Economy and Conflict
- Deconstructing the War
- The Intercultural/Ethnic Conflict and the Management of Diversity
- Family Mediation

- Non-violence
- Business Mediation
- Implementation of Conflict Strategy in Workplace and Commercial Conflicts
- Business Ethics
- Mandate Evaluation
- Postgraduate Project
- Master Project

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PEACEKEEPING AND PEACEBUILDING

This postgraduate qualification is exclusive to UNITAR and based entirely on UNITAR courses. Contrary to the Master's Degree and the other qualifications offered by UNITAR and the UOC, it is not accredited by the UOC.

To receive the Postgraduate Diploma in Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding, candidates must complete the following courses in no more than two years.

- Introduction to Peace Operations
- History of UN Peace Operations
- Conflict Analysis
- Conflict Resolution
- Transitional Justice
- Natural Resources Management
- Gender, Peacebuilding and Security
- Leadership in Peace Operation

Students will also have to choose one optional course selected among the following courses:

- Protection of Civilians in Peace Operations
- Human Security in the Practice of Peace Operations
- Protection from Sexual Violence, Exploitation and Abuses



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POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ARMED CONFLICT AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT

Participants may choose to apply for a Postgraduate Certificate in Armed Conflict and Crisis Management.

The Postgraduate Certificate is a specific qualification accredited by the UOC and subject to the same basic criteria and quality-assurance systems as the Master's Degree.

Participants do not need an accredited university qualification to receive the certificate. To receive the Postgraduate Certificate, candidates must complete the following courses equivalent to 30 ECTS and in no more than one year.

UNITAR COURSES:

- Introduction to Peace Operations
- History of UN Peace Operations
- Conflict Analysis
- Conflict Resolution
- Human Security in the Practice of

Peace Operations

UOC COURSES:

- Philosophy of Peace
- Media and Peace Building
- Crisis Management
- Economy and Conflict
- Deconstructing the War
- Postgraduate Project

SPECIALISATION IN ARMED CONFLICT

To receive the Specialisation in Armed Conflict, candidates must complete the following courses equivalent to 15 ECTS in no more than six months.

UNITAR COURSES:

- Introduction to Peace Operations
- Conflict Analysis
- Conflict Resolution
- Human Security in the Practice of Peace Operations

UOC COURSES:

- Economy and Conflict

- Deconstructing the War

SPECIALISATION IN CRISIS MANAGEMENT

To receive the Specialisation in Crisis Management, candidates must complete the following courses equivalent to 15 ECTS in no more than six months.

UNITAR COURSES:

- Introduction to Peace Operations
- History of UN Peace Operations
- Conflict Analysis
- Conflict Resolution

UOC COURSES:

- Philosophy of Peace
- Media and Peace Building
- Crisis Management

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INTRODUCTION TO PEACE OPERATIONS

This course reviews the organization of peacekeeping operations by outlining the framework in which they are developed, studying their overall structure and discussing the roles and responsibilities of the different actors involved.

HISTORY OF UN PEACE OPERATIONS

This course explores the history and conceptual evolution of UN peace operations in order to give a strong basis for understanding the historical and political context of contemporary peace operations.



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CONFLICT ANALYSIS

This course provides participants with a comprehensive step-by-step methodology to analyse conflicts. It covers all steps of analysis from the study of conflict causes to the making of recommendations for the planning of a peace operation.

TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE AND PEACEBUILDING

This course presents the concept of transitional justice in peacebuilding contexts, providing an overview of current strategies and mechanisms, their nature and practical application. The course also discusses the challenges of re-establishing an effective administrative and justice system post-conflict.



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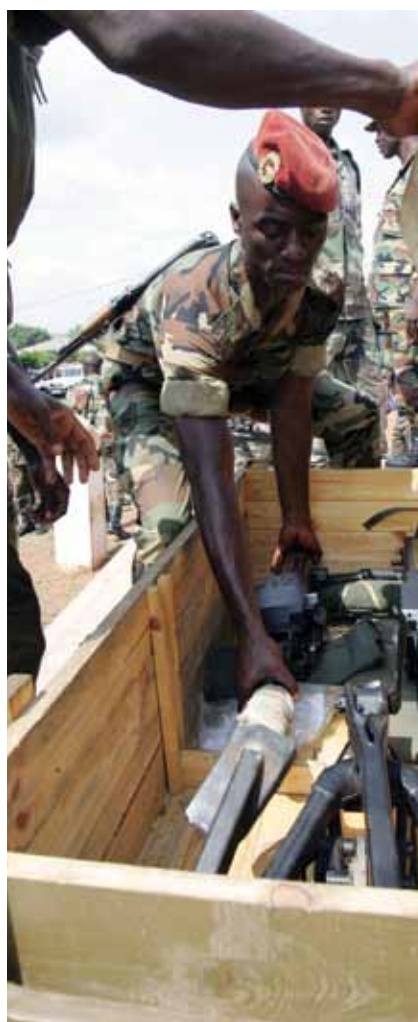
UNITAR COURSES

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

This course provides an analysis of conflict resolution methods, with an emphasis on traditional and alternatives approaches to address the causes of conflicts and build new and lasting relationships between hostile groups.

GENDER, LEADERSHIP AND PEACEBUILDING

This course analyses the roles that women can play to create and maintain sustainable peace. Using various exercises, case studies, scenarios and videos, the course highlights the role of women specifically in leadership positions, the methods for creating space for women to fill these positions and the challenges faced by women in post-conflict contexts.



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NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN POST- CONFLICT COUNTRIES

This course analyses the role natural resources play in conflict environments, illustrating both positive and negative situations where natural resources have an impact on a conflict and how the environment is impacted by conflict. The course explores the different methods for using natural resources as entry points for building peace and strengthening governance. Finally, it looks at the technologies, practices and habits that can be implemented to ensure that peacekeeping missions have a minimal impact on the local environment.

UNITAR PTP has greatly contributed to a better understanding of peacekeeping training requirements in the field. It not only provides its participants with the knowledge and skills relevant for daily activities, but also develops participants' capacities to transfer this knowledge and skills to other individuals, in their respective countries. This is a great feature of the programme.

Lt. General Satish Nambiar

Former Force Commander and Head of the UN Mission Protection Force in Yugoslavia

HUMAN SECURITY IN POST-CONFLICT INTERVENTIONS

This course presents the concept of human security in terms of an organizing standard and introduces the principles that inform the planning, implementation and evaluation of human security-oriented interventions in conflict and post-conflict settings.

PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS IN PEACE OPERATIONS

This course advances a better understanding of the conceptual and practical framework for the protection of civilians in peace operations. It explores the legal instruments related to protection in peace operations as well as challenges related to planning and implementation of protection activities.



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LEADERSHIP, TEAM WORK AND TEAM MANAGEMENT IN PEACE OPERATIONS

This course provides participants with an overview of theories and practices related to leadership, team work and team management, applicable to the specific context of peace operations.

PROTECTION FROM SEXUAL VIOLENCE, EXPLOITATION AND ABUSES

This course presents the main concepts, normative frameworks and laws that regulate sexual behaviour in contexts where peace operations are deployed. It builds on real life situations to reflect on the nature, implications and ways to prevent such violations from occurring.

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PHILOSOPHY OF PEACE

This course reflects philosophically on peace research, to examine the human traits that we regard as fundamental in peacemaking philosophy and to assess what kind of peace education arises from this peacemaking philosophy.

MEDIA AND PEACEBUILDING

This course explores key challenges faced by peace journalists when reporting and writing about conflicts. It offers a set of practical plans and options for editors and reporters as well as a basis for developing evaluative criteria for the critical analysis of war reporting.



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CRISIS MANAGEMENT

This course explores the emergence of crisis management as an indispensable political and military requirement in the post-Cold War world. This course enhances the understanding of this new international demand by taking a dual approach, namely theoretical and practical.

ECONOMY AND CONFLICT

This course provides an analysis of the economy of war and defence as well as the link between international economic relations and conflicts. It covers important topics such as the arms trade, the planning of war and the privatisation of security and war.



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THE INTERCULTURAL / ETHNIC CONFLICT AND THE MANAGEMENT OF DIVERSITY

This course explores the intersection of multiculturalism, social conflict and mediation/dialogue. It explores the nature of modern diversity in relatively stable societies, the sources of conflict, friction and the “fissures” or “fault lines” and the ways of responding to them.

DECONSTRUCTING THE WAR

This course questions the prevailing preconceptions about war and contrasts them with what really happens. The course covers the different types of violence and their respective causes, the construction of the images of the enemy and of the victim and the various actors involved in contemporary ways of waging war.



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NON-VIOLENCE

This course provides an overview of non-violence at the theoretical level but also at the practical level. It builds on the philosophical principles underpinning the concept to outline the key strategies, techniques methodologies and systems for non-violent action.

FAMILY MEDIATION

This course introduces key aspects of mediating divorce, separation and other family conflicts in traditional and non-traditional relationships. It addresses practical theory with regard to family mediation processes along with specialised practices in family mediation. It includes a special focus on narrative mediation approaches.



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IMPLEMENTATION OF CONFLICT STRATEGY IN WORKPLACE AND COMMERCIAL CONFLICTS

This course presents the structures, communications and micro-dynamics of different mediation styles. In particular, the course explores how the variety of mediation styles influences the parties' empowerment or recognition.

BUSINESS MEDIATION

This course presents the main means of conflict resolution and conciliation in industry, trade and economy. Drawing on experiences and case studies, it lays the foundations for an efficient business mediation process.



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BUSINESS ETHICS

This course explores issues related to business ethics and peace. It addresses important topics such as corporate social responsibility and international ethical standards and outlines ways to develop a strategy to improve business ethics and peace.

MANDATE EVALUATION

This course explores methods and challenges in the evaluation of peacebuilding and conflict resolution programmes. It provides a framework for evaluation as well as practical suggestions for data collection and analysis as well as the dissemination of findings.

FACULTY AND TARGET AUDIENCE

The Master's Degree aims to prepare candidates for professional careers in the field of conflict resolution, transformation, mediation and management, a goal which is reflected in our selection of teaching staff and trainers.

Beyond UOC and UNITAR staff, we invite experienced practitioners from our partner institutions, universities and organisations to join our virtual learning environment. With guest trainers and lecturers from various continents, the Master's programme creates a stimulating balance between theoretical and practical dimensions of conflict and ensures that students receive cutting-edge and relevant knowledge.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The Master's Degree addresses:

- Personnel of peace operations (civilian, military and police);
- Civil servants and staff of international, regional and national organisations involved in peace and security;
- NGO representatives and humanitarian workers;
- Researchers and academics;
- Students;
- Any person with responsibilities and interest in solving conflicts.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

APPLICATION

Your application must include:

- Completed application form;
- Cover letter / personal statement (approx. 400 words) explaining your current position and why the chosen degree would be relevant for your career;
- Essay (approx. 400 words) on a subject related to the Master's Degree;
- Copies of your previous degrees;
- Curriculum vitae (optional);
- Copy of your passport;
- Passport size picture;
- Letter of reference.

The application form for course registration is available online at: www.unitar.org/event and on the website of the Open University Catalonia at www.uoc.edu. Alternatively, you may request further information at the e-mail addresses mentioned on the last page. You will receive a confirmation e-mail once you submit your application. Only complete applications will be reviewed and considered for admission.

SELECTION PROCEDURE AND ELIGIBILITY

Applications should reach UNITAR/ UOC in January of each year for starting courses in the Spring semester, and in August of each year for starting courses in the Fall semester.

Each application will be reviewed by the Selection Committee of UNITAR and UOC.

To gain admission on the official Master's course, candidates must have an official university degree.

This notwithstanding, UNITAR and the UOC may admit candidates with pending degrees, as long as all necessary courses for said degrees were passed.

The Selection Committee will verify prior to enrolment that the courses taken were the equivalent level of

a university degree and that they allow admission to postgraduate courses in the country of issue of the qualification.

In some cases, candidates with at least 5 years of diplomatic experience or experience in the field may be accepted on the postgraduate programme without a university degree.

Participants are not expected, however, to have prior experience in or knowledge of the field.

Candidates must be proficient in English and have reliable access to the internet.



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TUITION FEES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The overall tuition fees for the various degrees delivered by UOC and UNITAR are as follows:

- International Master's Degree in Conflictology: **USD 10800**.*
- Postgraduate Diploma in Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding: **USD 6700**.*
- Postgraduate Certificate in Armed Conflict and Crisis Management: **USD 6250**.*
- Specialisation in Armed Conflict: **USD 5200**.*
- Specialisation in Crisis Management: **USD 4600**.*

Full scholarships covering the fees may be available to outstanding candidates from developing countries and these will be advertised on the UNITAR website: <http://www.unitar.org/ptp/>. Fee waivers may be available for candidates from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) to cover parts of the fees. Once the fee waiver has been applied, fees will be as follows:

- International Master's Degree in

Conflictology: **USD 8800**.*

- Postgraduate Certificate in Armed Conflict and Crisis Management: **USD 4250**.*

- Postgraduate Diploma in Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding: **USD 4700**.*

- Specialisation in Armed Conflict: **USD 3200**.*

- Specialisation in Crisis Management: **USD 2600**.*

Candidates having taken relevant

UNITAR courses in the past and candidates currently enrolled in UNITAR courses may decide to register for any of the above degrees. The completed courses may be transferred and accepted as part of the fulfilment of the degree requirements in specific cases. Prices and completion deadlines provided in this brochure will apply. Please, contact UNITAR for further details.

* Note that part of the tuition fees will be paid to UNITAR in US Dollars while the remaining will be paid to UOC in Euros. Prices are indicative and subject to change. Contact us for an up-to-date quote.

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UNITAR PTP is a reflection of how objective and futuristic the whole training process is, in taking a look at what will be the requirements of tomorrow and preparing peacekeepers to be ready to fulfill their assigned roles in those specific fields. PTP has done extremely well in this respect.

Lt. General Obiakor

Former UN Military Advisor for Peacekeeping Operations and Former Force Commander of the United Nations Mission in Liberia.



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