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Master's degree



Master of Peace and Conflict Studies (MA)

Philipps-Universität Marburg • Marburg

Overview

Degree	Master of Arts in Peace and Conflict Studies
In cooperation with	University of Kent/Canterbury (UK)
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English
Languages	Courses are held in English. Students with German language skills can also take courses that are taught in German.
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study	The programme starts in September at the University of Kent (UK). The students spend their second year at the Philipps-Universität Marburg (Germany).
Application deadline	Any time. Early applications are recommended.
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	Yes
Additional information on tuition fees	The University of Kent charges a fee for all students for the first year. For more information please visit the website: https://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/49/peace-and-conflict-studies
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	Yes

Description/content

The MA in Peace and Conflict Studies is an exciting international and interdisciplinary two-year programme focusing on violent conflict as well as its prevention and management. It is a unique programme that is jointly offered by the University of Kent, UK, and the Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany, and it is taught in English.

You will gain advanced knowledge in peace and conflict research, designed to help you understand the causes of violent conflict and to explain its effects and dynamics. As befits the complexity of violent conflict, the programme is interdisciplinary in nature, drawing on insights from politics and international relations, sociology and psychology. It examines the major theories and leading practices of conflict and conflict resolution, supplementing theory with detailed case studies.

Topics typically covered within the programme include risk analysis, negotiation, mediation, conference diplomacy, twin-track diplomacy, third-party intervention, peace-keeping, peace-making, and coercive diplomacy.

The programme draws on the large pool of expertise in the field of conflict analysis at Kent and Marburg, concentrated in the [Center for Conflict Studies at Marburg](#) and the [Conflict Analysis Research Centre at Kent](#), both leading research centres in the field.

You will develop your high-end analytical skills, along with more practical capabilities in areas such as mediation. Valuable skills will be gained from dedicated research exercises such as conflict simulations, while you will learn additional practical skills from an internship that is usually undertaken between the first and second years of study. Overall, the programme will provide you with an outstanding basis from which to pursue a variety of careers, including in government, international organisations, NGOs, media, business, and consultancy and research.

Course Details

Course organisation

Students spend the first year at Kent University and the next at Philipps-Universität Marburg.

Programme structure:

First year

Autumn semester (September-December) at Kent University

- Three modules of 10 ECTS credits (20 Kent credits) each
- Required:
 - Philosophy and Methodology of Politics and IR
 - Conflict Resolution in World Politics
- Optional:
 - International Relations Theory
 - Federalism and Federal Political Systems
 - Decision-making in the European Union
 - International Security in a Changing World
 - Terrorism and National Security
 - International Political Economy: Conflict, Co-operation, and Institutions
 - Designing Democracy

Spring semester (January-April) at Kent University

- Three modules of 10 ECTS credits (20 Kent credits) each
- Required:
 - Conflict Resolution and World Politics
 - Research Methods
- Optional:
 - Negotiation and Mediation
 - Human Rights in a World of States
 - European Public Policy
 - American Foreign Policy: Ordering and International
 - Regional Conflict & Security
 - Resistance and Alternatives to Capitalism and Democracy

Summer semester (April-September): Internship of at least 10 weeks (students choose the organisation and location)

Second year

Winter semester (October-March) at Philipps-Universität Marburg

- Required:
 - Psychology of Peace and Conflict
 - Two optional modules (e.g. Simulating Peace and Conflict, Collective Action and Protest, Development and Peace, or language courses)

Summer semester (April-September) at Philipps-Universität Marburg: Dissertation of 14,000 words (due by August)

Upon successful completion of the programme, students will be awarded an MA degree in Peace and Conflict Studies from Kent University and an MA degree in Peace and Conflict Studies from Philipps-Universität Marburg.

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A Diploma supplement will be issued	Yes
International elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Courses are led with foreign partners
Integrated internships	Mandatory internship of at least 10 weeks
Special promotion / funding of the programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DAAD
Name of DAAD funding programme	Integrierte internationale Studiengänge mit Doppelabschluss
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	No
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	Yes
Additional information on tuition fees	The University of Kent charges a fee for all students for the first year. For more information please visit the website: https://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/49/peace-and-conflict-studies
Semester contribution	There is a semester fee, which includes the mandatory student union membership (required by state law) and a free travel pass for public transport in most of the state of Hessen as well as access to subsidised accommodation and meals. In the summer semester of 2024, the semester fee amounted to approx. 390 EUR. https://www.uni-marburg.de/en/studying/life-at-umr/finance
Costs of living	Living costs depend on individual lifestyles and on regional prices. The Marburg foreigners' registration office ("Ausländerbehörde") requires international students to prove that they have at least 934 EUR per month at their disposal in order to cover their living costs. https://www.uni-marburg.de/en/studying/life-at-umr/finance
Funding opportunities within the university	No

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements

A first or upper-second class honours degree in a relevant subject or equivalent. All applicants are considered on an individual basis and additional qualifications. Professional qualifications and relevant experience may also be taken into account when considering applications. Applicants whose first degree is from a German university must have achieved one of the following qualifications: "Diplom", "Erstes Staatsexamen", "Magister Artium", "Fachhochschuldiplom", Bachelor's degree, Bakkalaureus at level "gut" or "sehr gut". The new Bachelor's degree can be regarded as equivalent to a UK Bachelor's degree (Honours) and the "Magister"/Master's degree to a UK-taught Master's degree.

Language requirements

You must meet our minimum English language entry requirements to prove your written and spoken English is at the required level for postgraduate study. IELTS: 6.5 overall (with a minimum of 6.0 in R&W; 5.5 in S&L) <https://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/apply/english-language-requirements>

Application deadline

Any time. Early applications are recommended.

Submit application to

University of Kent, UK <https://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/49/peace-and-conflict-studies>

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment

Within certain legal limits, job opportunities are available for international students. Fluent German is required for most jobs. Employment for international students must be approved by the foreigners' registration office. There are hardly any legal restrictions on taking academic assistant jobs at the university.

Further information on job opportunities and university career services <https://www.uni-marburg.de/en/studying/life-at-umr/work-1>

Accommodation

The market situation for accommodation is not easy in Marburg. However, the university assists international students in finding suitable and affordable accommodation. The student services office ("Studentenwerk Marburg") maintains student residence halls with a total of approx. 2,100 units. Apart from single rooms, there are two- to three-room flats for student families. Only students registered at Philipps-Universität Marburg are entitled to a place in a residence hall. The "Konrad Biesalski House", in which handicapped and non-handicapped students live together, offers round-the-clock assistance. A bus service and services such as physiotherapeutic exercises and massage baths are offered. Many students live in private accommodation or shared flats. The supply of flats in the centre of Marburg is limited, especially in the Old Town ("Oberstadt"). The situation on the outskirts of Marburg and in the immediate vicinity is better. There are good bus connections. Experience shows that demand for accommodation is highest at the beginning of each semester (April, October), so you should start looking for accommodation around the end of the previous semester (February, July) if possible. <https://www.uni-marburg.de/en/studying/life-at-umr/housing>

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Tutors

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📘 <https://www.facebook.com/PhilippsUniversitaet>

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