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## Language course/short course

About this course:



# **International Peace Mediation and International Negotiations**

Freie Universität Berlin • Berlin

#### Overview

Course location	Berlin
Teaching language	• English
Language level of course	• English: B2
Date(s)	• 7 June - 19 July 2025 (Registration deadline of course provider: 10 May 2025)
Information on dates, prices and mode of study	A non-refundable programme fee, in addition to the tuition fee, is applicable. The programme fee, which includes the social programme, is to be paid within one week after registration at the latest, along with the tuition fee.
Target group	The course is designed for students from different academic backgrounds who have a general interest in international politics, peace missions, and mediation.
Description/content	Please visit our website (www.fubis.org) for an overview of all courses offered and for possible updates to the course programme.

To successfully address the numerous challenges of our time, people must cooperate peacefully with one another. Otherwise, humanity will struggle to tackle climate change, ensure equitable access to resources, and forge a future where peace, self-determination, freedom, and prosperity are possible.

In this course, we will discuss the prerequisites and methods for fostering cooperation among individuals, solving problems collaboratively, and resolving conflicts peacefully. The course examines various conditions and models for cooperation, drawing on the latest findings from cognitive and behavioural research, psychology, sociology, game theory, systems theory, and complexity theory. It examines their relevance in creating conducive environments for cooperation. Building on these scientific foundations, the course introduces theories and methodologies for peacefully resolving differences and conflicts. The focus here is on mediation skills and international peace mediation. However, cooperation and conflict resolution are not just theoretical knowledge but skills that can and must be learned and practised. In the course, students have the opportunity to transform what they have learned into concrete skills through role plays and exercises. The experiences gained from these exercises are then collectively reflected upon. This approach ensures that knowledge does not remain abstract but is linked to concrete experiences, laying the groundwork for implementing what has been learned.

The practical relevance is further strengthened through two visits to Berlin-based NGOs engaged in international peace efforts. We will also invite guest speakers from the field of international peace policy to engage in discussions with students. Depending on availability, international guest speakers may also be invited to join the course via video conference.

Berlin holds a special significance for international peace efforts due to its historical context. Especially here, students can witness how a society confronted its past, including the Holocaust, war crimes, collapse, liberation, and subsequent new beginnings. These experiences will be enriched by visits to memorial sites in Berlin, enabling students to draw on concrete history to shape the future.

### Course details

Recognised language exams offered (e.g. DSH, TestDaF, TOEFL)	No
Other degrees / qualifications awarded	Certificate of participation
ECTS points (max.)	8
Average number of hours per week	12
Average number of participants per group/course	18

## **Costs / Funding**

Dates and costs	• 7 June - 19 July 2025 (Registration deadline of course provider: 10 May 2025), costs: EUR 1,850
This price includes	Course fees
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## Requirements / Registration

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Language level of course	• English: B2
Language requirements	Students must be able to speak, read, and write English at an advanced intermediate level.

## **Services**

Is accommodation organised?	Accommodation is arranged by the organiser.
Type of accommodation	FUBiS can arrange appropriate off-campus accommodation for the duration of the programme as an optional service upon request. Accommodation options can be chosen during the registration process. Accommodation is subject to availability. Prices range between 750 EUR and 1,150 EUR.
Is a social and leisure programme offered?	Yes
Description of social and leisure programme	<ul> <li>FUBiS offers a variety of extracurricular activities, which are included in the programme fee:</li> <li>guided tour of the Reichstag building and the Federal Parliament</li> <li>river boat tour through the centre of Berlin</li> <li>In addition, FUBiS offers optional excursions (for an extra charge) within Berlin as well as to other popular German cities.</li> </ul>
Free internet access	Yes
Support in visa matters	No
Pick-up service from train station/airport	No

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