



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR MASTER OF ARTS (M.A) IN PEACE STUDIES AND CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION

The University of Rwanda, College of Arts and Social Sciences through its Center for Conflict Management (CCM) in collaboration with the School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg Sweden, is offering the M.A degree programme in Peace Studies and Conflict Transformation (PSCT) since 2010. A new intake is being recruited to start in September, 2020. From 2018, this programme is offered at Gikondo Campus (UR-Headquarters), Kigali. The mandate of CCM is to address the knowledge gap in the field of genocide, peace and conflict studies, and post-conflict reconstruction and reconciliation through conducting research, teaching as well as community services in the form of policy oriented research.

1. Programme rationale

The Great Lakes region has been the home to the Africa's most intractable and turbulent conflicts. The region has experienced over the last two to three decades among others, the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda and civil wars in Burundi, the DRC, South Sudan and Uganda. Continued violent conflict has resulted in humanitarian crises, an upsurge of displaced populations and poverty from loss of livelihoods and security. Significant themes that have dominated the conflicts in the region include proliferation of small arms and light weapons, illegal armed groups, sexual and gender-based violence, population displacement, and trans-boundary ethnicities. These conflicts have been undermining peace processes and development initiatives within the region. The long-term vision of MA in PSCT programme is to provide students with the analytical and methodological tools that can contribute to building capacities to promote peace and to resolve conflicts in the region and beyond. While contributing to the progress of knowledge in the areas relevant to CCM mandate, the Master programme in PSCT came to support the relevant policy-makers in the areas of Peace, Conflict and Development to get useful knowledge in order to develop appropriate policies and make informed decisions. The programme attracts various categories of beneficiaries from the Great Lakes region, Africa and beyond. The taught modules focus on topics like conflict analysis, prospects for peace, peaceful co-existence, peace-building and reconciliation processes, global governance and diplomacy, and project design in peace-building.

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Graduates in PSCT are well suited to serve as diplomats, development technical experts, peace process negotiators, national and international consultants with the United Nations, peacekeeping missions, post-conflict reform institutions and peace policy makers. An ever-increasing number of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are hiring individuals who have an expertise in peace studies and conflict transformation. Such individuals are also highly needed for various positions in human rights organizations, conflict resolution organizations, and peace development organizations.

2. Mode of attendance

This is a two-year Master programme. The next intake will start in September, 2020 and will be offered in a modular based approach offered in the evening hours.

3. Admission criteria

Bachelor's Degree in any of the following fields: Law, Development Studies, Political Science, Sociology, History, Public Administration, Journalism and/or Communication, and any other related fields are eligible to apply.

4. Key dates

- i. The closing date for application: August 31st, 2020 at 5:00 pm.
- ii. Starting date of the programme: September 14th, 2020

5. Required documents for application

- i. A cover letter indicating for which specialization of study the application is being made and description of the motivation to join the programme
- ii. Notarized undergraduate degree
- iii. Notarized transcripts
- iv. Copy of ID or Passport
- v. Up-to-date CV
- vi. Sponsorship letter from an organization or employer (if any)
- vii. Applicants from countries where English is not the language of instruction in higher education must provide an English proficiency certificate from a relevant body or institution.

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6. Application process

- i. Go to UR Website (www.ur.ac.rw)
- ii. Go to Admission, Applicant Portal and click to ([New Application](#))
- iii. Fill the **Biographical Form** and click (**Save**) at the end you will get “**Your Student ID Reference Number**”. *Please keep this ID Number as it will be your ID identification for all transactions at UR*
- iv. Create a PIN of 5 numeric digits, do not start with a 0 (this PIN will serve as your password to access your student account), leave the page and open the link below.
- v. Candidates are requested to submit all required documents by using the
Link: pgfile.ur.ac.rw/pgfile/findme.php

NB: All documents must be in PDF

If all required documents are not submitted, you failed to go to the next step.

When your submission succeeds, you will find a message in your email box

For any additional information, clarifications or inquiry, please do not hesitate to contact:

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