



UNIVERSITY OF BRADFORD Bradford Rotary Peace Centre

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 Department 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 International Development Management; MA in Peace Resilience and Social Justice; MSc in Sustainable Development; MA in Peace, Conflict, and Development Studies; Msc in Economic and Finance for Development

Core classes: Applied Conflict Research; Theories and Practices of Conflict Resolution; Creative Practice in Conflict Engagement and Peacebuilding; Social-Ecological Systems and Crises; Studying Peace in a Changing World; Security and Development in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Areas; Natural Resource Governance; Issues in Development Theory; Policy Analysis for Governance and Development; Assessing Development Practices, Needs, and Outcomes; The International System in Theory and Context; Contemporary Security Challenges; Environment, Trafficking, and Crime; Critical Perspectives on Sustainable Development; Sustainable Cities; Economic Growth and Development; Applied Econometrics; International Economics; Finance for Development. Plus options such as the African Study Visit; Gender, Conflict, and Development; Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding. 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: P.B. Anand, Christoph Bluth, Owen Greene, David Harris, Rhys Kelly, Ute Kelly, Fiona Macaulay, Munro Price, and Afshin Shah; plus Rashmi Arora, Gábor Bátonyi, Behrooz Morvaridi, and Simon Whitby; and emeritus professors Donna Pankhurst, Paul Rogers, and Tom Woodhouse

Activities: Study visits to Africa, Northern Ireland, and a European centre, e.g., Oslo, The Hague, Brussels, or Geneva; conflict sensitivity training; gender labs; and an extended simulation of international crisis negotiation (see video: 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/livelihoods technical adviser, Save the Children, Lebanon
- Director of programs at the PeaceJam Foundation
- Executive director at A Global Voice for Autism
- Research assistant at the Stockholm International Peace Research Inst.
- Track II mediation program manager at the Search for Common Ground
- Program coordinator at UNICEF

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Please note: Due to a 2024 UK visa policy change, international students can no longer bring dependents (partners or children) when studying in the UK.