



Conflictology (Master)

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Through the International Graduate Institute, the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (Open University of Catalonia, UOC) is taking another step in leading the way in quality online continuous education, offering people, organisations and companies a range of programmes of recognised academic rigour, geared towards the needs of professionals and with a clearly international vision and orientation.

The intensive use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) in the programmes offered by the UOC's International Graduate Institute ensures that participants gain knowledge of the tools needed for communicating and creating the social relation networks required by today's society and the people and organisations comprising it.

The International Graduate Institute offers a wide range of Graduate Training programmes in modular and progressive format (Masters, graduate diplomas and specialisations) accredited by quality agencies and with official and the university's own degrees, depending on the case. In addition, each of the International Graduate Institute's areas of knowledge makes available to you a wide range of open programmes of recognised quality, accessible to all, as well as a specific bespoke training offer for companies.

Innovation is the lynchpin of an educational offer, the aim of which is to stimulate entrepreneurship and which places particular emphasis on training people in the skills that today's society demands.

The satisfaction of thousands of students and graduates backs us up. If you wish, come and join our university community. We are looking forward to receiving you and welcome your contributions to help us all continue building this valid and effective training offer for all related people and institutions.

Josep M. Duart

Vice President, Postgraduate Studies and Lifelong Learning

A university open to the world

Internet use and the asynchronous model facilitate worldwide student participation in Graduate Training programmes. The international dimension to the university emerges through inter-university agreements that facilitate the mobility and presence of students in the classrooms from different geographical backgrounds, with a series of common characteristics that enable them to share interests and enrich learning.

The profile of Graduate Training participants is characterised by the following features:

- Advanced knowledge and users of new technologies
- 12% with international origins
- 81% aged between 25 and 45
- 83% have a job

Over 20,000 professionals have completed different activities on the frequent Graduate Training teaching programme.

Master in Conflictology

Conflicts are everyday occurrences in people's lives, social groups and international relations. In all historic times, in all cultures, groups and countries, the quest for peace has been ongoing. Costs incurred because of conflicts are very high: human suffering, economic losses and moral degradation.

The efforts made by humankind to live in peace give us insight to accomplish real results, eliminate war, transform conflicts and manage them positively. This master course in conflictology draws from this insight, systematises knowledge and presents it in an advanced and efficient educational manner.

Conflict resolution, transformation, mediation and management, studies and culture of peace are synonyms and they describe the scientific and multi-disciplinary approach of conflictology.

Practitioners and academics from prestigious universities and peace research institutes from different countries around the world get together in this virtual course that makes it possible, with the UOC's years' experience, for anyone, no matter where they live, to access this international master course and prepare for professional practice. This programme trains students in all applications of conflictology (family, trade, social, political, international, armed conflicts), facilitates internships, preparation of research programmes and the development of your own professional projects giving you access to the largest network of people working to promote peace.

Who it's for

- any person with responsibilities and interests in solving conflicts
- consultants, executives, leaders, lawyers of any industry
- civil servants and managers of private and public organisations
- directors and staff of NGOs, companies and other organisations working in conflict areas, in reconstruction, development and international cooperation
- politicians and trade unionists
- members of the armed forces and the police.

Academic aims

- to know the theory, its different approaches and the nature of contemporary conflicts
- to acquire skills of analysis and the ability to plan actions for peaceful interventions, both for the prevention of conflicts and for intervening during their development
- to learn techniques and strategies for intelligent non-violent intervention in conflict situations
- to access information and knowledge to be able to develop efficient intervention programmes and manage the quest for positive specific solutions
- to be able to lead and facilitate negotiation and mediation processes
- to transform the way to communicate both to prevent and to end conflicts.

Methodology

The UOC pedagogical model is based on the participant, who works independently, managing their time and building their own learning itinerary through interaction and cooperative work.

Through the Virtual Campus, they achieve in-depth and flexible learning, without barriers of space or time, anywhere and at any time.

This model provides personalised attention from professionals, teachers and highly regarded specialists, who accompany each participant on an individual basis and the group as a whole in the construction of their new knowledge.

The teaching materials and resources include and integrate contents, practical applications and tools that are directly related to the environment and specific work activities. This programme uses a varied combination of methodologies, since the participants are active professionals and the exchange of their own professional experiences will play a very relevant part in achieving the academic aims.

Participants entering the virtual campus environment for the first time will complete parallel training at the start of the teaching programme based on a short introductory course where they will learn to browse the environment, learn how it works and how to use the communication and teaching spaces.

Materials

UOC graduate courses have digital format materials. Students receive the materials as the course progresses.

Programme structure and contents

Master in Conflictology (60cr)

Postgraduate Programme Armed Conflicts and Crisis Management

Introduction to conflictology (4cr)

Philosophy of Peace (3cr)

United Nations Peace Operations (4cr)

Media and Peace Building (2cr)

Crisis Management (2cr)

Economy and Conflict (4cr)

Intervention in Armed Conflicts and Collective Violence (4cr)

Deconstructing the War (3cr)

Postgraduate Project (4cr)

Postgraduate Programme Societal and Business Conflicts

The Intercultural/Ethnic Conflict and the Management of Diversity (4cr)

Family Mediation (4cr)

Non violence (3cr)

Business Mediation (3cr)

Implementation of Conflict Strategy in Workplace and Commercial Conflicts (3cr)

Business Ethics (2cr)

Mandate Evaluation (3cr)

Postgraduate Project (4cr)

Master Project (4cr)

Equip docent

Direcció Acadèmica

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Nicole Jenne

Nicole Jenne has joined the UOC in April 2009. She studied Political Science, Sociology and Media Science in Germany and Finland and finished her studies with a Master in International Relations and European Politics at the University of Edinburgh last year. Nicole has worked as a research assistant at Heinrich-Heine Universität Düsseldorf and at the Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals. Her main research interests are the new challenges of international security and the role of international organisations in promoting peace and stability

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Telecommunication Engineer and works as researcher in the Centre d'Estudis per la Pau J.M. Delàs (J.M. Delas Peace Research Center). Besides, he is deputy chairman of the NGO Justícia i Pau de Barcelona (Andldquo;Justice and PeaceAndrdquo; of Barcelona). His areas of interest are European defense, armed conflict geopolitics and arms exports. He collaborates in magazines and newspapers about topics related with peace and disarmament and gives lectures on these matters. Francesc has published, amongst others, in 40 años de Justicia y Paz (40 years of Andldquo;Justice and PeaceAndrdquo;) (PPC, 2008) and El Tercer Món necessita pau (The Third World needs Peace) (Fundació Tam-Tam, 2001).

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Eric George has a European Doctorate in International Peace, Conflict and Development Studies from the Universitat Jaume I of Castelló, where he teaches in the MA in International Peace, Conflict and Development Studies and in the English Studies Department.

Ramin Jahanbegloo

Ramin Jahanbegloo is a well-known Iranian-Canadian philosopher. He received his B.A. and M.A. in Philosophy, History and Political Science and later his Ph.D. in Philosophy from the Sorbonne University. He has worked as a lecturer and researcher at the Academy of Philosophy in Tehran, at the French

Institute for Iranian Studies, at Harvard University, University of Toronto and at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies in New Delhi, India. In April 2006 Dr. Jahanbegloo was arrested in Tehran Airport charged with preparing a velvet revolution in Iran. He was placed in solitary confinement for four months and released on bail. He is presently a Professor of Political Science and a Research Fellow in the Centre for Ethics at University of Toronto and a member of PEN Canada. He is the winner of the Peace Prize from the United Nations Association in Spain (2009) for his extensive academic works in promoting dialogue between cultures and his advocacy for non-violence.

Roberto Luna Salvador

Roberto Luna Salvador is lecturer of Conflictology at the Open University of Catalonia (Humanitarian Cooperation, Peace and Sustainability Area). He has supervised several projects in different Master and Postgraduate programs and authored papers on social and politic conflicts. His main academic interests are social and labour relations. Roberto's work experience includes immigration, racism, development and Spanish interior and justice matters. He also worked in international private consultancy.

Jake Lynch

Associate Professor Jake Lynch, PhD (City University, London) has spent the past decade developing, teaching and training in peace journalism Andndash; and practising it, as an experienced international reporter in television and newspapers. He was a presenter (anchor) for BBC World News; the Sydney Correspondent for the London Independent newspaper, and a Political Correspondent for Sky News

Ian Macduff

Practice Associate Professor and Director of the Centre for Dispute Resolution in the School of Law, Singapore Management University, where he teaches courses in negotiation, conflict resolution, and ethics. Until June of 2008 he was the Director of the NZ Centre for Conflict Resolution, Faculty of Law, Victoria University of Wellington and an independent mediator and trainer in a number of fields. He has been consultant and trainer for the World Health Organisation for a capacity building programme in Sri Lanka from 1999 to 2001 and again in 2004. He is co-editor of *Ethnic Conflict and Secessionism in South and South East Asia* (Sage, 2003); co-author of *Dispute Resolution in New Zealand* (OUP 1999), and of *Guidelines for Family Mediation* (Butterworths, 1995). He was Visiting Professor in the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, from January to April 2004; and had a one-year joint appointment in Law and the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS, for 2005. He has been Visiting Professor at the International Training Programme in Conflict Management of the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa on several occasions.

Pere Ortega

BA Contemporary History, is Coordinator and Researcher of the Centre d'Estudis per la Pau J.M. Delàs (J.M. Delas Peace Research Center). He is an expert in the areas Spanish defense economics (military expenditure, military RAndD, military industry and arms exports), disarmament, European defense, and peace and nonviolence. He collaborates in magazines, newspapers and other publications related to peace and disarmament and gives conferences and seminars. Recent publications include *Noviolencia y transformación social* (Nonviolence and social transformation) (Icaria, 2005) and *Atlas del militarismo en España 2009* (Spanish militarism atlas 2009)

Michael Schneider

Commercial Mediator (WIPO, CERD, MCI Arb) Founder Mediationcenter European Master in International Conflict Resolution (UOC), MBA (European Business School, RT, Germany), IT Engineer (University of Applied Sciences, KA, Germany)

James South

James South is a CEDR Director and is responsible for CEDR's training and educational capabilities including the development of leading-edge courses for the legal profession, businesses and public sector and well as collaboration with universities and professional and international ADR bodies

Beatriz Seisdedos

After her studies in Business and Non-Profit-Making Organisation Management, Beatriz Seisdedos spent eight years working for the Spanish Red Cross in five different countries (in three different continents) living in conflict or post-conflict circumstances. She is currently working for the International Committee of the Red Cross in Colombia. In 2005 she started her studies in international conflict resolution in the UOC. Beatriz has on several occasions collaborated with the non-profit organisation Ser Paz in Ecuador.

Andreu Solá

John Winslade

Dr John Winslade (PhD) is the Associate Dean of the College of Education at California State University San Bernardino and a Professor who teaches counseling. He is also an Associate Professor at the University of Waikato in New Zealand where he teaches part-time. He has also taught mediation at California State University Dominguez Hills and at the University of Waterloo. John is an Associate of the Taos Institute and has been on the Board of Conflict Resolution Quarterly. He is the co-author with Dr Gerald Monk of two books on narrative mediation (Narrative mediation: A new approach to conflict resolution; and Practicing Narrative mediation; Loosening the grip of conflict) and five others on narrative therapy. He is also the Editor of the online journal, Explorations: An Ejournal of Narrative Practice. John has written many articles on narrative mediation and narrative therapy and has taught over 150 workshops on narrative practice in the USA, Canada, Great Britain, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Netherlands, Spain, Cyprus, Russia, Israel, New Zealand and Australia.

Tom Woodhouse

Professor Tom Woodhouse is the Director of the Centre for Conflict Resolution within the Department of Peace Studies at the University of Bradford. The Centre has a strong research and teaching profile around conflict analysis, peacekeeping, peacebuilding and the development of conflict theory related to international conflict. He directs the Centre's E-Learning Programme.

Bianca Wulff**Entry requirements**

To be able to read and write in English.

Prior Knowledge

No prior knowledge required.

Qualifications

Once the overall assessment process has been completed successfully, the UOC will issue an **Master in Conflictology** Diploma to those participants with an accredited university qualification that is valid in Spain.

Should you not have such a qualification, an **Conflictology** Certificate will be issued.

Assessment system

Assessment of the learning process is continuous and focuses mainly on work that facilitates the integration of knowledge and the acquisition of skills for the professional practice of each student.

If you would like more information about the assessment system, do not hesitate to contact our training advisors on +34 93 326 30 00 or send an e-mail to queries@uoc.edu.

Enrolment

The cost of this programme should be confirmed when registration is formalised.

Other advantages

The UOC Graduates and Former Students Club represents the continuity of the concept of the university community with voluntary membership when not currently enrolled.

The UOC Club focuses on offering services, resources and activities in the field of personal and professional development. The main axes of action are professional projection, informal or post-training learning, culture, leisure, relationships and the exchange of experiences and knowledge.

Virtual Library, connection with the world's leading libraries and availability of extensive consultation services. Virtual Cooperative, being a member of the cooperative allows students to enjoy its library services and IT material. Virtual communication spaces, which facilitate relations with other participants and professionals through Campus forums and chat rooms.

Information and enrolment

If you would like more details about the graduate programmes, please contact our training advisors:

- Telephone: +34 93 326 30 00
- Email: queries@uoc.edu
- In person at any of the UOC's centres.

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The UOC also offers companies, institutions and groups direct and flexible communication and preferential conditions when enrolling their professionals.

For more information:

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The programmes included in this document are available as in-company training.

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