



# MA Conflict Transformation and Social Justice

Duration: One year full-time or two years part-time

## About the Institute

The Institute is **distinctive internationally in linking peace-making with social transformation**. It gives attention to the need for governance reform of state institutions alongside cultural and social processes for healing in society.

Striving to create dialogue within which all voices can be heard and to underpin the pursuit of peace through world class research, the Institute connects the perspectives of all those who seek to contribute to conflict transformation and social justice – from the insights of world leading researchers to the experience of practitioners, policy makers, politicians and activists.

## Aims of the Programme

This MA provides students with the opportunity to undertake study across the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and beyond, and thus benefit from the enriched interdisciplinary learning environment and expertise of award winning academic staff.

Students will engage with core theories, concepts, issues and debates within conflict transformation and social justice related to the nature and character of conflict, examples of global conflicts, modes and forms of conflict transformation and legal and human rights.

This is a unique and innovative interdisciplinary programme, taught through subject areas that include law, anthropology, English, history, philosophy, politics, psychology, sociology and the creative arts. Module choice within the programme will permit you to build your own personalised portfolio of knowledge

and learning within the area of conflict transformation and social justice. You will be taught by academics and practitioners whose expertise is both national and global and who offer research-led teaching in areas of conflict such as South/ Southeast Asia, the Middle East, Southern Europe, South America and Northern Ireland.

Modules are organised into three main themes of concentration:

### Stream 1: Conflict and Transformation

### Stream 2: Asserting Social Justice, Inclusion and Rights

### Stream 3: Religion, Society, Peace-building and Conflict



## Benefits of the Programme

Students are required to complete **THREE** compulsory taught modules; *Global Concepts and Practices of Conflict Transformation and Social Justice (20 CATS)*, *Conducting Research in Conflict Transformation and Social Justice (20 CATS)*, *Making Knowledge Work (20 CATS)* and the triple-weighted dissertation (60 CATS points).

In addition to the compulsory modules, students take 60 CATS points of optional modules from existing programmes delivered by the following Schools: *Arts, English and Languages; Law; History, Anthropology, Politics and Philosophy; Psychology and Social Sciences, Education and Social Work.*

**Within each stream students must take modules from at least two Schools. Students may take no more than 40 CATS worth of optional modules from any one School.**

The taught modules are delivered during two 12 week semesters.

**Elective modules include:**

Freedom of Assembly and the Right to Protest: Democracy, Transition and Social Justice (The Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice)

Crime, Justice & Society (Law)

Human Rights in Practice (Law)

Global Terrorism (History, Anthropology, Politics and Philosophy)

Political Cinema: Conflict and Form (Creative Arts)

Theoretical Perspectives and Focal Issues in Political Psychology (Psychology)

Counter-terrorism and Human Rights (Law)

War of Gods: Religion and Identity in Historical Perspective (History, Anthropology, Politics and Philosophy)

Religion and Peacebuilding (The Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice)

Critical Approaches to Human Geography (Geography, Archaeology and Paleocology)

This will enhance employability, and develop independent research skills.

(\*NB please note that module content may vary from year to year and is subject to timetabling and availability).

## Funding

Normally self-funded.

For current general University entry requirements for this pathway go to <http://www.qub.ac.uk/ado>

## Criteria For Admission (Subject Specific Requirements) To Programme

The Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice requires applicants for this MA programme to have normally as a minimum a 2:1 honours degree (or equivalent recognised qualification) in an Arts, Humanities or Social Sciences discipline or another cognate subject area. Those applicants with a 2:2 Honours degree (or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University) may be admitted if they hold a Masters degree, or if they have 3 years relevant working experience in the field of conflict transformation, youth work, social justice or related experience in community engagement or public service delivery.

## Additional Admissions Information for International Students

International students wishing to apply to Queen's University Belfast (and for whom English is not their first language), must be able to demonstrate their proficiency in English in order to benefit fully from their course of study or research. Non-EEA nationals must also satisfy UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) immigration requirements for English language for visa purposes. Evidence of an IELTS\* score of 6.5, with not less than 5.5 in any component, or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the University is required. \*Taken within the last 2 years.

For further information on English Language requirements for EEA and non-EEA nationals, please see <http://go.qub.ac.uk/LanguageRequirements>

INTO at Queen's can provide tuition to help you meet the University's English Language Requirements, please see [intohigher.com/qub](http://intohigher.com/qub)

## Special Features

- Only global MA programme on conflict transformation and social justice
- Only MA programme actively to facilitate study and research that combines cultural and creative aspects of conflict transformation and social justice together with their socio-legal, institutional and inter-state contexts
- Only MA programme in the field to be interdisciplinary across the humanities and social sciences in order to offer a fully rounded and multilevel analysis of the subject whilst offering optional modules for specialisation
- Teaching in advanced research methods, with particular emphasis on methodologies appropriate for research in the fields of conflict transformation, social justice and societies in transition
- Annual masterclass with visiting world-leading researchers
- Peer group seminars across the Faculty in qualitative research methods
- Participation in interdisciplinary, small research seminar groups on related topics of specialisation, e.g. 'shared space'; divided cities
- Opportunities to conduct new empirical research in the field
- Opportunities to complete assignments with direct policy relevance
- Location of Belfast: globally-significant locale for conflict and peace research; access to institutions, community projects, case studies for students' own work

## Careers

The MA programme provides our graduates with the skills to pursue a wide range of careers in the private, public and voluntary sectors, both domestically and internationally. In addition, the learning and intellectual environment provided by the Institute will prepare students for doctoral study.



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