

## Master in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation Studies

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### Introduction

The Master in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation Studies is a joint course Master within our Belfast M.Phil. programme. It brings together the related fields of conflict resolution and reconciliation studies. Drawing on the location in Belfast the course emphasises the integration of theory, analysis, application and practice to explore conflict resolution and reconciliation both locally and around the world. It equips graduates for work with local and international organisations, and provides transferable skills for a wide variety of careers, including mediation, diplomacy, policy, advocacy, journalism, ministry, teaching and Ph.D. research.

### Required modules for the joint course Master

- **Research Skills.** 10 ECTS. Generic research skills required for graduate work and dissertation writing.
- **Conflict Analysis and Models of Intervention.** 10 ECTS. Overview of theories for understanding conflict, and models of intervention including conflict management, conflict resolution and conflict transformation.
- **Dynamics of Reconciliation.** 10 ECTS. Overview of the key concepts and ethical issues in social reconciliation after political conflict.
- **Dissertation.** 30 ECTS. 15000 – 20000 words to be supervised by an appropriate member of staff and to be submitted by 1 August.

### Conflict Resolution options

- **Conflict Resolution Skills.** 10 ECTS. Practical skills and techniques for handling group conflicts and developing interventions.
- **Conflict Transformation.** 10 ECTS. Lessons from the Irish experience of conflict transformation, focusing on work in small group situations.

- **Conflict Resolution Lessons from Comparative Peace Processes.** 10 ECTS. Lessons in effective conflict resolution from Peace Processes around the world.
- **Social Research for Transformation.** 10 ECTS. Research methodology training to undertake and assess qualitative social research on conflict and post-conflict issues.
- **Guided Research Project.** 5 ECTS. Research project paper on an agreed topic of student interest written under guided supervision.

#### Reconciliation Studies options

- **Reconciliation in Northern Ireland.** 10 ECTS. The historical complexities of political identity, national allegiance and religious loyalty and the sectarian legacies they have left in 'post-conflict' Northern Ireland.
- **Theology of Reconciliation.** 10 ECTS. Analysis of Christian theologies of reconciliation and their relevance for addressing violence and conflict.
- **Community Learning and Reflective Practice in Northern Ireland.** 10 ECTS. This module includes a placement or internship with a community-based organisation in Northern Ireland. Local students who already work for an organisation will draw on their experience there, whilst international students will receive placements.
- **Post Conflict Justice and Truth Commissions.** 10 ECTS. The challenges of post-conflict justice and the importance of truth recovery. Particular emphasis on Latin American experiences and the role of churches.
- **South Africa: The Ethics of Truth and Reconciliation.** 5 ECTS. The South African experience of post-conflict justice, and the role of the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Intensive in Dublin.

#### About the M.Phil. programme in Belfast

The joint course Master in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation Studies is taught at Trinity's specialist cross-border School in Belfast and is part of the M.Phil. in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation. Admission and enrolment are to the broader M.Phil. programme, which gives students flexibility to take a Master's specialisation in either Conflict Resolution or Reconciliation Studies, or take a broader joint course in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation Studies. In each case, the total credits required for award of the M.Phil. degree is 90 ECTS. For further information about our M.Phil. and Ph.D. programmes, visit [www.tcd.ie/ise](http://www.tcd.ie/ise)

### **The Irish School of Ecumenics**

The Irish School Ecumenics is unique in Trinity and in Ireland in having both a Dublin and a Belfast location. Modules from the M.Phil. in International Peace Studies, and the M.Phil. in Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies (both taught in Dublin) are also open to M.Phil. Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation students.

### **Admission**

The closing date for this programme is 30 June. Applications will be considered after that date if places remain available. Application details are available at

[www.tcd.ie/Graduate Studies](http://www.tcd.ie/Graduate_Studies)

### **Further information**

For further information about the programme please contact the Executive Officer, M.Phil. in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation, Irish School of Ecumenics, 683 Antrim Road, Belfast, BT15 4EG, Northern Ireland.

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