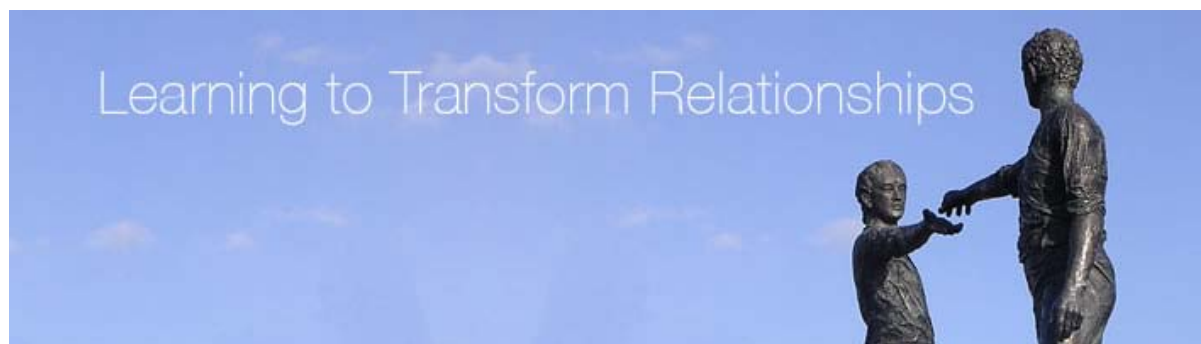


# TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN | AT BELFAST

## Master in Reconciliation Studies

[www.tcd.ie/ise/reconciliation](http://www.tcd.ie/ise/reconciliation)



### Introduction

The Master in Reconciliation Studies course offers an inter-disciplinary approach to the challenges of social reconciliation in the aftermath of armed conflict and political violence, drawing on politics, theology, social research and ethics. Particular attention is given to ethnic conflicts, and the role of religion in such conflicts and in peacebuilding and reconciliation. The course combines academic study and research with community involvement and life-experience. It equips graduates for work with local and international organisations, and provides transferable skills for a wide variety of careers, including policy, advocacy, journalism, teaching, ministry and Ph.D. research.

### Master in Reconciliation Studies required modules

- **Research Skills.** 10 ECTS. Generic research skills required for graduate work and dissertation writing.
- **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.

### Optional modules from

- **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.

If you are interested in a more skills-based professional course see our Master in Conflict Resolution at [www.tcd.ie/resolution](http://www.tcd.ie/resolution). Reconciliation Studies students can register for individual option modules from Conflict Resolution, including:

- Conflict Analysis and Models of Intervention
- Conflict Resolution Skills
- Conflict Transformation
- Conflict Resolution Lessons from Comparative Peace Processes
- Social Research for Transformation
- Guided Research Project

Alternatively you can opt for the joint course Master in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation Studies.

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

The Master in 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, 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 of 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.

## 10 Reasons to choose our Master in Reconciliation Studies

- Join a specialist centre of Ireland's top university, one of the top 50 universities in the world
- Develop interdisciplinary understanding in politics, theology, social research and ethics
- Engage with researchers who have worked on many of the world's most complex conflicts including: Northern Ireland, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Rwanda, El Salvador, Guatemala, Israel/Palestine, and Sri Lanka
- Gain the skills to conduct community-based 'action research'
- Engage with NGOs, political actors, and visiting academics from Ireland and abroad
- Take field trip options to the Hague, the UN in Geneva, Derry and other sites in Northern Ireland
- Contribute to an active, diverse, and international student community with a passion for ideas and a love of learning
- Apply for scholarship funding
- Develop your career or prepare for a Ph.D.
- Study full-time (one year) or part-time (two years) or sabbatical programmes

### 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

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