

# TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN | AT BELFAST

## Master in Conflict Resolution

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### Introduction

The Master in Conflict Resolution course develops skills in conflict analysis and conflict intervention for both established practitioners and those seeking to develop new expertise. The course promotes reflective practice, with learning and assessment tailored to the professional context.

### Modular structure

Students must pass the assessment requirements in 60 credits of taught modules and a 30 credit dissertation to complete the 90 ECTS degree.

#### 20 ECTS of required modules

- **Research Skills.** 10 ECTS. Generic research skills required for graduate work and dissertation writing. Taught at ISE, TCD | at Belfast as a short-block intensive and distance learning.
- **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. Taught at ISE, TCD | at Belfast as a short-block intensive.

#### 40 ECTS of optional modules

- At least 20 ECTS of optional modules from the Conflict Resolution options list below.
- The other 20 ECTS of optional modules may be from the Conflict Resolution list or the Reconciliation Studies list or from another ISE M.Phil. programme, subject to permission from the programme convener.

**30 ECTS Dissertation.** 15000 – 20000 words to be submitted by 1 August.

## Conflict Resolution options list

- **Conflict Resolution Skills.** 10 ECTS. Practical skills and techniques for handling group conflicts and developing interventions. Delivered by [TIDES](#) and hosted by [Corrymeela](#) (Antrim Coast) as a short block intensive.
- **Conflict Transformation.** 10 ECTS. Lessons from the Irish experience of conflict transformation, focusing on work in small group situations. Delivered by [Glencree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation](#), Co Wicklow, as a short block intensive.
- **Conflict Resolution Lessons from Comparative Peace Processes.** 10 ECTS. Lessons in effective conflict resolution from Peace Processes around the world. Delivered by [Glencree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation](#) Co Wicklow, as a short block intensive.
- **Social Research for Transformation.** 10 ECTS. Research methodology training to undertake and assess qualitative social research on conflict and post-conflict issues. Taught at ISE, TCD | at Belfast as a short-block intensive.
- **Guided Research Project.** 5 ECTS. Research project paper on an agreed topic of student interest written under guided supervision. (ISE, TCD | at Belfast)

## Reconciliation Studies list

If you are interested in the wider social, political, ethical and theological aspects of reconciliation see our Master in Reconciliation Studies specialism at [www.tcd.ie/reconciliation](http://www.tcd.ie/reconciliation). Master in Conflict Resolution students can register for up to 20 ECTS option modules from the Reconciliation Studies list, including:

- **Dynamics of Reconciliation.** 10 ECTS. Taught at ISE, TCD | at Belfast as a semester module (weekly class).
- **Reconciliation in Northern Ireland.** 10 ECTS. Taught at ISE, TCD | at Belfast as a semester module (weekly class).
- **Theology of Reconciliation.** 10 ECTS. Taught at ISE, TCD | at Belfast as a semester module (weekly class).
- **Community Learning and Reflective Practice in Northern Ireland.** 10 ECTS. Taught at ISE, TCD | at Belfast as a semester module (weekly class).
- **Post Conflict Justice and Truth Commissions.** 10 ECTS. Taught at ISE, TCD | at Belfast as a semester module (weekly class).
- **South Africa: The Ethics of Truth and Reconciliation.** 10 ECTS. Short block intensive, venue to be confirmed.

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

## The Irish School of Ecumenics

The Irish School of Ecumenics (ISE) specialises in the study and promotion of dialogue, peace and reconciliation in Ireland and around the world. The ISE is unique in Trinity and in Ireland in having both a Dublin and a Belfast location.

## About the M.Phil. programme in Belfast

The Master in Conflict Resolution is based 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). 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 the Master in Conflict Resolution

- Join a specialist centre of Ireland's top university, one of the top 50 universities in the world
- Study in Northern Ireland with a focus on both local and international experiences of political conflict
- Learn from organisations at the forefront of the field
- Devise a professional development portfolio and individually negotiated assignments
- Gain practical skills to respond to conflict
- 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 professional networks and career opportunities
- Enrol full time (one year) or part time (two years), including a 'professional intensive option' based on short study blocks designed for those who combine their studies with work commitments

## Career development

The course equips graduates for work with local and international organisations, and provides transferable skills for a wide variety of careers, including policy, advocacy, journalism, teaching and ministry.

## 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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