

TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN | AT BELFAST

Master in Reconciliation Studies

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Learning to Transform Relationships

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.

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.
- **Dynamics of Reconciliation.** 10 ECTS. Overview of the key concepts and ethical issues in social reconciliation after political conflict. Taught at ISE, TCD | at Belfast as a weekly class.

40 ECTS of optional modules

- At least 20 ECTS from the Reconciliation Studies 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.**

Reconciliation Studies options list

- **Reconciliation in Northern Ireland.** 10 ECTS. Addressing the complexities of political identity, national allegiance and religious loyalty and their sectarian legacies. Taught at ISE, TCD | at Belfast as a semester module (weekly class).
- **Theology of Reconciliation.** 10 ECTS. Analysis of Christian theologies of reconciliation and their relevance for addressing violence and conflict. Taught at ISE, TCD | at Belfast as a semester module (weekly class).
- **Community Learning and Reflective Practice in Northern Ireland.** 10 ECTS. This module includes a placement or internship with a community-based organisation. Taught at ISE, TCD | at Belfast as a semester module (weekly class).
- **Post Conflict Justice and Truth Commissions.** 10 ECTS. The challenges of post-conflict justice and truth recovery with case studies from Latin America. Taught at ISE, TCD | at Belfast as a semester module (weekly class).
- **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. Short block intensive, venue to be confirmed.

Conflict Resolution list

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

- **Conflict Analysis and Models of Intervention.** 10 ECTS. Taught at ISE, TCD | at Belfast as a short-block intensive.
- **Conflict Resolution Skills.** 10 ECTS. Delivered by [TIDES](#) and hosted by [Corrymeela](#) (Antrim Coast) as a short block intensive.
- **Conflict Transformation.** 10 ECTS. Delivered by professional partner organisation, [Glencree Centre for Reconciliation](#), Co Wicklow as a short block intensive.
- **Conflict Resolution Lessons from Comparative Peace Processes.** 10 ECTS. Delivered by professional partner organisation, [Glencree Centre for Reconciliation](#) Co Wicklow as a short block intensive.

- **Social Research for Transformation.** 10 ECTS. Taught at ISE, TCD | at Belfast as a short-block intensive.
- **Guided Research Project.** 5 ECTS. (ISE, TCD | at Belfast)

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 Reconciliation Studies 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, 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

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 inter-disciplinary 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

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, ministry and Ph.D. research.

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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