

GIP

Master's Degree
in the United Nations
and the Art of Peace



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Master's Degree in the United Nations and the Art of Peace

The Master's Degree in the United Nations and the Art of Peace focuses on the study of 70 years of UN action in the fields of peace-making, peacekeeping and peacebuilding. It aims to allow students to become more knowledgeable on the matter as well as profit directly from the hindsight of the United Nations and academic experts in order to better assess and apprehend peace initiatives and understand the processes of preserving, defending and promoting peace in all their complexity.

Built on the experiences and expertise developed by UNITAR (United Nations Institute for Training and Research), WFUNA (World Federation of United Nations Associations) and the Graduate Institute of Peace Studies at Kyung Hee University, this degree explores the different facets of the actions undertaken in the international field to promote, preserve and defend peace. The United Nations being at the center of this process for the last 70 years, the degree intend to use the UN both as a study subject as well as a source of expertise.

The program is mainly designed for students of social sciences in the Republic of Korea that wish to pursue their post-graduate studies focusing on the promotion of peace possibly in view of securing an internship or a job in a relevant international or non-governmental organization.

Main topics covered by the Master's Degree in the United Nations and the Art of Peace include:

- Peace-making and Conflict prevention
- Peacekeeping
- Peacebuilding

Kyung Hee University (KHU)



Kyung Hee University (KHU) is a major academic institution in Korea that combines education, research, and practice while pursuing the universal values of peace and mutual prosperity. Since its foundation, it has spearheaded the Global Common Society Movement, established the International Association of University Presidents and the United Nations International Day of Peace, received the UNESCO Prize for Peace Education, organized the 1999 Seoul International Conference of NGOs, and held the World Civic Forum 2009.

The Graduate Institute of Peace Studies (GIP) was established in 1984 with the aim of training potential world leaders who possess a vision of a new global civil society and are committed to the promotion of peace and human welfare. The GIP is determined to establish a new global society that will be spiritually, beautiful, materially affluent, and humanly rewarding. In recognition of the GIP's contribution to international peace promotion, the GIP was awarded the 1993 UNESCO Prize for Peace Education. Envisioned in the founding goal of the Graduate Institute of Peace Studies is the establishment of a just, peaceful, secure, and affluent human society for the 21st century.

United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)



The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is an autonomous body within the United Nations that was established in 1965 pursuant to a UN General Assembly resolution, with the purpose of enhancing the effectiveness of the UN through appropriate training and research. UNITAR's mission is to develop capacities to enhance global decision-making and to support country-level action for shaping a better future.

World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA)



The World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) is a global non-profit organization representing and coordinating a membership of over 100 national United Nations Associations (UNAs) and their thousands of constituents. WFUNA works to build a better world by strengthening and improving the United Nations through the engagement of people who share a global mind-set and support international cooperation—global citizens. WFUNA works together with civil society organizations, governments, philanthropies, universities and companies. Members of WFUNA serve on various committees and advisory groups of leading non-profit organizations, government agencies and the United Nations.

Approach

In order to explore the fields of Peace-making, Peacebuilding and Peacekeeping, this MA relies on distinctive features:

1 Academic Flexibility:

This program offers choices about when, where and how students will learn. It can give valuable advantages in an increasingly competitive higher-education environment as greater flexibility can help meet the needs of a diverse range of students.

During their time of study, students are accommodated on campus and enjoy access to the sport and leisure facilities that are on offer. Students are able to experience the two magnificent campuses in Gwangneung and Seoul.

Gwangneung Campus

The GIP is located in Jinjobup, Namyangju City, Gyonggi Province, 24km northeast of Seoul. The area has beautiful natural scenery, and the Kwangnung arboretum and the tomb of the famous King Sejo are adjacent to the Institute. There are six buildings including the main building, a library, a dormitory, a meditation hall, a gymnasium and an apartment for professors. All of them are facilities for education and living.

Seoul Campus

For enhanced flexibility and efficiency, courses will be offered at Kyung Hee University's main campus in Seoul

2 Student-centered approach:

The learner and learning experience will be at the center of the approach. Group work, participation in discussion fora and exercises in each module and the mixed team of tutors/lecturers per module are particular features of the program.

3 Innovative multicultural pedagogy:

Understanding the diversities of paradigms, perceptions and intellectual traditions or specific knowledge of the different partners is a central asset of this program.

4 Web-based learning community:

Due to the specificity of humanitarian and peacebuilding activities based mostly on collaborative work and in order to put the learners in a situation as close as possible from field practice, a large portion of the learning activities and when possible of the assessments of each module will be based on collaborative work in order to create a virtual space of dialogue.

5 UN Expertise:

Students benefit directly from the United Nations expertise with the involvement of the Organization both in the planning and implementation phase of the degree. They also profit from the unique access to the institution that the implementing partners have.

Curriculum

Students benefit from an experienced faculty of scholars and practitioners, peer-to-peer collaboration, and a curriculum that reflects current theory and practice.

A. Offline

Module code	Module Title
UNAP-GIP	UN and International Organizations
UNAP-GIP	Contemporary International Relations
UNAP-GIP	Global Civil Society and Global Governance
UNAP-GIP	Peace Ideas
UNAP-GIP	Global Ethics & Justice
UNAP-GIP	Social Conflict, Inter-group Peace and Co-existence
UNAP-GIP	Global Development and governance
UNAP-GIP	Environmental & Sustainable Development
UNAP-GIP	Human Rights: Theory & Praxis
UNAP-GIP	Peace through Commerce
UNAP-GIP	The Future and Development Policy

B. Online

Module code	Module Title
UNITAR	Conflict resolution
UNITAR	Introduction to peace operations
UNITAR	Human security and peacebuilding
UNITAR	Good governance and peacebuilding

- The Master in the United Nations and the Art of Peace is a Master's Degree certified by Kyung Hee University in collaboration with UNITAR and WFUNA, awarded according to the rules and regulations set by the Korean education system.

Academic Programs

The importance of conducting a thorough diagnosis of current issues based on the professional knowledge of related fields is increasing due to complications of domestic and international issues. The GIP aims to maximize the educational experience through special lectures, workshops, and international academic conferences.

Special Lecture Series

A variety of topics are discussed by guest lecturers on a weekly basis. The guest lecturers are either nationally or internationally distinguished and recognized. Topics have included contemporary issues in the Asia-Pacific, foreign affairs and trade, the search for a UN identity, the future prospects of world citizens, and the status of refugees - especially as they pertain to the Korean peninsula and research on peace ideology.

Those who have given a special lecture include former UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali; HE. Rodrigo Carazo- Odio, former President of Costa Rica; Prof. Robert A. Scalapino of the University of California, Berkeley; Dr. Donald Puchala of the University of South Carolina; and Ms. Elaine Valdov, former Co-Convenor of the Seoul NGO World Conference and a member of the Board of Directors for UN-DPI, and Prof. Robert Laughlin, a Nobel prize winner.

International Academic Conferences

International academic conferences have focused on issues related to peace, the Pax UN and the East Asian region. These conferences have provided a venue for prominent domestic and foreign scholars to gather together for a discussion on the above issues.

- World Civic Forum
- Peace BAR Festival
- Annual Peace Conference in celebration of the International Day of Peace
- UNAI-Kyung Hee International Symposium

Global Collaborative Program

If our future society is to overcome conflicts and confrontations and rise to the ideals of tolerance and peace, then diversity and universality must be realized in harmony. To that end, Kyung Hee University and University of Pennsylvania are inaugurating the Global Collaborative Summer Program in Global Governance and East Asian Civilization. The Global Collaborative Summer Program is joined by East Asia's finest universities; Peking University in China, Ritsumeikan University in Japan, Moscow State University in Russia as well as the United Nation's Department of Economics and Social Affairs.



UNITAR / WFUNA Global Internship

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The purpose of the UNITAR / WFUNA Internship is to provide a framework by which individuals from diverse academic backgrounds may be assigned to UNITAR Programmes where their educational experience and skills can be enhanced through practical work assignments.

Cities and offices

UNITAR

New York	4 positions
Geneva	4 positions
Other locations	4 positions

WFUNA

New York	1 positions
Geneva	1 position
Seoul	2 positions

A. Short-term internship course

First-hand experience and knowledge is valuable for students regardless of where they go and what they do. All students are encouraged to have an internship in an area of their chosen discipline. Recently students have had the chance to work at:

- the US Congress;
- the Korean National Assembly Committee on Foreign Affairs and Unification;
- and the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

B. Long-term internship course

Students are required one month or more internship. This internship program is an important component for students who want to expand their knowledge and prepare for employment. Recently, internships includes:

- the National Assembly,
- the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- the ADB;
- the ILO;
- the UNDP;
- the United Nations;
- the Oslo Peace Research Center in Norway; and the UN University in Tokyo.

Internship

The GIP requires students to practically apply the knowledge learned during the courses through actual field experience, and to make the most out of the vacation through short-and long-term internship programs. The internship program provides the opportunity for students to put what they have learned into practice, and acquire hands-on experience.

Internships provide a great opportunity for filling the gap between theory and practice. Through internships, students are able to integrate and use their knowledge from classes, develop further competence through intensive field experience, take steps to gain that competence under educational supervision, and become better acquainted with the types of work settings.

This is why GIP places particular emphasis on internship and especially on international experience. All Master's degree students are encouraged to undertake an internship before graduation internships are eligible for recognition of academic credits.

Admissions and Tuition

Field of Study

Department of United Nations and the Art of Peace

Prerequisites

Those who have a Bachelor's degree or a Master's degree or who are in the final year of the above degree programs

Admission Review and Procedures

- ▶ Application Period: Exact date to be announced on the program website
- ▶ Evaluation

- Overseas / Domestic Applicants: [Stage 1] Documentary screening process-> [Stage 2] English Interview

**All applicants are required to have an intensive interview in English*

**Applicants who are residing abroad and are unable to attend the interview may have an interview by phone*

Tuition and Fees

Estimated Cost for One Semester

Tuition 6,500,000 KRW

Entrance Fee (only for the 1st semester) 980,000 KRW

Optional

Campus Housing 200,000 KRW (1month)

Meals 5,000 KRW (per 1meal)

*This is an approximate cost as of the 2017 academic year. It may differ every year.

** Housing is not mandatory for program candidates.

Financial Assistance

The GIP provides various academic scholarships based on needs and competition such as Internship Subvention and Assistant Stipend for more information please refer to the program website



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