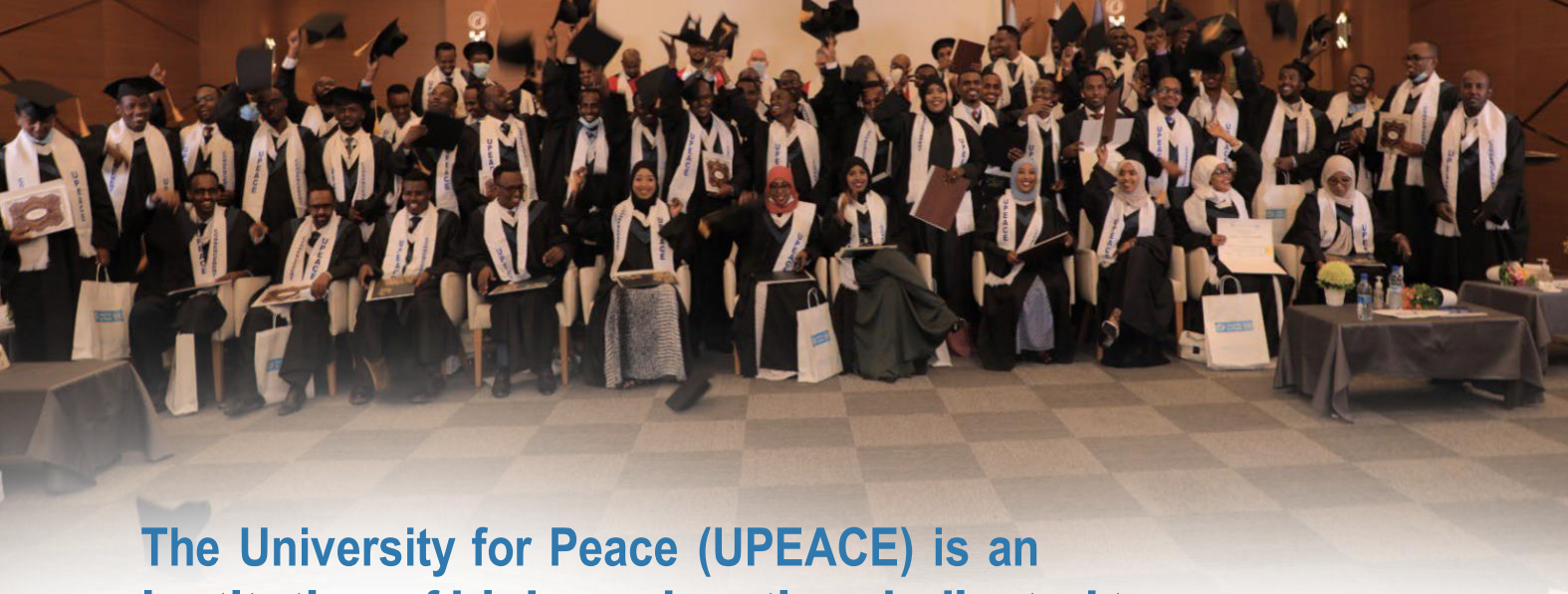




**Master of Arts  
Programs** \_\_\_\_\_




# About the UN University for Peace




The University for Peace (UPEACE) is an institution of higher education dedicated to the study of peace.

Created by UN General Assembly Resolution 35/55, the University for Peace has been training leaders for peace for the past four decades. It is a unique global academic institution with over 2,000 Alumni hailing from more than 120 nations. Through its Master's and Doctoral degree programmes, UPEACE trains future leaders to explore and formulate strategies and practices in various contexts to address the causes of multiple problems affecting human and global wellbeing, and thus contribute to the processes of peacekeeping and peacebuilding. The UPEACE Experience is experiential and unique, empowering, transformative and cultivates critical thinking in its students.

UPEACE launched its Somalia program in 2018 to play a critical role in the recovery, peace-building and development of the country. Since its launch, the program has produced hundreds of leaders who have impacted the public sector and civil society's efforts in improving service delivery and civic leadership. Offering degree programs and professional certificate courses that have been designed to develop the leadership skills in the areas of environment, governance, peace building and resilience, the university is set to instill a lasting impact on the nation's progress.

  
**282**  
Number of graduates  
(Somalia Program)

  
**3000+**  
Global Alumni

  
**400+**  
Current student population



## Message from Country Director

Over the last few years, the UN University for Peace - Somalia Program saw a rise to the unexpected since its establishment in 2018. This year, The International Peace Day, 21st September also marked the official and historical graduation for the first ever graduates in Mogadishu from this reputable institution.

Education is the primary function of any university. However, UPEACE is already a national leader in creating effective student-focused interactions. The University for Peace facilitates strong linkages between research endeavours and graduate education. The production of highly qualified Master of Arts and Doctoral graduates who become valued graduate students can play a role in enhancing the status of the nation and contribute to its development. Interestingly, the hundreds of applications the university receives for each cohort are mostly from experienced public servants and aspiring leaders on their own before they join the university.

UPEACE graduates become master pivoters and problem solvers not only focusing on the peace building and conflict mediation and resolution but also to contribute to the current global issues, such as the climate change and the new pandemic threats. Some of our students' research work were

oriented towards exploring solutions to global issues as well as local needs. Students defended their dissertations online taking advantage of the remote format to invite more external experts from around the world.

With the peace process and re-building of the nation on the horizon, my hope is that we can begin to resume our lives with assurance. One in four of the currently enrolled to the various programs offered by UPEACE Somalia Programme, the Africa Regional Programme, has already received their Master of Arts Degree, and they are already serving the nation in valuable and prestigious roles. It's expected that by the beginning of 2024 more graduates will be widely available throughout the country. We are expecting a more exciting new academic year ahead and look forward to meeting many of new students from all over the regional states. I anticipate hearing from you and seeing familiar faces on board.

**Dr. Mohamed Yusuf**  
Country Director - Somalia  
United Nations - University for Peace (UPEACE)  
Africa Regional Programme  
Somalia Country Mission, Mogadishu



# UPEACE Programs

The university offers Masters and Doctoral programs, as well as professional certificate courses. The professional certificate courses are intended to provide the graduates and professionals an opportunity at continuous professional development while also allowing them to gain credits that could be counted towards any degree program they might decide to pursue with UPEACE in the future.

The Masters Programs are designed to offer aspiring participants an opportunity to be job-ready by advancing their knowledge and practice under the guidance of internationally

recognized academics from an international Institutions such as UPEACE.

These innovative programs take into consideration the latest international and regional insights to help participants better understand national contexts. Participants develop competences required to contribute to development of their countries as well as peaceful co- existence between countries at the regional and global environment as well as cope in a rapidly changing world.

The programs are designed with participants’ interests and needs in mind with highly qualified UPEACE Professors delivering the courses in Mogadishu.



## Master of Arts Programs

The MA Programmes are envisaged to advance the development of the full spectrum of knowledge, skills and related capacities of students. The programmes will offer a holistic selection of courses that critically examine the academic concepts, theories, contemporary debates and practices of the interdisciplinary studies of peace, conflict, governance and development in Africa. Students will have the

chance to follow a tailored set of courses and explore relevant theoretical frameworks, analyze and critique policy and practice, explore case examples and reflect on the political, economic, social and cultural contexts to find innovative ways to invest in the prevention and transformation of violence, for sustainable development and peace to emerge.



The MA programmes are designed to meet the needs of scholars and students interested in various disciplines of studies with a distinct focus on Africa. To arrive at the afore-mentioned goal, the educational purposes and objectives of the MA programme include:

- To introduce students to the key concepts and applications in the field of peace, conflict, international law, environment and their nexus with governance, security and development in Africa
- To guide students to develop their functional competences of advance reflection an critical analyses of various theoretical and practical applications
- To encourage praxis – the complex and holistic ‘action-reflection’ process necessary for synergy in theory and practice
- To enhance conceptual thinking and espouse multiple pedagogies – holistic, dialectical, dialogical, innovative, critical – all relevant perspectives in a globalized and rapidly changing world
- To develop students’ familiarity with the conventional guidelines for the creation, interpretation and dissemination of academic material including using content in the form of a problematique.
- To encourage empirical research and develop a critical mass of researchers whose objective is to nourish the formulation of policy in the varied and complex area of

**African peace, security, governance and development.**  
The above objectives presume measurable deliverables including among others:

1. Active participation, reflection and presentation of viewpoints and perspectives
2. Essential skills in leadership, non-violent communication, conflict transformation and project management for sustainable development
3. Advanced written essays as final course papers for each of the modules, including policy briefs, project proposals and critical essays
4. A well written final dissertation based on empirical research or thematic analysis of a problem







# Programme Structure and Timeline

The programmes will offer 12 courses over 12 months, totaling 36 academic credits. A final 15000-word research paper (Dissertation) worth 8 credits will be mandatory for the award of Master of Arts. The total duration of the MA program is 18 months including the research work. Each student will be expected to attend a 3-week long face-to-face or online courses and take comprehensive exams on each of the courses. The course will be completed with a final dissertation which will be presented during the period of residency and graduation.

Given the various professional commitments of students, the

## MA Degree Programs

- 1. MA in Environment, Development and Peace
  - a. Specialization Environmental Security and Governance
  - b. Specialization Sustainable Natural Resource Management
  - c. Specialization Climate Change Policy
  - d. Specialization Sustainable Food Systems
- 2. MA in Peace Governance and Development
- 3. MA in International Law and Human Rights
- 4. MA in Disaster Resilience, Leadership and Humanitarian Action
- 5. MA in Energy, Economics and Governance
- 6. MA in Sustainable Water Resources Management and Climate Adaption
- 7. MA in Blue Economy and Maritime Security

- MA programme can be completed via two routes:
- a. **Full time online-only (FO): This corresponds to completion of all required credits and a Dissertation within 18 months from the date of registration;**
  - b. **Full time face to face: Completion of all required credits and a Dissertation in 18 months.**

Admission to the MA will be open throughout the year, and enrolled students can begin in January or September.



From a practical perspective, the programs provide a sophisticated and solid theoretical background in each module. The central idea is to apply a theoretical and practical framework to the way participants think and work the various fields. The programme is structured in 13 Modules including an independent research project or optional field visits/internship.

UPEACE embraces an innovative and interdisciplinary approach to both the pedagogy and content. Our academic programs offer specialized, multidisciplinary courses and our international faculty uses engaging and participatory teaching models for face to face classroom instruction.

# Teaching and Assessment Methodology

A strong grounding in proactive, student-centered learning is the envisioned pedagogical philosophy of the MA programme. To ensure that all students get the full benefits as face to- face learning, interactive, participatory, task-based methodology will be fostered, to enable critical reflection while leaving room for creativity and validation of multiple points of views.

The proposed MA programmes will primarily use a variety of learning methods for teaching. Students will have face-to-face or online teaching sessions 3 days a week (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) throughout the year. All materials will be composed of scientifically sourced and originally- authored work by in-house and external academic contributors. For all modules, students will be supported by faculty and tutors (facilitators) who will provide course materials and feedback on their work and will be available to them by face to face, email and online

sessions.

Learning will generally be self-directed, applied and collaborative. However, several aspects of the learning process will be assessed to contribute to students' final grades, including – substantive participation in discussions, individual and group written assignments, applied (creative) project development and presentation. All grades will reflect the UPEACE established grading system.

The MA programmes will be taught in English. Applicants from Arabic speaking countries will therefore be encouraged to have an intermediate or higher level of English to partake in English language discussions. All discussions will be conducted in English. Students will be offered all course guides and syllabi in English.

# Admission Requirements and Process

For eligibility and admission into the MA programmes, the following criteria will apply:

**Education:** A 3 or 4-year Bachelor degree in Social or Behavioral Science, Business, Economics and Humanities

**Skills:** A functional knowledge and familiarity with e-learning tools – internet search engines, Microsoft Word and Powerpoint, (internet access is implied)

**Language ability:** Proof of **advance** ability in English is mandatory. For the primary language, this implies either having completed undergraduate study in English or attended tertiary education in any native-speaking English country. Arabic speakers must demonstrate intermediate level English competence through a phone or face to face interviews. Speakers of other languages must demonstrate ability in English through an established professional language exams

To apply, candidates will submit their applications online using the link provided below. The applicant is required to submit:

- A Completed Application form
- Bachelor Degree University Certificates and Transcripts (certified)
- A 1000-word Statement of Purpose
- Proof of English language competence

- **To waive the English language proficiency test report requirements, applicants from non-English speaking countries may present one of the following documents:**
- Undergraduate or previous master's degree from an English speaking university (language of instruction must be clearly stated on transcript)
- Letter from a higher-education institution certifying enrolment in or completion of an undergraduate or master's programme where the medium of instruction was English
- An updated Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Two recommendation letters (ideally sent electronically or if in hard copy, must be signed, sealed and dated, with valid contact information. Valid referees include former/ current professors, and employers)
- Passport size photographs
- Copy of passport

Once successful candidates are selected, Admission Letters will be sent to them detailing the financial terms available for them. They must confirm such terms in signature and pay the non-refundable enrolment fee to confirm their place in the programme. Once payment is made, they will be issued a UPEACE student ID and access to the 'Classrooms'.

For more information contact our office on  
**+252 613 9999 06**  
[Submission of Expression of Interest](#)

## Fee Structure

The fee for the MA programs is structured as follows:

Fee	Description	Amount
Admission and registration fees	Application processing, admission fee and course registrations, and examinations	US\$ 500
Functional fees	Include examination, research and thesis fees, technology and graduation fees	US\$ 500
Tuition fees	A lump sum amount for the courses offered under the respective MA programs	US\$ 4000
<b>Total fees</b>		<b>US\$ 5000</b>

## Payment Mode, Methods and Schedule

UPEACE Somalia Program offers a flexible payment opportunity for the potential graduate program candidates. Payments shall be made as per the payment structure below:

Admission and registration fee	After the submission of the application and receipt of notification of acceptance	US\$ 500
First installment of the tuition fees	After receiving the official admission letter to UPEACE and beginning of the first term	US\$ 800
Second installment of the tuition fees	At the beginning of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> term	US\$ 800
Functional fees	Within the second semester	US\$ 500
Third installment of the tuition fees	At the beginning of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> team	US\$ 800
Fourth installment of the tuition fees	At the beginning of the 4 <sup>th</sup> term	US\$ 800
Fifth installment of the tuition fees	At the beginning of the thesis assignment	US\$ 800
<b>Total fees</b>	<b>All the fees including admission fees, functional fees and tuition fees</b>	<b>US\$ 5000</b>

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