Learning outcomes

The Peace and Conflict Studies program applies rigorous political science methods and perspectives to fundamental questions about the causes of conflict between and within states and the conditions for promoting and sustaining peace. This two-year MA program equips students with a range of analytic methods and substantive knowledge about these challenges, and brings in perspectives from political science and practitioners on how to analyze and address them.

Knowledge

* You have a strong empirical and conceptual foundation for analyzing longstanding and emerging challenges to international peace and security
* You can identify and assess ethical considerations relating to research and analysis in the field of peace and conflict
* You can select and apply suitable advanced methodological tools for analyzing specific research questions in the field of peace and conflict studies

Skills

* You are able to obtain, process and assess different kinds of data in a systematic and critical manner
* You are able to conduct analysis on emerging challenges to peace and security with limited or incomplete data
* You can apply basic principles of research design and discuss challenges relating to inference associated with different kinds of data in the field of peace and security
* You can discuss methodological and empirical constraints and limitations in existing research and identify their implications

Competences

* You practice scientific values such as openness, rationality, precision, and transparency
* You are skilled in applying different research methods (qualitative and quantitative) and are familiar with the tools and software associated with these methods
* You can make an independent and qualified assessment of other people’s work, give constructive feedback, and incorporate feedback into your own work
* You can access and navigate large amounts of information and assess its scientific value and relevance for a specific task