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**DURATION**  
ONE YEAR



**DURING**  
WEEKENDS



**MEDIUM**  
ENGLISH



**COMMENCEMENT**  
MARCH 2026



**University of Colombo**  
**Faculty of Graduate Studies**



**DEADLINE**  
**EXTENDED**  
**15<sup>th</sup> FEB**

## Course Fees

	LOCAL STUDENTS	FOREIGN STUDENTS
<b>APPLICATION FEE</b>		
Application Fee	LKR 3,000/=	40 USD
<b>PROGRAMME FEE</b>		
Registration Fee	LKR 5,000/=	65 USD
Course Fee	LKR 181,500/=	2865 USD
Library Fee	LKR 1,500/=	20 USD
Examination Fee	LKR 12,000/=	150 USD
<b>OPTIONAL</b>		
Refundable Library Deposit	LKR 5,000/=	
<b>TOTAL FEE</b> Excluding Refundable Library Deposit & Application Fee	LKR 200,000/=	3,100 USD

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**MASTER OF**  
**CONFLICT AND**  
**PEACE STUDIES**  
**MCPS 2025/26**  
SLQF LEVEL 9

**Blended Learning**



# Introduction

The Masters in Conflict and Peace Studies (MCPS) programme at the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Colombo is an interdisciplinary programme that provides students the opportunity to identify potential approaches to conflict resolution in order to build a more peaceful social order. This MCPS programme opens students to the underlying drivers of contention at the interpersonal, community, local, state, national, and global levels and the social and political developments that have prompted the change of those contentions.

The MCPS educational programme will challenge students to investigate the peaceful settlement of debate through an assortment of disciplinary viewpoints and scholarly methodologies.

## Course Modules

### Semester I

- MCPS 6101 – Conflict and Peace Studies Foundations
- MCPS 6102 – Conflict and Peace Processes: Theories in to Practice
- MCPS 6103 – Dimensions of Conflict Management and Transformation
- MCPS 6104 – Research Methodology

### Semester II

- MCPS 6201 – War and Violence: Social Cultural and Human Dimensions
- MCPS 6202 – Contemporary Issues in Development and Peace
- MCPS 6203 – Peace Building Policy and Practices
- MCPS 6204 – Independent Study



## Admission Requirements

- ✓ A Bachelor's degree from a recognized University / Institution in Conflict and Peace Studies; **OR**
- ✓ Any other Bachelor's Degree, with prior learning / work experience in Conflict and Peace Studies; **OR**
- ✓ Postgraduate Diploma (SLQF 8) from a recognized University / Institution or an equal qualification acceptable to the Faculty Board of the FGS and the Senate of the University of Colombo with prior learning / work experience in Conflict and Peace Studies; **OR**
- ✓ Professional qualification in Conflict and Peace Studies from a recognized professional body with acceptable to the Faculty Board of the FGS and the Senate of University of Colombo with prior learning / work experience in Conflict and Peace Studies; **OR**
- ✓ Completion of NVQ level 7 (Equivalent to Bachelor's degree in SLQF) with relevant work in Conflict and Peace Studies as determined by the Faculty Board of the FGS and the Senate of University of Colombo; **AND**
- ✓ A good knowledge of English language and satisfactory performance at a selection test and / or an interview.

## How to Apply

Applications can be downloaded from the faculty website ([fgs.cmb.ac.lk](https://fgs.cmb.ac.lk)). Duly completed application form, certified copies of National Identity Card, birth certificate, relevant educational and professional qualifications, and work experience (if any) along with a scanned copy of the payment slip (of application processing fee) should be submitted via Apply Online weblink. All above documents should be submitted as **one PDF document**.

Application fee **Rs. 3000 (Local students) or 40 USD (Foreign students) (non-refundable)** can be paid using the code **318161200002** as the reference number at any Peoples' Bank branch or using our online payment portal ([pay.cmb.ac.lk](https://pay.cmb.ac.lk)),



### AND

Completed application form and the photocopies of above mentioned original certified documents along with the payment slip should also be sent through the registered post to reach the Deputy Registrar, Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Colombo, No 35/30. Prof. Stanley Wijesundara Mawatha, Colombo 07 Please mention the programme name on the left side of the envelope. Apply on or before **15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.