

MASTER IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Dynamics of cooperation, conflict and negotiation
in international relations and diplomacy

60 ECTS - MASTER UNIVERSITARIO



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UNIVERSIDAD ALFONSO X EL SABIO

2. A STIMULATING ONE YEAR MASTER

We have designed the master program so the participants will not just study theory, but have a real opportunity to get job-ready.

The master program in **Dynamics of Cooperation, Conflict and Negotiation in international Relations and Diplomacy** –

The only International Relations program taught entirely in English in Spain

offers aspiring students and professionals the opportunity to advance their knowledge and practices under the guidance of internationally recognized academics.

Jointly developed with the **Berg Institute** and **UN University for Peace**, this innovative program aims to take the latest insights from the international community and put them in a global context. Participants acquire competences required to contribute to the development of the international cooperation and to cope with the rapid changes there underway.

This program is designed with the participants' interests in mind, with classes held in the evening from Monday to Thursday.

Taking a **practical approach**, the program provides 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 within the field of international relations.

The program is structured in 15 core modules and is complemented by optional **institutional visits and academic fieldtrips in Spain, the European Union and the United States**.

For each module, participants will receive the bibliographical resources and a seminal work chosen by their respective professor. This will not only provide an enduring tool for future reference but will also contribute to the participant's ability to critically engage with the relevant academic literature.

3. THE PROGRAM |

The main subjects of this program are organized into 3 core modules:

Peace and Conflict Studies

The first core module includes the following subjects:

- Foundations of Peace and Conflict Studies
- Security Studies and International Terrorism
- International Negotiation and Geostrategy

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International Law and Human Rights

The second core module includes:

- Functioning of International Organizations
- International Law
- Human Rights Protection and International Relations

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Globalization

Finally, the third core module includes:

- Economics, Commerce and Globalization
- An Intercultural Approach
- Development and Sustainability
- International Relations and Globalization

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COURSES

FIRST SEMESTER

	TYPE	ECTS
M120301 International Law	OB	5
M120302 Development and Sustainability	OB	5
M120303 Economics, Commerce and Globalisation	OB	5
M120304 Functioning of International Organisations	OB	3
M120305 Foundations of Peace and Conflict Studies	OB	3
M120306 International Negotiation, mediation and Geostrategy	OB	5
M120308 Human Rights Protection and International Relations	OB	5
M120309 International Relations and Globalisation	OB	5
M120310 Security Studies and International Terrorism	OB	5
M120312 An Intercultural Approach	OB	3

SECOND SEMESTER

M120307 Practicum	OB	6
M120311 Final Thesis	OB	6

OPTIONAL COURSES

	TYPE	ECTS
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TOTAL		60

LIST OF OPTIONAL COURSES


M120330 European Institutions, Peacekeeping and Human Rights in Europe (Otzenhausen)	OB	4
M120331 International Organizations and Human Rights (Washington)	OB	4
M120332 Threats to Peace and International Mediation (Jerusalem)	OB	4


4. OPTIONAL ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES


During these programs, imparted in collaboration with the **Berg Institute**, the participants will have the opportunity to join students from other Masters and professionals from all over the world that share their commitment to Human Rights. They will have the chance to assist lectures given by prestigious scholars and professionals in the field that have been supporting and collaborating with this program since its beginning.


Each participant receives an official certificate of participation delivered by the Berg Institute during the closing ceremony.

The participants will take one (or more) of the following activities:

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1 PROGRAMMED VISIT: POLAND, FRANCE, GERMANY, LUXEMBURG AND BELGIUM. In a ten-day trip the group will visit European and International Institutions including Cracow (Auschwitz Concentration Camp), The Hague (Europol, International Court of Justice and International Criminal Court), Brussels (European Commission, EU Parliament and EU Council and NATO Headquarters), Luxembourg (EU Court of Justice), and Strasbourg (European Court of Human Rights). An intensive 10 day trip through the History of Human Rights
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2 PROGRAMMED VISIT: THE UNITED STATES. In cooperation with American University-Washington College of Law the program includes a tour with visits to financial institutions and important economic and politic institutions in Washington. Organized meetings include the Pentagon, World Bank, IMF, U.S Congress, and the OAS headquarters for part of the optional US Academic activities.
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3 PROGRAMMED VISIT: ISRAEL AND PALESTINE. In cooperation with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the participants will be able to develop their critical thought about the current situation in Israel and Palestine with visits to historical places and institutions such as Yad Vashem (Holocaust Museum), Old City of Jerusalem and Holy Places, Tel Aviv, West Bank, Border Wall, Nazareth and Bethelhem. It is a unique opportunity to meet scholars from both sides of the conflict and get a deeper understanding of the ongoing situation. The participants are hosted in the guest house of the Hebrew University in the heart of Jerusalem.
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4 COMPLIMENTARY VISITS: Every academic year a complimentary abroad activity abroad will be offered to participants. Past editions include a joint seminar on Universal Jurisdiction with the United Nations University for Peace (Costa Rica) and an International Forum on Human Rights and Transitional Justice with the Rosario University of Bogotá (Colombia).
- 5 ONLINE COURSE:** Every year, the human Rights Centre of the United Nations Mandated University for Peace, located in Costa Rica, offers the master students the opportunity to take an online course on a subject related to the Master topics. Collaboration between the Master and this prestigious institution permit the students to enrich their background with an official certificate from a UN institution.

5. FACULTY | Our program is enriched by the active participation of **academics and professional from 30 countries**. Some of these experts are:



Juan Carlos Sainz-Borgo, Venezuela, Co-director

Juan Carlos Sainz Borgo is a scholar and an attorney specialized in international law, and international humanitarian law.

He is the Co-Head of the Department of International Law and Human Rights of the United Nations mandate University for Peace (UPEACE) and Co-Director of The Berg Institute. Human Rights, Governance and Rule of Law. He received a Fulbright-Schuman. He has been Deputy Director of the Venezuelan Diplomatic Academy, Academic Coordinator of the Faculty of Legal and Political Sciences of the Universidad Central de Venezuela and Coordinator of the Graduate Program in International Economic Law of the same institution. He was Fulbright Visiting Professor at the American University in Washington D.C (2008-2009). He also has been adviser of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Andean Community, Andean Corporation of Development, Organization of American States, as well as to the Venezuelan Government in border and environmental issues. He is a Lawyer and Doctor in Judicial Sciences (with Honors) from the Universidad Central de Venezuela, Caracas. He holds a Certificate in Diplomatic Studies and a Master in Sciences from University of Oxford, UK. He also has graduate courses from Harvard University (US) and The Hague Academy of International Law from the Netherlands. Prof. Sainz-Borgo lectures in Venezuela, Colombia, Costa Rica and Spain. He has published four books and more than thirty articles in English and Spanish.



Joaquin González Ibáñez, Spain, Co-director

Joaquín González Ibáñez is an International Public Law and International Relations Professor at Alfonso X University, international coordinator of the LL.M. on Human Rights and Transitional Justice at Universidad del Rosario in Bogotá, Colombia as well as Co-Director of The Berg Institute: Human Rights, Governance and Rule of Law.

Consultant at the United Nations Development Program in 2007 and 2008, he received a Fulbright-Schuman Award and was Research Fellow and visiting scholar at the Washington College of Law, American University during 2008-2009 where he carried out research on the different post-9/11 visions of fight against terrorism and international human rights in Europe and the United States. He has been a visiting scholar and researcher at the European Law Research Center at Harvard University (2003-2004). Prof. Gonzalez Ibanez has served as Dean of the Social Studies Faculty, at Universidad Alfonso X El Sabio, Madrid. He holds an LLB and a Doctorate in Law (SJD) from Universidad Complutense (Magna Cum Laude), Madrid; a post-graduate Certificate in International Public Law from the International Institute of Law at The Hague; a postgraduate Certificate in Human Rights Protection from the Rene Cassin Institute of Human Rights in Strasbourg; and a Diploma in European Law and International Affairs from the University of Leuven (KULeuven), Belgium. He has been a visiting professor in China, Colombia, and the United States, and has published extensively on human right issues and international law, specifically the right of access to education, human rights and victims and transitional justice.



Hansi Escobar, Spain

Diplomat. Has held different positions in several destinations such as Bulgaria, Nicaragua, Argentina, Morocco, Jordan and Israel. Former Ambassador in special mission for the Mediterranean Sea Countries. More than 50 articles published in specialized magazines. Current Ambassador of Spain in Iraq.



Xabier Agirre, Spain

Xabier Agirre is Senior Analyst at the Office of the Prosecutor of the ICC (International Criminal Court) since 2004, when he joined the first team that established the Office. For the last twenty years he has worked in the investigation of international crimes (war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide) as well as the training of prosecutors and judges around the world with the UN ICTY (United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia), ICRC (International Committee of the Red Cross), UN OHCHR (UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights), ICTJ (International Center for Transitional Justice) and several universities and NGOs.



Keiran Bowtell, Australia

Studied at the University of Melbourne. Assistant in the Dept. of Global Affairs and international representation in Repsol during one year (2010-2011). He continued as coordinator of the master in International Relations at University Alfonso X el Sabio (2011-2012). He later became Advisor to trade and investment at the British Embassy in Madrid (2012-2013) where he continued as diplomat public counsel (2013-2015). Currently he is working in Labour, Social and Public policy at the British Embassy in Madrid.



Macarena Sáez, Chile

Fellow in the International Legal Studies Program and teaches at WCL in the areas of Family Law, Comparative Law, and International Human Rights. Her main areas of research are gender discrimination in Latin America, and comparative family law. She is also member of Libertades Públicas, an organization that promotes civil liberties in Latin America. With this organization she was one of the lead counsels for the victims in the first case on sexual orientation before the Inter American System of Human Rights *Atala and daughters v. Chile*.



José Enrique Conde, Spain, Academic Coordinator

Lawyer, lecturer and researcher at the Berg Institute in Madrid. Associate Professor in the International Relations and Law Faculties in Alfonso X el Sabio University. He is as well an International Law lecturer in Complutense University of Madrid. Doctor (cum laude) in Law and Master in International Relations by Alfonso X el Sabio University. Postgraduate in International Law by The Hague Academy of International Law. Specialist in International Human Rights Protection Law by Alfonso X el Sabio University. Law and International Relations degrees by Comillas University in Madrid.



Koen Lemmens, Belgium

Professor of European and International Human Rights Law and Director of Leuven Institute for Human Rights and Critical Studies (LIHRICS) at the University of Leuven and a professor of Press Law at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. He also teaches at the European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation (EIUC) in Venice, Italy. Koen Lemmens is an attorney at the Brussels bar, specialized in proceedings before the European Court of Human Rights.



Mihir Kanade, India

Director of the UPEACE Human Rights Centre and a faculty member in the Department of International Law and Human Rights at UPEACE. Prior to the present position, Mihir practiced for 6 years as a lawyer in the Supreme Court of India and the Bombay High Court, focusing on issues of fundamental human rights violations. He holds a LL.B. from Nagpur University and a Masters degree in International Law and the Settlement of Disputes from UPEACE



Rosa Bautista, Spain

Rosa María Bautista Cordero has been a senior lecturer at Universidad Alfonso X el Sabio since 1998, in the areas of Translation and Intercultural Communication for International Relations undergraduate and graduate students. She was appointed sworn translator by the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1995, and has combined teaching, research and translation work since. She holds a PhD degree (magna cum laude) in Languages and Artistic Expressions by Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, and has taught graduate courses in Legal Translation at Universidad Complutense de Madrid, and Humanities Translation at New York University.



George Emile Irani, Lebanon, USA

Associate Professor of International Relations at the American University of Kuwait. He was previously Director of Africa and the Middle East for the Toledo International Centre for Peace-CITPAX (Madrid, Spain), Professor in the Peace & Conflict Studies Division at Royal Roads University (Victoria, Canada), Senior Policy Analyst with the U. S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, as well as Jennings Randolph Senior Fellow at the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) where he conducted research on rituals as methods of conflict control and reduction in the Middle East.



Arie M. Kacowicz, Israel, Argentina

Chaim Weizmann Chair in International Relations and Associate Professor in the Department of International Relations at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel.



Thelma Butts, USA

Thelma Butts is a conflict management practitioner. She mediates a wide variety of conflicts, facilitates consensus building processes, and works with public and private entities to develop and implement programs that help them deal better with conflict. Thelma is also a teacher of conflict resolution processes, and as such works with universities, bar associations and other professional and government groups. Thelma has developed dispute resolution programs for health care systems, business entities and for communities involved in environmental disputes. Her work spans a variety of areas, and has included bilingual facilitation of international dialogue on natural resource conservation, and serving as manager for a consortium of environmentalists, forest service entities, business entities, townships, government agencies and other private groups.



Felipe Gonzalez, Chile

Commissioner at the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights. Felipe González is Professor of International Human Rights Law and Constitutional Law at Chile's Diego Portales University. He founded and directed that university's Human Rights Center, where from 2002 to 2006 he managed the preparation and publication of an Annual Report on Human Rights in Chile. He also founded and coordinated a Latin American Network of Legal Human Rights Clinics. He is S.J.D. from the Carlos III University of Madrid, and he holds a Master of Law degree from American University and a Master of Advanced Human Rights Studies from Carlos III University.



Paulino Fajardo, Spain

Paulino Farjardo is a partner at Herbert Smith Freehills and Doctor in Law. He is dual qualified as a Spanish lawyer (ICAM) and a solicitor (England and Wales), as well as an accredited mediator (CEDR). His professional experience has been focused on international dispute resolution. A skilled negotiator and legal strategist, he is considered to be an eminent practitioner in ADR. Comparative law is at the heart of his practice.



Guy Harpaz, Israel

Professor Guy Harpaz, Law Faculty and Department of International Relations Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Obtained his Ph.D. at the University of Cambridge. His research fields include EU Law, EU-Israel relations and public international law. Holder of Arnold Brecht Chair in European Law. Head of the Academic Committee of the Berg Programme at the Hebrew University. Former President of the Israeli Association for the Study of European Integration and Vice Dean, Law Faculty.

6. STUDENT PROFILE

6.1. STUDENTS NATIONALITIES

- AMERICA:** United States of America, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Argentina, Canadá, Brazil, Uruguay, Mexico
- EUROPE:** Spain, France, Germany, Lithuania, Italy, United Kingdom, Estonia, Finland
- AFRICA:** Sudan, Nigeria
- MIDDLE EAST:** Jordan, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Israel
- ASIA:** Philippines, India, Japan, Rusia, Kazakhstan
- OCEANÍA:** Australia

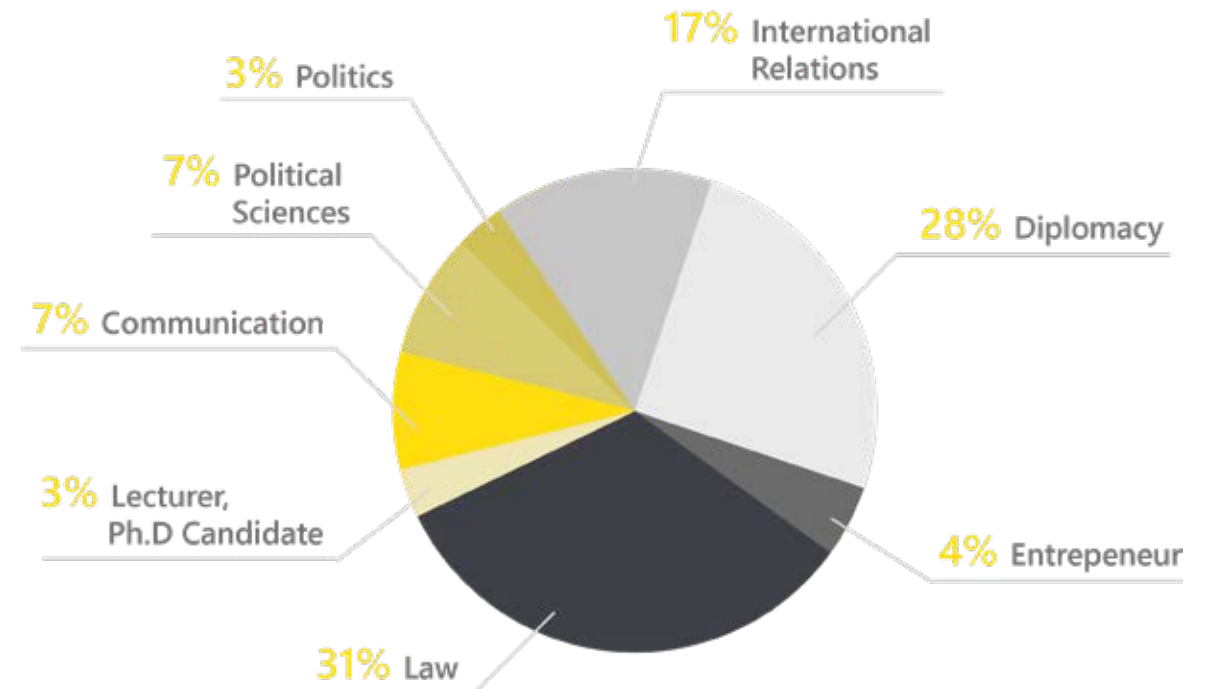


This Master is aimed at students and professionals with a **Social Sciences or Humanities** profile (Political Science, Contemporary History, Economic Sciences, Sociology, Social Anthropology, Information Sciences, Law, Philosophy and Humanities, Journalism and/or Social Communication).

Other profiles might as well be welcome as long as there is an effective academic or professional link with the degree.

The desired social profile for applicants is that of a student or professional with interest in International Relations issues in a broad and sophisticated sense. Applicants shall have the motivation, work capacity, tolerance, and the open mind expected in a program of this kind. The encounter of different nationalities in the master is in itself a crucial part of the program as it creates a perfect group to discuss the content from an intercultural point of view.

6.2. FORMER STUDENT'S STUDIES



7. CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

1. Law/legal
2. International Organizations (Universal, Regional and/or functional)
3. European Union institutions
4. NGOs
5. Private sector: ie. (risk) analyst, Corporate Social Responsibility.
6. Public activism
7. Diplomacy
8. Government, civil service: ie. policy developer, international affairs.
9. Journalism
10. Development and Sustainability
11. Communication
12. Academics
13. Politics
14. IR-related institutions: i.e. non-profits, foundations, think tanks
15. Public relations related to enterprises and/or institutions
16. Social work
17. Consultancy
18. Public and Private Lobbying
19. Negotiation and ADRMs
20. Public and Private analysis
21. Defense and Intelligence
22. International screening
23. And so on...

“It is when we expose ourselves without prejudices to other peoples’ cultures that we get the opportunity not only to learn from them but also to understand ourselves better. Ideally, this should help us grow as human beings”

— Rosa Bautista



8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

8.1. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All applications will be analyzed and those short listed will be summoned for an interview. If the candidate cannot come to Madrid, the interview may be on Skype. All candidates must submit:

- Academic records (the participant must have the university pre-requisites require to enter a master program in his country)
- CV
- Cover Letter
- English level certification (if possible)
- Application form

The applications must be submitted in English before by september 1st

The short-listed candidates will be interviewed, first by the academic coordinator to assess their English Level and their profile according to the master requirements. **The second interview will be carried out by the Directors of the Master** Dr. Joaquin González Ibáñez and Dr. Juan Carlos Sáinz Borgo.

The program lasts one academic year (9 months) from October until July or September (depending on the option chosen for the thesis defence). The student will receive every month the class schedule and all the required readings.

8.2. DOUBLE DEGREE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY FOR PEACE

Alfonso X el Sabio University offers the opportunity to course a double degree with the University for Peace of the United Nations in San José (Costa Rica).

The University for Peace was established through a United Nations General Assembly Resolution in 1980 as an "international specialized center for postgraduate education, research and the dissemination of knowledge specifically aimed at peace training."

This double degree with UAX Master in Dynamics of Cooperation, Conflict and Negotiation in International Relations and Diplomacy can be done with any of the following programs offered by the University for Peace, which will be taught at its main campus in San José (Costa Rica):

- Environment, Development and Peace
- Environment, Development and Peace, specialization in Climate Change Policy
- Environment, Development and Peace, specialization in Environment Security and Governance
- Environment, Development and Peace, specialization in Sustainable Food Systems
- Environment, Development and Peace, specialization in Sustainable Natural Resource Management
- Environmental Security and Governance Specialization in Climate Change
- Environmental Security and Peace, specialization in Climate Change and Security
- Gender and Peace Building
- International Law and Human Rights
- International Law and the Settlement of Disputes
- International Peace Studies
- International Peace Studies with specialization in Media, Peace and Conflict Studies
- Natural Resources and Sustainable Development
- Peace Education
- Resolución de Conflictos, Paz y Desarrollo (in spanish)
- Responsible Management and Sustainable Economic Development
- Water Cooperation and Diplomacy

Further info: <https://www.upeace.org/>

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"I do not want my house to be walled in on all sides and my windows to be stuffed. I want the cultures of all the lands to be blown about my house as freely as possible. But I refuse to be blown off my feet by any."

- Mahatma Gandhi