One Year M.A Program:
Conflict Research, Management and Resolution

The Swiss Center at the Faculty of Social Sciences is offering an interdisciplinary M.A. degree program: **Conflict Research, Management and Resolution**

Program Value: Under the auspices of both the Swiss Center for Conflict Research, Management and Resolution and the faculty of Social Sciences, students have access to a wealth of academic and practical expertise. Bringing together some of the top scholars in the field, both Israeli and international, this program serves as an important contribution to the growing field of conflict resolution.

Target Audience: The program, taught in English, is open to all students who have completed a bachelor's degree in relevant fields, including international relations, law, political science, communication, psychology, conflict resolution, sociology, history and Middle East studies. Both Israeli and international applicants are encouraged to apply.

Objective: The program is committed to studying the nature of domestic and international conflict in general and in Israel in particular. It explores methods, techniques and strategies that can be utilized to manage and resolve conflicts from different disciplinary points of view, including international relations, law, political science, social psychology, communication, media studies and sociology.

Faculty of the Program: Includes leading experts from Israel, as well as leading international experts, offering both theoretical and practical perspectives.

This advanced degree program provides students with a deep understanding of international dispute resolution. It equips students with the knowledge and skills necessary to develop successful careers in government, foreign affairs, policy think tanks and research centers, international organizations and NGOs, academic institutes, journalism and much more.

Study Program: students will study 36 credits in 2 semesters as follows:

➢ Mandatory theory course – Theories and Research in Conflict Resolution: 2 credits
➢ Core mandatory courses –at least **six** credits and three courses from this category
➢ Interdisciplinary departmental seminar
➢ Workshops: at least **4** credits and two course from this category
➢ Research methods: at least **two** credits and one course from this category
➢ Seminar papers: 8 credits
➢ Elective courses: 10-12 credits to complete to 36 credits
Overall - 36 credits

Admission Requirements

Qualified students with a Bachelor's degree from accredited institutions of higher education are eligible for admission to the program. Admission is competitive and based on transcripts and letters of recommendation. Students should have a minimum of 3.4 GPA, ("B+") grade-point average, 87% or equivalent.

International Requirements

If the applicant's native language is not English or if they have not previously studied at an institute of higher educational where the language of instruction is **English they must submit official TOEFL or IELTS scores.** The minimum TOEFL score required is 580 on the paper-based test, 230 on the computer-based test or 89 on the internet –based test. The minimum IELTS score is 7.

Academic Director: **Prof. Ifat Maoz** - Department of Communication and Director, Swiss Center M.A. Program for Conflict Research, Management and Resolution. Areas of expertise: Social-psychological processes in conflict, intergroup relations, intergroup contact and communication in conflict.

Leading Faculty:

Dr. Yuval Benziman teaches core courses in the program. His areas of expertise include: Effective negotiation, conflict management and resolution, the dynamics of peace processes and peace agreements, cultural processes and narratives in conflict, the role of leaders in negotiations and conflict resolution.

Prof. Christian Baden areas of expertise include: media, discourse and political communication in conflict and research methodologies. He also teaches core courses in the program.

Prof. Tsfira Greberlsky teaches core courses in the program. Her areas of expertise include: skills for effective negotiation and creative leadership, interpersonal verbal and nonverbal communication in conflict and gender in politics and in conflict.

The Academic Program

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Introductory Theory Course: 2 credits

54717 - Theories and Research in Conflict Resolution- **ZOOM** 2 credits

Interdisciplinary Departmental Seminar

54708 - Interdisciplinary Departmental Seminar- **ZOOM** 1 credit

Core mandatory courses: 6-7 credits (choose 3 courses from the following) .2

50059	-	Propaganda Revisited: Political Persuasion in Social Conflicts	2 credits
50987	-	Global Holocaust Memory, Popular Cinema and the Digital Age- **ZOOM**	2 credits
50068		Cybersecurity: technology, policy and politics	2 credits
50058	-	Global Protest Communication	2 credits
50070	-	Transitional Justice Processes: Political, Cultural and Media Aspects	2 credits
50130	-	Psychological and Media Interventions for Social Change	2 credits
54356		Postcolonial Theory- **unavailable this year**	2 credits
50131	-	Advanced Research in Communication, Social Media and Ethnonational, Gender and Cultural Identities- **ZOOM**	2 credits
01848	-	Spatial Planning in Contested Spaces: The Case of Israel and Palestine	4 credits
01718	-	Israel: Politics, Media and Society	4 credits
54726	-	Digital Platforms and Physical Spaces of Diversity	3 credits

<u>**Research Methods: 2-3 credits (choose one course from the following)**</u>   3.

50267	-	Disputable Truths in Social Conflict	2 credits
50069	-	Quantitative textual analysis	2 credits
59535	-	Qualitative research methods (There will be four double sessions + a field trip)	2 credits
54724	-	Advanced Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methodologies in Diversity, Conflict and Gender - **ZOOM**	3 credits

<u>**Workshops: 4 credits (choose two courses from the following)**</u>   4.

54714	-	Effective Negotiation, Mediation and Conflict Resolution- **ZOOM**	2 credits
54718	-	Dialogue, Narratives, Identities in Relations between Groups in Society- **ZOOM**	2 credits
54716	-	Psychological and Creative Processes in Management of Interpersonal and Political Conflict- **ZOOM**	2 credits

B. Elective Courses

ELECTIVE COURSES: Please take 10-12 CREDITS to complete to 36 credits.

You can elect courses from any of the clusters below. You can take as electives courses from the Core Courses, Research Methods and Workshops categories above that you have not chosen to take as mandatory.

Conflict Resolution Cluster:

50059	-	Propaganda Revisited: Political Persuasion in Social Conflicts	2 credits
50987	-	Global Holocaust Memory, Popular Cinema and the Digital Age- **ZOOM**	2 credits
50068	-	Cybersecurity: technology, policy and politics	2 credits
50058	-	Global Protest Communication	2 credits
50070	-	Transitional Justice Processes: Political, Cultural and Media Aspects	2 credits
50130	-	Psychological and media interventions for conflict resolution	2 credits
50131	-	Advanced Research in Communication, Social Media and Ethnonational, Gender and Cultural Identities- **ZOOM**	2 credits
01848	-	Spatial Planning in Contested Spaces: The Case of Israel and Palestine	4 credits
01718	-	Israel: Politics, Media and Society	4 credits
59505	-	Development in Conflict Zones: Theoretical Exploration and Practical Tools (One credit for online portion of the course during the first semester, followed by 4 meeting sessions).	2 credits
54714	-	Effective Negotiation, Mediation and Conflict Resolution- **ZOOM**	2 credits
54718	-	Dialogue, Narratives, Identities in Conflict Resolution- **ZOOM**	2 credits
54716	-	Psychological and Creative Processes in Management of Interpersonal and Political Conflict- **ZOOM**	2 credits
50267	-	Disputable Truths in Social Conflict	2 credits
50069	-	Quantitative Textual Analysis	2 credits
54709	-	Departmental Seminar- Second Year students - **ZOOM**	1 credit
54724	-	Advanced Qualitative Methods for Research on Diversity, Gender and Conflict - **ZOOM**	3 credits
54726	-	Digital Platforms and Physical Spaces of Diversity	3 credits
54723	-	Gender, Culture and Identity in the Middle East	2 credits

International, Historical, Political and Law Cluster:

62586	-	The Role of International Law in Resolving the Middle-East Conflict	4 credits
62410	-	International Human Rights Law	3 credits

Social, Cultural and Gender Cluster:

59529	-	Community Building - An infrastructure for development	2 credits
59531	-	Introduction to Development (Online segment to be done prior to the course program via moodle. There will be 4 class meetings during the fall semester)	2 Credits
59541	-	Refugees & Development	2 credits
59540	-	Gender and Feminism – Theory and Practice	2 credits
40858	-	Spatial Justice and Cities	2 credits
53661	-	Culture and Inequality in Global Perspective- **unavailable this year**	2 credits
50266	-	The Study of Audiovisual Digital Stories- **ZOOM**	2 credits
59533	-	Gender and Development (The course is online from October until mid December followed by 4 meetings during December/January)	2 credits