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About the course

This interdisciplinary MA explores the processes through which actors have attempted to define and build peace in areas affected by violence. Drawing on expertise from the fields of politics, international relations, anthropology, development studies and many different disciplines, this MA offers students the opportunity to critically address the conceptualization of peace and the implementation of peacebuilding projects by global, regional, national and local actors. Manchester is home to some of the most critical scholarships on Peace and Conflict Studies, hosting the journal Peacebuilding and a major annual conference.

Study options

Available as 1 year full time or 2 years part time study (part time study only available to UK/EU students)

Fees

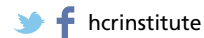
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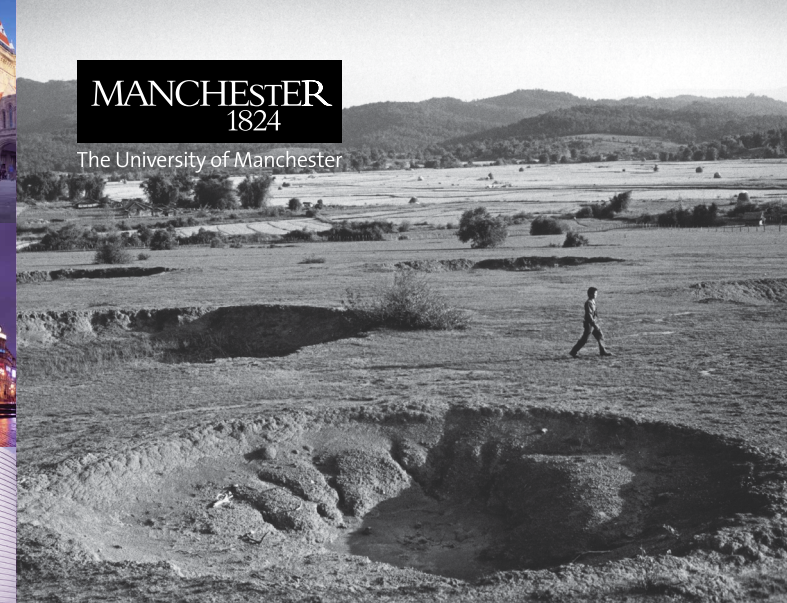
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About HCRI

HCRI at The University of Manchester is inspired by the need to conduct rigorous research and to support postgraduate training on the impact and outcomes of contemporary and historical crises. Directed by Dr Rony Brauman (former President of MSF France, Associate Professor at L'Institut d'Études Politiques, Paris, and Director of Research at the MSF Foundation, Paris), HCRI is widely recognised as being a leading international research institute focusing on the study of humanitarianism, conflict response and peacebuilding.

Our work is driven by a desire to inform and support policy and decision makers, to optimise joint working between partner organisations, and to foster increased understanding and debate within the field. Bringing together the disciplines of medicine and the humanities (including international relations and political science) to achieve these goals, HCRI aims to facilitate improvements in crisis response on a global scale whilst providing a centre of excellence for all concerned with emergencies, conflicts and peace. In offering a range of postgraduate courses we embrace this opportunity to develop a scholarly and professional agenda for humanitarians and peacebuilders around the world.

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Aims

1. The MA addresses key issues and debates related to the theories of peace and practices of peacebuilding. We aim to cover theories, concepts and practical problems in both classroom study and in our fieldtrip.
2. The MA uses a full range of social science perspectives to understand peacebuilding. Students will become familiar with the methodological and normative underpinnings of these disciplines and their concomitant effect on peacebuilding.
3. We examine analytical and policy literature concerning peacebuilding, including international governance structures, the concept of statebuilding, foreign policy analysis and the role of key actors and institutions including the state, multilateral and bilateral agencies, international and domestic NGOs as well as the military and other security actors.
4. The MA is keen to address local approaches to peacebuilding, including the problems and critiques associated with 'bottom up' approaches.
5. The development of a range of academic and professional/transferrable skills through both independent and group-based work – including an accompanied fieldtrip.



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Course units

You will undertake 180 credits of course units, with the dissertation providing a contribution of 60 credits.

Course units may include:

- Peace and Social Agency, Security and Intervention: Theories and Practices
- Practical approaches to studying conflict-affected societies
- Anthropology of Violence and Reconstruction
- Reconstruction & Development
- Media and International Crises
- China and the International System
- Critical Environmental Policy
- Gender, War and Peace
- Ethics in World Politics
- Security Studies
- Human Rights in World Politics

The MA has a compulsory fieldtrip that focuses on conflict-sensitive research methodologies. We like to think of the field trip as an 'anti-fieldtrip'. It tries to get away from conflict tourism. Instead the emphasis is on a working research trip in which students are full participants and tasked with organising and conducting research.



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MA bursary

Applicants should state their interest in the award within the funding section of the online application form and also provide a personal statement (max 500 words) outlining why they have chosen to study this particular MA and what they will bring to the course. The HCRI MA bursary is awarded based on a number of criteria including previous academic performance, relevant professional experience, reference letters, and the quality of the reflections in the applicant's personal statement. The bursary is tenable for one year only.

For full scholarship and bursary details see www.hcri.ac.uk

To apply

Find out more about the course and how to apply at www.hcri.ac.uk or contact hcri@manchester.ac.uk

