Master of International Peace and Conflict Resolution/International Relations and Diplomacy

At Arcadia University and the American Graduate School in Paris

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Dual Degree Program

Master of Arts in International Peace and Conflict Resolution and Master of Arts in International Relations and Diplomacy

About Arcadia's Partner in France

The American Graduate School in Paris (AGS) has been Arcadia's partner since 2006. AGS is a non-profit institution offering U.S. higher education programs in France. All courses are taught in English. The school takes advantage of the many opportunities that Paris offers in the study and practice of international relations, with the presence of numerous intergovernmental organizations, NGOs and diplomatic missions. This, combined with the school's multicultural faculty and student body, provides students with a true international experience.

About Arcadia's Dual Degree Program

Arcadia University and its partner institution in France, the American Graduate School in Paris, jointly offer an accelerated Dual Masters program allowing students to earn two Master's degrees in three years:

A Master of Arts in International Peace and Conflict Resolution, at Arcadia University, and a Master of Arts in International Relations and Diplomacy, at the American Graduate School in Paris. Students also have the opportunity to earn a certificate of concentration in the following areas of study, along with their M.A. in International Relations and Diplomacy: African Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, NGO Management.

The accelerated dual degree program permits students to earn two Masters degrees in three years instead of four years.

Students in this program spend three semesters in the United States, at Arcadia University, and three semesters in Paris, France, at the American Graduate School in Paris. They may choose to start the program at either of the two institutions. Each portion of the program provides a different cultural and academic experience, while both have in common a challenging and student-dedicated learning environment.

The AGS/IPCR Dual Degree program is structured to develop competencies in:

- Theories and dynamics of international relations, conflict, conflict resolution, post-conflict reconstruction & development, international law & organizations.

- Tools and techniques of conflict management, conflict resolution and conflict transformation.
- Conflict analysis, which involves developing an understanding of how states and other third parties impact conflict.
- The methods used to diffuse conflict on a variety of levels— interpersonal, groups and institutions.
- Interdisciplinary perspectives on the fields of international relations, international diplomacy, international peace and conflict resolution.
- Analysis of the roots of foreign policy actions and their influences (geographic, linguistic, religious, institutional, sociological, etc.).
- History of political formulation and implementation of foreign policy.
- Critical thinking skills and research methods, which span the spectrum of qualitative and quantitative methods.
- Cultural sensitivity and inter-cultural understandings through international and field experiences and an extended cross-cultural experience, which enhances students' ability to work in diverse international settings.
- Oral presentation and communication skills.

The knowledge and skills acquired during this dual degree program can be applied to a vast array of fields in government, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) as well as international business and other professional areas involving interaction at the international level: human rights, diplomacy, international law, humanitarian relief, environmental policymaking, sustainable development, and conflict management, among others. The combination of the two degrees will enhance students' career options in these various fields.

Admission to the Dual Program in International Peace and Conflict Resolution/International Relations and Diplomacy

Candidates to the dual program in International Peace and Conflict Resolution/International Relations and Diplomacy may apply to start at either of the two participating institutions: at Arcadia University, in the United States, or at the American Graduate School in Paris, in France. Applications must be made to the institution where they wish to start.

Please note that admission into the other institution to pursue the second degree will follow on the condition that the student is in good academic standing at the first institution. Additional elements to transition to the second institution may be asked of the candidate at the discretion of the Program Director.

Students pursuing one of the two degrees individually may decide during the course of their studies to opt for the dual degree option. They will then have to work with the Academic Coordinator of each program to ensure that their curriculum meets the degree requirements. However, applicants are encouraged to determine in advance if they wish to follow the dual degree track.

Admission to the International Peace and Conflict Resolution program

Program-Specific Admission Requirements: In addition to the general admission requirements, the following program-specific requirements must be met. Arcadia University welcomes applications for this program from college graduates of all majors, especially those who have demonstrated scholastic excellence and a commitment to international peace and conflict resolution. Related experience and achievements, either domestic or international, also are desirable. The program requests the following from applicants:

- An International Peace and Conflict Resolution application, including personal statements, to be completed online at www.arcadia.edu/gradapp.
- A Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with a recommended GPA of 3.0 or higher, and a major in Peace Studies, Political Science, History, Modern Languages, Economics, Anthropology, Sociology, Psychology, Philosophy, Religion, or another liberal arts discipline. Students with undergraduate majors in Biology and Environmental Science also are encouraged to apply.
- One official transcript from each college, university, or professional school attended. Transfer credits included on a transcript must include grades earned; if not, an official transcript from the original school must be submitted. Transcripts must be sent from the issuing school in a sealed envelope and contain the appropriate signatures and seals to be considered official.
- Three letters of recommendation from persons who are able to judge the applicant's qualifications to undertake graduate work abroad. At least two recommendations must be from a professor.

GREs are not required for admission to the IPCR program. In exceptional cases, after reviewing an applicant's academic record and non-academic experience, the Director may waive one or more prerequisites.

International applicants should visit www.arcadia.edu/international for detailed information on admission requirements and application procedures. Official results from the TOEFL or IELTS are required for all students for whom English is a second language, except for non-native speakers of English who hold degrees or diplomas from post-secondary institutions in English-speaking countries (e.g. the United States, Canada, England, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand). A course-by-course evaluation of all transcripts by an independent evaluation service based in the United States is also required.

Application Deadline: Completed applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis starting February 1. Those reviewed after February 1 will be reviewed based on availability of space in the attending class. Classes typically fill in early spring, so applicants are encouraged to apply by the February 1 deadline.

Deferred Admission: A student admitted to the program who wants to defer admission for one year must submit a request to do so in writing to the Director. Deferrals will be granted by the program on an individual basis. Once the deferral is granted, a student must submit the required deposit to reserve his or her seat in the class. This deposit will be credited toward tuition. A student who is granted a deferral must understand that he or she will be subject to the prevailing tuition at the time of matriculation to the program.

Support Services

Professional counseling services are available through the Arcadia University Counseling Center.

Admission to the International Relations and Diplomacy program at the American Graduate School in Paris

Program-Specific Admission Requirements: Applicants to this program are expected to meet the admission requirements set forth by Arcadia's partner institution, the American Graduate School in Paris, in coordination with Arcadia University.

The American Graduate School in Paris Admissions Committee considers applicants from a wide variety of national and educational backgrounds.
All candidates must have completed a Bachelor's degree, or its equivalent.
The American Graduate School in Paris values language ability and experience with other cultures, as well as professional work experience, especially in a field relevant to international relations.
A cumulative GPA of 3.0 and GRE score of 303 or above (combined verbal and quantitative scores) and an analytical writing score of 5.0 or above are normally required. The American Graduate School in Paris philosophy emphasizes individual consideration for its applicants as well as its students, so exceptions may be made by the Admissions Committee depending on letters of recommendation, newfound maturity, and other changes in an applicant's outlook.

Applicants to this program are required to provide the following:

- The M.A. in International Relations and Diplomacy application form, to be completed online at: http://www.ags.edu/international-relations/admissions/applying/m-a-in-international-relations
- A personal statement
- Official transcripts of all previous university-level studies (note: if transcripts do not include the degrees awarded, photocopies of degree diplomas will also be required)
- Two letters of recommendation from professors who have instructed the candidate in a degree program
- A Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test score

- A TOEFL score (Test of English as a Foreign Language) for non-native speakers of English who did not graduate from an English language degree program in an English-speaking country
- An application fee of €50, non-refundable; this can be paid online at http://www.ags.edu/payment-online/login.php
- In some cases, applicants may also be asked to provide additional material and/or arrange an interview with a member of the Admissions Committee.

Note: all documents in a language other than English or French must be accompanied by certified translations. All documentation submitted will be confidential. Application materials cannot be returned once submitted to the American Graduate School in Paris.

Application Deadline: There are two intakes every year for the International Relations and Diplomacy program. The application deadline for the Fall semester is July 15th; the application deadline for the Spring semester is December 15th. Admission decisions are made on a rolling basis. Notification of admission status will be mailed to the applicant within four weeks of receipt of a completed application.

Deferred Admission: Applicants who are admitted into the program may defer once for up to one year from the semester for which they originally applied.
If the deposit has already been paid when the student defers, a second €350 deposit will be required to re-confirm the student's place for the semester of entry. Both deposits will be credited towards the first semester's tuition.

Expenses

Tuition for this dual degree option comprises the full tuition of the two-year program at the institution where the student starts, and tuition for one additional year, paid directly to the second institution.

Students starting with International Peace and Conflict Resolution

IPCR two-year full-time program tuition and fees (2012-13 rates, subject to change)

Tuition: $27,860 per year (2012-13 rates, subject to change)

Annual Fees:
Parking, registration, student liability insurance (per year) $130

Additional Expenses:
Books and supplies (estimated) $1,000
Room and Board: Off Campus
Travel: Varies Yearly

Note: The tuition for courses taken at the American Graduate School in Paris in the fourth semester of the dual program are included in the above IPCR two-year full time tuition. Only the tuition for the fifth and sixth semesters is charged additionally. See paragraph below.

Additional year in the International Relations and Diplomacy program (in Euros):

According to a typical curriculum (see paragraph on Degree Requirements below), students follow six courses at the American Graduate School in Paris in the last year of the dual program. Tuition for each course is €2,300. Total tuition is adjusted to specific curricula.

Tuition for six courses: €13,800

Other fees:
Registration fee: € 70 per semester
French Social Security (if applicable): €207 per year

Additional expenses: See estimated living expenses and other attendance costs at: http://www.ags.edu/financial-aid/financial-aid-overview/781-cost-of-attendance

Students starting with International Relations and Diplomacy

IRD two-year full time program tuition and fees (in Euros; rates are subject to change):

Tuition 2012-2013:	€18,400
Tuition 2013-2014:	€13,800

Additional tuition for the optional French language course: €2,100

Other fees:
Registration fee: €70 per semester
French Social Security (if applicable): €207 per year

Additional expenses: See estimated living expenses and other attendance costs at: http://www.ags.edu/financial-aid/financial-aid-overview/781-cost-of-attendance

Additional year in the International Peace and Conflict Resolution program:

Tuition: $27,860 per year (2012-2013 rate)
Annual Fees:
Parking, registration, student liability insurance (per year) $130

Additional Expenses:
Books and supplies (estimated) $1,000
Room and Board: Off Campus
Travel: Varies Yearly

Financial Aid

Financial Aid is available to assist qualified students in covering tuition and related expenses, as well as living costs. For information on scholarships, graduate assistantships and guaranteed student loans:

- At Arcadia: visit *www.arcadia.edu/finaid*
- At the American Graduate School in Paris, http://www.ags.edu/financial-aid/financial-aid-overview

Requirements for the M.A. in International Peace and Conflict Resolution and M.A. in International Relations and Diplomacy Dual Degrees

(65-68 credits)

In order to complete the dual degree program and graduate with the M.A. in International Peace and Conflict Resolution and the M.A. in International Relations and Diplomacy, students are required to successfully complete 65-68 graduate credit-hours. The following curricula may be adjusted in coordination with the Director or Coordinator of each program. Degree requirements include a Capstone Seminar at Arcadia University, as well as the completion and defense of a 25,000 to 35,000 word Master's thesis at the American Graduate School in Paris.

Students starting with International Peace and Conflict Resolution

First Semester
(Courses held on the Arcadia Campus)

Required Courses

IP	501	Introduction to Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution
IP	504	Foundations of Conflict Analysis
IP	561	Graduate Colloquium (non-credit year-long course)
IP	511	Introduction to International Law

Plus one elective (from the list of electives below) or Introduction to Microeconomics or Introduction to Macroeconomics*

***Please note: The American Graduate School in Paris requires all students to take a higher level course in economic**

policy and thus there is a requirement for students to have introductory knowledge of both microeconomics and macroeconomics prior to taking this course at AGS. Therefore, students are encouraged to take two introductory courses in economics (*Introduction to Microeconomics* and *Introduction to Macroeconomics*) prior to beginning at AGS. Should students not be able to take these courses prior to their arrival in Paris, AGS does offer an equivalent which counts as an elective course towards the degree.

Second Semester
(Courses held on the Arcadia Campus)

Required Courses

IP	502	Research Methods in Conflict Analysis and Peace Science
IP	561	Graduate Colloquium

Plus three electives
From the list of electives below or Introduction to Microeconomics or Introduction to Macroeconomics

List of International Peace and Conflict Resolution Elective Courses*

IP	507	Foundations of Peace Education (online)
IP	511	Introduction to International Law
IP	515	Mediation and Conflict Coaching (online)
IP	520	International Security
IP	521	International Organizations in Dispute Resolution
IP	522	Conflict Resolution in Deeply Divided Societies
IP	523	Post-Conflict Relief and Development
IP	524	Conflict Management (online)
IP	527	Peace Education I (online)
IP	528	Peace Education II (online)
IP	529	Advanced Mediation
IP	532	Advanced Seminar in International Law
IP	533	Conflict Transformation
IP	535	Economics, the Environment and Development
IP	537	Restorative Justice (online)
IP	542	International Health and Human Rights
IP	543	Peace Perspectives of World Religions
IP	585	NGOs in International Politics: Concepts & challenges
IP	585	NGO Management, Program Design, Implementation and Evaluation
IP	585	Conflict, Governance and State Building

*Or others by permission of the program

Third Semester
(Courses held on the Arcadia Campus)

Required Courses

IP	583	Internship/Fieldwork
IP	598	Capstone Seminar

Fourth Semester
(Courses held at the American Graduate School in Paris, France)

Required Courses

IRD-R-584	Foreign Policy Formulation and Diplomacy
IRD-R-580	Factors and Theories of Analysis in International Relations and Diplomacy
IRD-R-581	Research Methodology and Design

Plus one elective course
From the list of electives below

Fifth Semester
(Courses held at the American Graduate School in Paris, France)

Required courses

IRD-R-586	Current Issues in International Relations
IRD-R-684	Current Economic Problems and Policies

IRD-T-690 Research and Proposal Tutorial

Plus one elective course
From the list of electives below

Sixth Semester

Required Course
IRD-T-691 Thesis and Defense Tutorial

Plus one elective course
(See list of elective courses below)

Completion and defense of Master's thesis

List of International Relations and Diplomacy Elective Courses
(Two area courses are required)

IRD-E-501 Geopolitics and Geopolitics of Religion
IRD-E-602 Strategy and Conflict Resolution
IRD-E-603 Cultural Development and Awareness
IRD-E-504 Global Communications, Media and International Affairs
IRD-E-605 International Trade, Banking and Finance
IRD-E-506 Theory and Origins of Global Conflict
IRD-E-507 Principles of Economics
Note: IRD-E-507 is required for students who have no previous study in Economics; these students will then only have only one area course required)
IRD-E-508 Beginnings of the Contemporary Political Order
IRD-E-509 Anthropology and Politics
IRD-E-610 Post-Modernity and IR&D
IRD-E-611 Comparative Politics
IRD-E-613 Issues in U.S. Foreign Policy
IRD-E-514 International Environmental Politics
IRD-E-616 Extreme Crisis Situations: Terrorism, Government and Media
IRD-E-617 Gender, Militarization and War
IRD-E-618 NGOs: An International Perspective
IRD-E-619 NGOs: Principles and Management
IRD-E-620 Diplomacy and International Law

Area Elective Courses
IRD-EA-650 Central and South America
IRD-EA-670 European Foreign Policies
IRD-EA-671 The European Union and the World
IRD-EA-672 Russian Politics
IRD-EA-630 The History of the Modern Middle East
IRD-EA-631 Conflict in the Modern Middle East
IRD-EA-640 Contemporary Sub-Saharan Africa
IRD-EA-641 The Scramble for African Resources
IRD-EA-660 Pacific Asia Since WWII
IRD-EA-661 China and East Asia

Students starting with International Relations and Diplomacy

First Semester
(Courses held at the American Graduate School in Paris, France)

Required Courses
IRD-R-680 Factors and Theories of Analysis in International Relations and Diplomacy
IRD-R-681 Research Methodology and Design

Plus two other courses
From the lists of additional required courses and electives below

Second Semester
(Courses held at the American Graduate School in Paris, France)

Required Course
IRD-T-690 Research and Proposal Tutorial

Plus three other courses
From the lists of additional required courses and electives below

Third Semester
(Courses held at the American Graduate School in Paris, France)

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Required Course
IRD-T-691 Thesis and Defense Tutorial

Plus one other course
From the lists of additional required courses and electives below

Completion and defense of Master's thesis

List of Additional International Relations and Diplomacy Required Courses

IRD-R-682 Foreign Policy Formulation and Diplomacy
IRD-R-583 International Public Law
IRD-R-684 Current Economic Problems and Policies
IRD-R-585 International Organizations
IRD-R-687 Current Issues in IR

List of International Relations and Diplomacy Electives
(Two area courses are required)

IRD-E-501 Geopolitics and Geopolitics of Religion
IRD-E-602 Strategy and Conflict Resolution
IRD-E-603 Cultural Development and Awareness
IRD-E-504 Global Communications, Media and International Affairs
IRD-E-605 International Trade, Banking and Finance
IRD-E-506 Theory and Origins of Global Conflict
IRD-E-507 Principles of Economics
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IRD-E-508 Beginnings of the Contemporary Political Order
IRD-E-509 Anthropology and Politics
IRD-E-610 Post-Modernity and IR&D
IRD-E-611 Comparative Politics
IRD-E-613 Issues in U.S. Foreign Policy
IRD-E-514 International Environmental Politics
IRD-E-616 Extreme Crisis Situations: Terrorism, Government and Media
IRD-E-617 Gender, Militarization and War
IRD-E-618 NGOs: An International Perspective
IRD-E-619 NGOs: Principles and Management
IRD-E-620 Diplomacy and International Law

Area Elective Courses
IRD-EA-650 Central and South America
IRD-EA-670 European Foreign Policies
IRD-EA-671 The European Union and the World
IRD-EA-672 Russian Politics
IRD-EA-630 The History of the Modern Middle East
IRD-EA-631 Conflict in the Modern Middle East
IRD-EA-640 Contemporary Sub-Saharan Africa
IRD-EA-641 The Scramble for African Resources
IRD-EA-660 Pacific Asia Since WWII
IRD-EA-661 China and East Asia

Fourth Semester
(Courses held on the Arcadia campus)

Required Courses
IP 502 Research Methods in Conflict Analysis and Peace Science
IP 511 Introduction to International Law
Two elective courses

Fifth Semester
(Courses held on the Arcadia Campus)

Required Courses
IP 501 Introduction to Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution
IP 561 Graduate Colloquium (non-credit year-long course)
Plus 3 elective courses

List of International Peace and Conflict Resolution Elective Courses*

IP 507 Foundations of Peace Education (online)
IP 511 Introduction to International Law
IP 515 Mediation and Conflict Coaching (online)
IP 520 International Security

IP	521	International Organizations in Dispute Resolution
IP	522	Conflict Resolution in Deeply Divided Societies
IP	523	Post-Conflict Relief and Development
IP	524	Conflict Management (online)
IP	527	Peace Education I (online)
IP	528	Peace Education II (online)
IP	529	Advanced Mediation
IP	532	Advanced Seminar in International Law
IP	533	Conflict Transformation
IP	535	Economics, the Environment and Development
IP	537	Restorative Justice (online)
IP	542	International Health and Human Rights
IP	543	Peace Perspectives of World Religions
IP	585	NGOs in International Politics: Concepts & challenges
IP	585	NGO Management, Program Design, Implementation and Evaluation
IP	585	Conflict, Governance and State Building

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Sixth Semester
(Courses held on the Arcadia Campus)

Required Courses

IP	583	Internship/Fieldwork (9 credits)
IP	598	Capstone Seminar