

# M.A. in Development Studies and Diplomacy Certificate in Development and Diplomacy

## About the Programme

The Master of Arts in Development Studies and Diplomacy is an **interdisciplinary** and **holistic** programme that will not only broaden student's knowledge in the field of **development studies**, sustainability and diplomacy but it will also equip them with the required **soft skills** for a successful international career in any of these areas of expertise. It is offered both **online** and **face-to-face** on the UPEACE campus in Costa Rica. During this programme, students will analyse the different dimensions of development including, environmental, social, economic and human dimensions as well as the theory and practice of diplomacy in the 21st century. Students will also attend skills development sessions that are designed to support their professional career and employability. Careers in this field can be very broad. Prospective employers include governments, international organizations, development agencies, academia and the private sector.

## Who is it for?

The programme is designed for graduate students, diplomats, government officers, NGO representatives, international civil servants or private sector specialists willing to strengthen their knowledge in development studies, sustainability, international affairs management and diplomacy.

## Duration

Students must complete the Master of Arts in Development Studies and Diplomacy (face-to-face) in two semesters. Students can complete the Master of Arts in Development Studies and Diplomacy (online) and the Certificate in Development Studies and Diplomacy (online) in a maximum of 4 semesters.



## Invest in Your Future

This programme is unique in that it:

- Is backed by the United Nations.
- Is taught by practitioners, UN staff, diplomats and academics.
- Includes a study field trip to Geneva and The Hague and skills-based sessions for a successful international career.
- Connects different disciplines to provide holistic knowledge.
- Accommodates students' need for flexibility by offering diverse optional modules and weekly seminars).





## Learning Objectives

At the end of the master's programme, students should:

- Have a deep understanding on the theory and practice of development studies, international cooperation and sustainable development.
- Be able to evaluate the different dimensions of development.
- Have a deep understanding on the theory and practice of diplomacy.
- Be able to appraise the nexus between diplomacy, the UN System and current contemporary challenges.
- Be able to apply key soft skills in an international working environment.

## Credits & Costs

The credits and costs for each modality are listed below:

### M.A. in Development Studies and Diplomacy – Face-to-Face



### M.A. in Development Studies and Diplomacy – Online



### Certificate in Development Studies and Diplomacy – Online



## About UNITAR

### Why UNITAR?

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EXPERT FACULTY

We deliver more than 400 training activities per year, reaching out to 30,000 professionals world-wide.



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We have developed extensive experience in designing and implementing professional training courses for decision-makers that shape our world today.

UNITAR has been at the forefront of the international arena for over 50 years.

Courses are moderated by senior international experts and professionals working at intergovernmental organizations, universities or non-governmental organizations, agencies in the UN system, government ministries and in the private sector.

## About UPEACE

The University for Peace was established as a Treaty Organization with its own Charter in an International Agreement adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 35/55 of 5 December 1980, with the mission *"to provide humanity with an international institution of higher education for peace and with the aim of promoting among all human beings the spirit of understanding, tolerance and peaceful coexistence, to stimulate cooperation among peoples and to help lessen obstacles and threats to world peace and progress, in keeping with the noble aspirations proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations."*

