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The Master’s Degree in the United Nations and the Art of Peace focuses on 70 years of UN action in peace-making, peacekeeping and peacebuilding. Students will develop a deep understanding of the UN’s role in international peace and will benefit from the experience of UN professionals and academic experts on the UN, international relations, and peace studies.

Built on the experiences and expertise developed by UNITAR (United Nations Institute for Training and Research), WFUNA (World Federation of United Nations Associations) and the Graduate Institute of Peace Studies at Kyung Hee University, this degree explores the different facets of the actions undertaken in the international field to promote, preserve and defend peace; giving students the in-depth understanding necessary to examine and assess the process of building, promoting and preserving peace worldwide. The United Nations, having been at the center of this process for the last 70 years, is both a study subject of this program as well as a source of expertise for it.

This program is primarily designed for post-graduate social science students in and beyond the Republic of Korea, who wish to pursue the study of peace and to secure an internship or position in a relevant international or non-governmental organization.

Main topics covered by the Master’s Degree in the United Nations and the Art of Peace include:

- Peace-making and Conflict prevention
- Peacekeeping
- Peacebuilding

The United Nations and the Art of Peace
Kyung Hee University Graduate Institute of Peace Studies (KHU-GIP)

Kyung Hee University (KHU) is a major academic institution in Korea that combines education, research, and practice while pursuing the universal values of peace and mutual prosperity. Since its foundation, it has spearheaded the Global Common Society Movement, established the International Association of University Presidents and the United Nations International Day of Peace, received the UNESCO Prize for Peace Education, organized the 1999 Seoul International Conference of NGOs, and held the World Civic Forum 2009. The Graduate Institute of Peace Studies (GIP) was established in 1984 with the aim of training potential world leaders who possess a vision of a new global civil society and are committed to the promotion of peace and human welfare. The GIP is determined to establish a new global society that will be spiritually beautiful, materially affluent, and humanly rewarding. In recognition of the GIP’s contribution to international peace promotion, the GIP was awarded the 1993 UNESCO Prize for Peace Education. Envisioned in the founding goal of the Graduate Institute of Peace Studies is the establishment of a just, peaceful, secure, and affluent human society for the 21st century.

United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is an autonomous body within the United Nations. It was established by the UN General Assembly in 1965 to enhance the effectiveness of the UN through the development of appropriate training and research. UNITAR’s mission is to develop capacities to enhance global decision-making and to support country-level action for shaping a better future.

World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA)

The World Federation of the United Nations Association (WFUNA) is a global non-profit organization, which represents and coordinates over 100 national United Nations Associations (UNAs) and their thousands of constituents. WFUNA builds a better world by strengthening and improving the United Nations through its engagement with people who share a global mind-set and support international cooperation, helping to develop global citizens. WFUNA members serve on various committees and advisory groups of leading non-profit organizations, government agencies and the UN.
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Approach

In order to explore the field of Peace-making, Peacebuilding and Peacekeeping, this MA relies on distinctive features:

1 **Academic Flexibility:**
   This program offers choices about when, where and how students will learn. It can give valuable advantages in an increasingly competitive higher-education environment as greater flexibility can help meet the needs of a diverse range of students. During their time of study, students are accommodated on campus and enjoy access to the sport and leisure facilities that are on offer. Students are able to experience the two magnificent campuses in Gwangneung and Seoul.

   **Gwangneung Campus**
   The GiP is located in Jinjeop-eup, Namyangju-si, Gyeonggi-do, 24km northeast of Seoul. The area has beautiful natural scenery, and the Kwangnung arboretum and the tomb of the famous King Sejo are adjacent to the Institute. There are six buildings including the main building, a library, a dormitory, a meditation hall, a gymnasium and an apartment for professors. All of them are facilities for education and living.

   **Seoul Campus**
   For enhanced flexibility and efficiency, courses will be offered at Kyung Hee University’s main campus in Seoul.

2 **Student-centered Approach:**
   A student-centered learning is at the heart of our approach. Group work, participation in discussion fora and exercises in each module and the mixed team of tutors/lecturers per module are particular features of the program.
3 **Innovative Multicultural Pedagogy:**
Understanding the diversities of paradigms, perceptions and intellectual traditions and specific knowledge of the different partners is a central asset of this program.

4 **Web-based Learning Community:**
Humanitarian and peacebuilding activities are often based on collaborative work. In order to assist students to build their practice skills, a large portion of the program’s learning activities, and many module’s assessments, will be also based on collaborative work. Our web-based learning community will facilitate this process by creating a virtual dialogue and working space for student learning and development.

5 **UN Expertise:**
Students benefit directly from the program’s direct connection to the UN, including the organization’s involvement in the development and implementation of the degree program. Students also benefit from KHU’s unique access to the UN, its experts and former officials.
Students benefit from an experienced faculty of scholars and practitioners, peer-to-peer collaboration, and a curriculum that reflects current theory and practice.

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The Master in the United Nations and the Art of Peace is a Master’s Degree certified by Kyung Hee University in collaboration with UNITAR and WFUNA, awarded according to the rules and regulations set by the Korean education system.
The importance of conducting a thorough diagnosis of current issues based on the professional knowledge of related fields is increasing due to complications of domestic and international issues. The GIP aims to maximize the educational experience through special lectures, workshops, and international academic conferences.

**Special Lecture Series**

A variety of topics are discussed by guest lecturers on a weekly basis. These guest lecturers are either nationally or internationally distinguished and recognized. Topics have included contemporary issues in the Asia-Pacific, foreign affairs and trade, the search for a UN identity, the future prospects of world citizens, and the status of refugees - especially as they pertain to the Korean peninsula and research on peace ideology.

Those who have given a special lecture include former UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali; HE. Rodrigo Carazo- Odio, former President of Costa Rica; Prof. Robert A. Scalapino of the University of California, Berkeley; Dr. Donald Puchala of the University of South Carolina; and Ms. Elaine Valdov, former Co-Convenor of the Seoul NGO World Conference and a member of the Board of Directors for UN-DPI, and Prof. Robert Laughlin, a Nobel prize winner.

**International Academic Conferences**

International academic conferences have focused on issues related to peace, the Pax UN and the East Asian region. These conferences have provided a venue for prominent domestic and foreign scholars to gather together for a discussion on the above issues.

- World Civic Forum
- Peace BAR Festival
- Annual Peace Conference in Celebration of the International Day of Peace
- UNAI-Kyung Hee International Symposium

**Global Collaborative Program**

If our future society is to overcome conflicts and confrontations and rise to the ideals of tolerance and peace, then diversity and universality must be realized in harmony. To that end, Kyung Hee University and the University of Pennsylvania are inaugurating the Global Collaborative Summer Program in Global Governance and East Asian Civilization. The Global Collaborative Summer Program partners with East Asia’s best universities; Peking University in China, Ritsumeikan University in Japan, Moscow State University in Russia as well as the United Nation’s Department of Economics and Social Affairs.
UNITAR / WFUNA Internship

The purpose of the UNITAR / WFUNA Internship is to provide a framework by which individuals from diverse academic backgrounds may be assigned to UNITAR Programmes where their educational experience and skills can be enhanced through practical work assignments.

Internship

The GIP requires students to practically apply the knowledge learned during the courses through actual field experience, and to make the most out of the education through short-and long-term internship programs. The internship program provides the opportunity for students to put what they have learned into practice, and acquire hands-on experience.

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A. Short-term Internship Course
First-hand experience and knowledge is valuable for students regardless of where they go and what they do. All students are encouraged to have an internship in an area of their chosen discipline. Recently students have had the chance to work at:

- the US Congress;
- the Korean National Assembly Committee on Foreign Affairs and Unication;
- and the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Internships provide a great opportunity for bridging the gap between theory and practice. Through internships, students are able to integrate and use their knowledge from classes, develop further competencies through their intensive field experiences, take steps to develop those competencies under experienced supervision, becoming better acquainted with the various types of work settings available in their fields of study. This is why the GIP places a particular emphasis on internships and especially on acquiring international experience. All Master’s degree students are encouraged to undertake at least one internship before graduation. Internships are eligible for academic credit.

B. Long-term Internship Course
Long-term internships are designed to be at least one-month long. This internship program is an important component for students who want to expand their knowledge and prepare for employment. Recently, internships includes:

- the National Assembly,
- the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- the ADB;
- the ILO;
- the UNDP;
- the United Nations;
- the Oslo Peace Research Center in Norway; and the UN University in Tokyo.

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Admission and Tuition

Prerequisites
Applicants with a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree, or who are in the final year of their degree program.

Application Procedure
- Application Period: Exact date to be announced on the program website
- Evaluation
  - Overseas / Domestic Applicants: [Stage 1] Documentary screening process-> [Stage 2] English Interview
  *All applicants are required to have an intensive interview in English
  *Applicants residing abroad may have a phone or Skype interview.

Tuition and Fees
Estimated Cost for One Semester
Tuition 6,500,000 KRW
Entrance Fee (only for the 1st semester) 980,000 KRW

Optional
Campus Housing 200,000 KRW (1 month)
Meals 3,000 KRW (per meal)
*This is an approximate cost as of the 2018 academic year. It may differ every year.
** Housing is not mandatory for program candidates.

Financial Assistance
Almost all our students receive some form of financial assistance. This includes need-based scholarships and competitive assistantships and internship subventions. For more information, please see the program website.

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