

MA bursary

The HCRI MA bursary, worth £5,000, will fund home fees or can be used as partial payment for the overseas fee. It is tenable for one year only. 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.

To apply

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

MA in Peacebuilding

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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 and conflict response.

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 to achieve these goals, HCRI aims to facilitate improvements in crisis response on a global scale whilst providing a much needed centre of excellence for all concerned with emergencies and conflicts. In offering a range of postgraduate courses we embrace this opportunity to develop a scholarly and professional agenda for humanitarians around the world.

About the course

This interdisciplinary MA explores the processes through which actors, including states and NGOs, have attempted to define and build peace in areas affected by violence and conflict. Drawing on expertise from the fields of history, politics, anthropology and the arts, this new course will offer students the opportunity to critically address the conceptualization of peace and the implementation of peacebuilding projects by global, regional, national and local actors.

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

Fees 2012/13: Full time (per annum) UK/EU £5,000, International £12,300.
Part-time (per annum) UK/EU £2,500



Intended learning outcomes

On completion of the course, you should be able to show a critical understanding of:

1. key issues and debates related to the theories of peace and practices of peacebuilding
2. the diversity of policies at international, regional, national and sub-national levels as well as an understanding of the practical problems associated with these policies
3. the range of social science topics which influence peacebuilding
4. the methodological and normative underpinnings of these disciplines and their concomitant effect on peacebuilding. You will understand the utility and limitations of these frameworks and be able to make choices regarding their use both in academic and professional settings
5. policy literature related to peacebuilding, including literature on international governance structures, statebuilding, foreign policy analysis with the aim of strengthening the student's ability to understand (and potentially make) decisions in complex and unpredictable situations
6. the role of key actors and institutions including the state, multilateral and bilateral agencies, international and domestic NGOs, the military and other security actors
7. local approaches to peacebuilding including an awareness of the problems and critiques associated with 'bottom up' approaches

Course units

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

Course units may include:

- Peacebuilding: Inquiries
- Peacebuilding: Case Studies
- Anthropology of Violence
- Research & Evaluation Methods
- Reconstruction and Development
- Responding to Illegal Economies and Political Violence
- Humanitarian and Conflict Response: Inquiries
- Global Health
- History of Humanitarian Aid
- Research & Evaluation Methods
- Conflict Analysis
- The Arab Spring and Post-Revolutionary State Formation
- Ethics in World Politics
- Human Rights
- Democracy: Theory and Practice
- Security Studies
- Performance Theory and Practice

Course units may vary from year to year.

