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# DIPLOMACY & CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

MASTER'S PROGRAM



# DIPLOMACY AND CONFLICT MANAGEMENT M.A. DEGREE WITH THESIS

DEGREE: M.A.

DURATION (YEARS): 1.5 - 2

MEDIUM : ENGLISH

## About Eastern Mediterranean University

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) based on the Mediterranean Island of Cyprus was established in the year 1979 in the post-war Northern Cyprus, as an institution with the purpose of educating and establishing human resources to meet the desperate economic needs of a war-torn country. Over the years not only has EMU grown exponentially to claim its position as a Public University of Northern Cyprus, with over 50,000 graduates and currently providing education to over 20,000 students, it has also earned its place a world-wide renowned university. As EMU embarks on its 40th Anniversary, it stands as a Times Higher Education Ranking University in the 601-800 bands, 5-star achieving university awarded by the QS ranking institution, with over 100 undergraduate and schools programs, over 80 postgraduate programs and providing education to students from 108 different countries.

## What is the scope of the program?

The Diplomacy and Conflict Management program covers various disciplines such as International Relations, International Law, Conflict Resolution and Global Governance. The program provides a general framework of conflict and conflict resolution in both theoretical and practical terms. Basic concepts, definitions, theories and approaches on the causes of the conflict and approaches on interventions to conflicts are presented in the program. In this sense, the sources and the causes of the conflicts, factors, stakeholders and their interests and positions, conflict dynamics, various preventive methods, negotiations that are involved in conflict transformation are the topics that will be taught to the students. This program that includes theoretical and practical elements provides the necessary information and skills for various careers including local mediation, international humanitarian aid and peace building organizations. The program will also establish links between local, regional and global actors and will provide the necessary networks for the students that will participate in the program.

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# Curriculum

Reference Code	Course Code	Course Title	Credit	Must/Elective
CE5R0	INTL500	M.A. Thesis	(0,0,0)0	Must
CE5RS	INTL598	Seminar	(0,0,0)0	Must
CE5R1	INTL514	Global Governance	(3,0,0)3	Must
CE5R2	INTL521	Research Methods	(3,0,0)3	Must
CE5R3	INTL550	Theories of Conflict and Conflict Transformation	(3,0,0)3	Must
CE5R4	INTL551	Negotiation and Mediation	(3,0,0)3	Must
CE5R5	REQ1	Elective Course	-	Elective
CE5R6	REQ2	Elective Course	-	Elective
CE5R7	REQ3	Elective Course	-	Elective

## Courses

### INTL514 Global Governance

Governance refers to the systems of authoritative rules, norms, institutions, and practices by means of which individuals, states and international organizations manage global problems absent a world government. The course aims to help students gain a deeper appreciation of how the world of global governance works (or doesn't). It provides an overview of the evolving architecture, processes and outcomes of global governance, as well as the constraints and opportunities for policy processes, whether at the national or international levels. Following the discussion of theoretical perspectives on global governance, the course applies these approaches to issues related to international peace and security, the management of global economy, and finally, efforts to protect human rights and the environment.

### INTL521 Research Methods

The objective of this course is to prepare graduate students for the task of thesis research through the development of a scientifically sound thesis proposal. Inter alia, it covers such issues as introduction to the research process; research design in the disciplines of International Relations and Comparative Politics; debates and examples in the literature; epistemological and methodological issues; formatting issues; and the preparation of individual thesis proposals.

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## **INTL550 Theories of Conflict and Conflict Transformation**

This course will survey the theory and the actual practice of both international and ethnic conflicts, and investigate possible methods of resolving these conflicts. Special attention will be put on the processes of peace making and reconciliation between the adversaries through real life examples. Within the broader conflict resolution field, processes as bargaining (negotiation), mediation by the "third party" involvement and other alternative dispute resolution processes will be analysed.

## **INTL551 Negotiation and Mediation**

The survey of the theory and the practice of international negotiations and mediation. The ingredients and processes of bargaining (negotiation). Conflict prevention. Understanding and development of negotiation and mediation skills.

## **INTL522 International Political Economy**

What are the major theoretical approaches to understanding political economy or relations between nations? What roles have the international financial and trading institutions, conceived in Bretton Woods, played in global configurations of economic and political power? What are the determinants of global development and underdevelopment in various regions of the globe? What is the nature of economic change in The Global North and Global South?

## **INTL532 International Relations of the Middle East**

This course offers a survey of the international relations of the Middle East from the end of the Ottoman Empire following World War I to the present day. It will deal with the historical, political, economic and social issues of the region in an international context both within the regional and the global dynamic, combined with theoretical perspectives of the IR discipline. The course explores these themes through the major events that have affected the region in the 20th and 21st centuries.

## **INTL533 The Theory and Practice of International Law**

This course focuses on the nature, functions, scope and practice of public international law. In addition, it covers the new theoretical approaches and development of international law in the 21st century. Moreover, the contextual approach to international law and conflict and conflict resolution in international law will be analyzed. The legality of the use of force and proliferation of international courts and tribunals are the other topics that are planning to examine.

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## **INTL535 Security Issues in World Politics**

The theory and practice of arms control and non proliferation. Global and regional security arrangements and agencies. The collective security system. Peacekeeping and peace making. Terrorism: causes and effects. The rise of ethno nationalist conflict at a global stage.

## **INTL542 International Relations of the European Union**

The European Union as a global actor. The role of the European Union in world politics. International legal personality, identity and competence of the European Union in international relations, EU enlargement, Common Foreign and Security Policy, the European Union's relations with the United States, Russian Federation, Japan, ACP States, Mediterranean states, Middle Eastern states.

## **INTL552 Culture, Identity and Conflict**

This course focuses on the following topics: theories of ethnicity, culture and nationalism; the formation and transformation of social and individual identities; cultural dimensions of conflict; the origins of ethnic conflicts; cultural and competing approaches; The Cyprus conflict: ethnic and cultural identities; comparative perspectives on culture, identity and conflict and; global parameters of conflict and identity formation.

## **INTL556 Selected Issues in Natural Resource and Political Economy of Energy Policy**

This course examines issues not only energy and environmental provisions and management of renewable natural resources (e.g. forests), but also non-renewable natural resources (e.g., coal, natural gas and oil). Additionally, it studies energy products and services (e.g. gasoline and electricity). The course also provides both theory and empirical methods linked to: (1) foundations and sources of market failure in these related industries; (2) pricing, market structure, and performance of significant resource and energy industries; and (3) supplementary and alternative regulatory approaches. The purpose of the course is to provide an understanding of the major theoretical frameworks used by economists, political scientists, sociologists, and related intellectual disciplines, in addition to understand how the energy industry responds to policies as well as how societies design and implement public policies related to energy. Selected issues covered will comprise of theories of the state, regulation, monopoly, organizational behaviour, public choice, international agreements, as well as innovation such as nuclear fuel cycles. The class will apply these theories to practice in order to bridge the gap between theory and practice, and discuss contemporary issues and major historical issues related to energy policy, such as ethanol, climate change, and energy security. The role of national oil companies in the world oil market and the functioning of OPEC will be analysed. Increasing need for electricity will be explained, and how to find alternative resources in producing electricity will be discussed in depth so as to find a feasible way of producing electricity and curbing nuclear proliferation in the Middle East.

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## INTL571 Comparative Politics

This course focuses on the strategies of comparative research in political science in order to develop a framework to teach the students on the following issues of comparative politics: (1) The methods of and logic behind comparison, (2) The need for systematic research in political science, (3) Dominant topics in comparative politics. The course first establishes a general framework of comparative methods including the comparison of many countries, few countries, and single-country studies. It, then focuses on different methods to examine such popular research topics in comparative politics as economic development and democracy, violent and peaceful transition to democracy, institutional structure and political performance, human rights and international relations.

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## Research interests of the faculty members

Conflict resolution, mediation and peace building, international law theory, law of the sea, politics of federalism, politics of identity and nationalism, politics of history education, political corruption, international migration, survey analysis, state-society relations, social constructivism, deliberative forums, freedom of movement, immigration, anti-discrimination legislation, post-positivist political thought, critical political economy, political Islam, Middle East politics, Salafi Jihadism, weapons of mass destruction, proliferation of nuclear weapons, United Nations, Europeanization, conditionality, European Union (EU) in international law, EU and the resolution of disputes, contemporary Turkish politics, Turkish foreign policy, Cyprus problem and international law, Cyprus politics

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## Chief Academic Staff

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## Frequently asked questions

### What is the qualification on offer?

MA Diplomacy and Conflict Management from Eastern Mediterranean University

### Where will the program be taught?

The program will be taught on the campus of the Eastern Mediterranean University, in Northern Cyprus.

### How long does the program take to complete?

In order to complete this program, applicants must pass 7 courses, a seminar and successfully complete a thesis.

### How much does it cost?

A typical tuition fee for this program is \$6,900 after 50% scholarship (all international students are granted 50% scholarship)

### What is the total number of credits required to obtain a master's degree?

According to the EMU Rules and Regulations the program requirements are; completion of a minimum of 21 credit-hours and a thesis.

### What are the admission requirements?

Applicants to the program should have a B.A. degree with a CGPA greater than 2.5/4.0.

**Below also some links you may wish to access:**

**EMU Promotion Film:** <https://www.emu.edu.tr/en/about-emu/promotional-film/1233>

**About EMU:** <https://www.emu.edu.tr/north-cyprus-universities>

**EMU Academic Programs List:** <https://www.emu.edu.tr/en/programs/695>

**Diplomacy and Conflict Management Master's Program (with thesis):**  
<https://www.emu.edu.tr/en/programs/diplomacy-and-conflict-management-masters-program-with-thesis/1543>

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