



Peace and Conflict Studies (PCS)
2013 Admissions Information – Master of Arts (MA) Degree Program

PCS is an interdisciplinary research and study program at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS), created to attract international students and researchers at the graduate level who are interested in exploring diverse topics that fall within the emerging discipline of Peace and Conflict Studies. In the 2004 academic year, TUFS began to offer a concentration in Peace and Conflict Studies within its 2-year Master of Arts (International Studies) Degree Program. English is the primary language of instruction for all courses within the PCS curriculum, but students may also explore other courses offered at TUFS in Japanese and various languages including basic to advanced language training. Outstanding international and Japanese applicants are invited to apply for the Master of Arts Degree Program commencing in the 2013 academic year as follows. Please be reminded that the application period, interview date and others differ greatly from our previous applications due to the transition of the admission date from April to October starting 2013 academic year.

Degree Program: MA in International Studies, Concentration in Peace and Conflict Studies

Study Period:	October 2013 – September 2015
Graduation requirements:	30 course units, MA Thesis
Intake	8
Entrance Fee:	¥282,000 JP Yen (paid in the 1 st year only)
Tuition Fee:	¥535,800 JP Yen per year
Estimated Cost of Living: (excluding school fees)	¥1,500,000 JPYen per year (assuming residence in the TUFS International Hall, and not including travel abroad)
Application Period:	First Application: 3 December 2012 – 9 January 2013 (Application documents shall be sent through postal mail and arrive within the above period) Second Application (rolling admission application): February 2013 – mid-June 2013
Interview:	First Application: 2 February (Sat) 2013 (In-person for those residing in Japan, through internet based telephone for those residing outside Japan) Second Application: Date to be fixed after paper screening
Admissions Result	First Application: 15 February 2013 Second Application: Date to be fixed after the interview (on password protected page on our website)

*In case the entrance fee and tuition shall be amended at the time of entrance and during enrollment, the new entrance fee and tuition shall be applied.



Eligibility:

Applicants must meet one of the following criteria upon application:

1. **You have graduated or are expected to graduate from a Japanese university by 30 September 2013.**
2. **You have obtained a Bachelor's degree according to the Clause 4 of Article 104 in the School Education Law of Japan (Gakko Kyouiku Hou) or are expected to obtain such degree by 30 September 2013.**
3. **You have completed 16 years of education at an educational institution outside Japan or are expected to complete such course by 30 September 2013.**
4. You have completed 16 years of education at an education institution outside Japan or are expected to complete such course by 30 September 2013 through taking classes of the correspondence course of such institution in Japan.
5. You have completed or expect to complete by 30 September 2013 a course in Japan at a foreign educational institution (a graduate of which must be deemed to have completed a 16-year course in the school education system of that country), which is recognized to have university courses in the educational system of such and specifically so designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
6. You have completed the specialized course specifically designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology after such designation or are expected to do so by September 2013 at a vocational school, whose minimum period required for graduation is four years or longer, and which also satisfies other conditions specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
7. You have been designated as eligible by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
8. You have been screened separately for eligibility and approved by the graduate School of this university as having the academic ability equivalent of that of a student who has graduated from an university and you will be aged 22 or older as of 30 September 2013.

(For Japanese applicants only: Please also read the Eligibility section within the Application guidelines for Graduate School Program of TUFS posted on the TUFS website)

* In case you are not sure whether you are eligible to apply or not, please send a full detailed academic history (including month/year you started and completed each institution) to pcs@tufs.ac.jp.

In addition, applicants specifically to the Master of Arts (International Studies) Degree Program with a concentration in Peace and Conflict Studies are expected to have an undergraduate degree in a relevant field from the social sciences or humanities, and ideally some related professional experience. International or cross-cultural exposure will also be highly assessed. Through the application process, applicants should demonstrate a genuine interest in and commitment to issues relevant to the field of Peace and Conflict Studies, and potential for future academic and professional success. This includes evidence of the applicant's motivation to work independently and capacity to design and carry out original research.



Each applicant may also submit with the application materials one additional academic or professional publication he or she wishes the Admissions Committee to consider. If you have a preferred academic supervisor at TUFS (PCS), please write down his/her name on the application. However, another supervisor may become your supervisor after PCS committee reviews your research topic. With regards to language skills, all non-native speakers of English are asked to present their test scores on the major English proficiency exams (taken within the last 2 years). Generally speaking, it would be desirable to have the following minimum score to academically succeed in our program:

<i>Test</i>	<i>Preferred Minimum Score</i>
TOEFL	PBT600 / IBT100
IELTS	7.0

All documents listed on the Application Checklist (following page) must arrive at the Admissions Office of TUFS before the specified deadline. Alterations to the contents of application documents will not be allowed after they have been submitted, and the Application Fee is non-refundable. Additionally, all materials submitted should contain only factual and honest information, and should include the applicant's own work only (i.e. any sort of plagiarism will immediately disqualify an applicant). Applicants who are found to have misrepresented any information or documents in their Application after having commenced their studies at TUFS will be asked to leave the university.

After all application documents have been received, they will then be evaluated by faculty members to gauge the overall suitability and potential of each applicant to benefit from and contribute to graduate study at PCS. Interview will then be held. For applicants residing outside of Japan, an interview will be held through internet based telephone such as Skype. Those applicants residing in Japan at the time of the application are required to attend an in-person interview with the Admissions Committee at TUFS campus in Tokyo, Japan. Admissions results will be posted on the PCS website (applicants will be emailed the internet address for a secure web page where they can view the results once they are available) and each applicant will also receive a formal admissions notification letter through regular mail. Telephone inquiries are not accepted. Applicants who are granted admission to the MA Degree Program will be provided with relevant information concerning necessary procedures and documentation for enrollment and registration, immigration and other issues, shortly after receiving the official admissions letter. Enrollment and Registration procedures may be taken with considering the date of the arrival date to Japan. However, successful applicants who plan to enter our program in October 2013 will be requested to submit a pledge (stating that he/she intends to enter the program in October 2013) by the specified date. Such details will be explained within the documents relative to entrance procedure.

Please refer to the PCS website www.tufs.ac.jp/common/pg/pcs/index.html for more information about the background of the department, faculty and students, academic degree programs, research activities, admissions, fees and scholarships and student life. Further inquiries should be directed to pcs@tufs.ac.jp



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- Main Application Forms (5 pages)
 - ▶ Personal Information (with photograph attached)
 - ▶ Application Fee Payment Receipt
 - ▶ Academic and Professional History
 - Thematic Essay (see details on p. 10)
 - Personal Statement (see details on p.10)
 - Research Proposal (see details on p.10)
 - Copy of 1 Academic or Professional Publication (optional)
(Should be included with the other application documents and submitted by the October deadline)
 - 2 Letters of Recommendation
(Prescribed forms included: at least one should be from a former professor)
 - 2 Additional Photographs
(4 x 3 cm portrait-style photographs taken within the past 3 months with full name written on the back)
 - Academic Transcript(s) of Grades*
(From all previously attended universities; only originals or true copies will be accepted)
 - Certificate(s) of Graduation*
(From all previously attended universities; only originals or true copies will be accepted; a separate Certificate of Graduation is not required if the Academic Transcript of Grades also specifies the dates and title of the degree received)
 - Evidence of English Proficiency
(Only applicants whose first language is English are exempt; all other applicants are required to submit a copy of the score report from the TOEFL or IELTS, taken within the last 2 years)
 - Certificate of Foreign Registration
(For applicants residing in Japan only)
 - Confirmation of Financial Award(s)
(For applicants who have received funding for graduate study applicable to PCS such as Japanese Government Scholarships should submit copies of official documents detailing the amounts and types of funding)
 - Application Fee - ¥10,000 JP Yen
(To be paid by electronic bank transfer; applicants must pay all additional charges for the transfer)
(Credit Card payment is now being arranged. Details will be announced once fixed)

***Please be reminded that application documents will not be returned. Please make utmost care in submitting your academic certificates. If you need to keep the original, you must submit a true copy of such certificates.**

Applications should be mailed to: ADMISSIONS, TOKYO UNIVERSITY OF FOREIGN STUDIES
3-11-1, Asahi-cho, Fuchu-shi, Tokyo, 183-8534, JAPAN



Other scholarships/funding you have secured for your graduate studies (with amount and duration)

If admitted to PCS, would you like a low-rent room in the TUFS on-campus International Residence Hall?

Yes No

(Note: PCS students are allowed to stay at the Hall up to one year.)

Application Fee Payment Receipt

The Application Fee of ¥10,000 JP Yen should be paid via electronic bank transfer to the university’s account in Japan. **Applicants are required to pay all additional charges associated with the transfer, and should make sure that the university receives the full amount of the Application Fee.** Please fill in the following form and attach the receipt or confirmation of transfer of the specified amount. Those applicants who have already received a Japanese Government MEXT Scholarship do not need to pay the Application Fee and therefore should not proceed beyond the first question of this form.

* Applicants who are still undergoing selection for MEXT scholarship are responsible to pay the application fee.

Amount: ¥10,000 JP Yen
Name of the Bank: SUMITOMO MITSUI BANKING CORPORATION
Name of the Branch: FUCHU BRANCH, JAPAN
Account Type: REGULAR SAVINGS ACCOUNT
Account number: 7310272
Swift Code: SMBCJPJT
Name of the Account: TOKYO UNIVERSITY OF FOREIGN STUDIES

For applicants residing within Japan:
<振込口座>
銀行：三井住友銀行
支店：東京第一支店
口座の種類：普通
口座番号：9796004
名義：東京外国語大学

Bank Transfer Information

Name of the Bank _____

Name of the Branch _____

Location _____

City state country

Date of Transfer _____

Please staple a copy of the Receipt/Confirmation of Electronic Bank Transfer here or to the back of this sheet if necessary.

Payment by credit card is currently under arrangement. Details will be announced once fixed.

**Academic and Professional History**

Provide the Names, Locations, and Dates of Attendance (month and year), and Total Years of Schooling, for all primary and secondary educational institutions that you have attended.

<i>Level of Education</i>	<i>Name and Location of Institution</i>	<i>Dates of attendance (month and year)</i>
Primary		
Lower Secondary		
Upper Secondary		

Years of schooling _____

Provide the Names, Locations, Fields of Study and Dates of Attendance (month and year), and total Years of Schooling, for all tertiary/university-level educational institutions that you have attended

<i>Level of Education</i>	<i>Name and Location of Institution Field of Study</i>	<i>Dates of attendance (month/year)</i>
University (Bachelors)		
University (Masters)		
University (2 nd Masters or Doctoral)		

Years of Schooling _____



List any academic honors, awards, scholarships, or substantial research grants that you have received since completing your secondary education.

Name of honors, awards, scholarships or research grants	Date or Period

List any academic works and publications, including unpublished thesis or dissertations completed as part of previous university degree programs, and published articles, papers, books, etc., that you have authored, coauthored, or edited. In addition to listing the title and type (BA or MA thesis, PhD Dissertation, working paper, article, book, etc.) of each work, for each published work please also list the name and date of the publication in which it appears, and for books also include the name and location of the publisher. Attach a separate sheet entitled “Academic Works and Publications” if necessary. Finally, if you list one or more works, please choose a work and include a copy of it with your other application materials.

Title	Type of work	Date	Name of the publication

All applicants except those whose first language is English are required to submit a proof of their level of English proficiency in the form of a score report from the TOEFL or IELTS taken within the last 2 year. Please indicate which type of exam you are providing a score report for, as well as the date of the exam (month and year), and the overall score that you obtained.

Exam type: TOEFL IELTS
 Exam date: _____ Overall score _____

List other languages that you have studied or are able to communicate in, and your levels of proficiency (Beginner, Intermediate, Advance, or Fluent) for Reading, Writing, Listening, and Speaking

<i>Language</i>	<i>Reading</i>	<i>Writing</i>	<i>Listening</i>	<i>Speaking</i>



Provide the following information about your three most recent positions of employment (including internships): *name/title* of each positions, *names, locations and contact information of the organizations* in which you held these positions, your *dates of employment* (month and year), and the total number of years you have been employed full-time to date.

<i>Title/Name, Location, and Contact information of Organization</i>	<i>Dates of Employment</i>
<i>(Most Recent Position)</i>	
<i>(Previous Position)</i>	
<i>(Second Previous Position)</i>	

Years of Employment _____

List any Professional Titles, Certifications, Memberships, Honors, or Awards that you have obtained, or Professional Training Courses that you have completed. Include the name of the Certifying/Training Organization if applicable, as well as relevant Dates. Also, note any other positions you currently hold or have held in the past, for example on the board of any organizations or as a member or volunteer of an NGO or other groups.

Organization/university	Date	Certification	Details

I certify that all information in my application, including the Personal Statement and Research proposal, is fully my own work, factually true, and honestly presented.

Signature _____ Date _____



Peace and Conflict Studies (PCS) 2013 Application Essays – Master of Arts (MA) Degree Program

Thematic Essay

Please choose one of the following themes and write an analytical essay of up to 5 pages (maximum 1,500 words). The essay should consist of two parts: (1) a general and analytical discussion of the theme you have chosen and (2) your perspective on the theme in the very context of your research proposal. Your essay will be used to assess the current levels of your analytical skills and knowledge of issues relating to Peace and Conflict Studies, as well as your ability to communicate your ideas.

- 1) The sources of conflict and peace in a globalized age
- 2) The role of international organizations in peace-building
- 3) Conflict and coexistence within and between societies

Personal Statement

Write a Personal Statement (essay) focusing on your past experiences and current and future interests as well as any other information that you would like to bring to the Admission Committee's attention. Your Statement should demonstrate your suitability and future potential to research and work in areas related to Peace and Conflict Studies. We encourage you to be creative in how you organize and present your thoughts, but please be concrete and detailed, and stay within 3 pages (maximum 1,000 words)

Address some of the following points/questions within your Personal Statement:

- Describe your academic, professional, and relevant personal experience, highlighting anything you have done or been involved in related to Peace and Conflict Studies.
- How have these experiences led you to develop an interest in this field?
- Why would you like to study Peace and Conflict Studies in Japan? At Tokyo University of Foreign Studies?
- What are the most important skills/knowledge/experiences that you hope to gain through this program?
- What unique or valuable perspective(s) can you offer given the diversity of faculty and students in the program?
- What personal qualities do you have that make you well suited to work in this area in the future, and how are these reflected in your past experiences and accomplishments?
- How do you intend to use what you learn at TUFS in the future, both personally and professionally?
- Specifically, what do you see yourself doing 5-10 years after having graduated from PCS?

Research Proposal

Submit a short proposal outlining your intended research topic for the thesis component of the MA Degree Program, including a title. The proposal should identify and provide background information about a specific topic or question that you are interested in researching at TUFS, clearly explain why you think this topic is important to explore, and suggest a preliminary research design specifying any case(s) you plan to focus on, the type of research method(s) you plan to utilize, and any related fieldwork you plan to undertake. Please also include some discussion of the primary literature you have reviewed in regards to your topic, including a list of major references (books, scholarly articles, and academic papers). You are asked to choose 2 of the listed references, summarize their contents, relate them to your research theme, and explain why you consider these references as important for your own argument. Again, please try to be as concrete and detailed as possible, but stay within 5 pages (maximum 1,500 words)

