

Peace and Conflict Studies

Graduate School of Global Studies

Tokyo University of Foreign Studies



Features of the PCS Course

- ▶ The Peace and Conflict Studies (PCS) is a MA program at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies. Established in 2004, and offered in English, the program accepts students from all over the world. PCS now constitutes one of the most distinctive programs taught at any Japanese university. The program's design focuses on the concepts of "building peace and preventing conflict" from a perspective that supplements Western thought, and aims to nurture professionals with expertise on topics related to peace and conflict, development, governance, and other areas of international and global affairs. These professionals will play an active role, both practically and theoretically, in regions throughout the world. We have already educated over 100 graduates from more than 50 countries, many of whom have gone on to work for international organizations, NGOs and educational institutions. This unique Master's program is primarily designed for students who desire to gain practical knowledge. Some students chose however to pursue a doctoral degree in this specialty with the aim of becoming scholars in the field. In a significant move to attract qualified students from all over the world, the Peace and Conflict Studies shifted their admission to the fall in 2013 to correspond with the global academic schedule.
- ▶ Combining substantial coursework and a master's thesis generally based on original field research, TUFs has designed this program to expand the expertise of existing Peace and Conflict professionals, as well as provide a comprehensive foundation tailored to those who wish to enter into this field. Graduates are qualified to enter into the related fields of conflict resolution and management, international affairs, diplomacy, humanitarian assistance, and development.
- ▶ PCS admits approximately twelve students per year, which provides an intimate and intensive educational dynamic between students, faculty, administration and partner organizations. The program has a core faculty in the instruction of both compulsory and elective courses, and recruits highly experienced professionals and academics to lecture on a wide selection of elective courses. PCS graduates are active in countries throughout the world (Japan included), while maintaining close contacts with the program, and thus providing a strong professional network of support.



Structure of the PCS Course

- ▶ Requirement for completion: The present MA program at TUFs is set to be completed in 2 years, by obtaining the required credits (30) or more, having the guided and supervised MA thesis evaluated and approved, and successfully passing the MA thesis defense.
- ▶ The PCS Core Seminars, PCS Research Methodology and Thesis Seminars form the core of the MA program. Instruction includes research methods, theoretical perspectives and practical cases. Students participate in discussions to nurture their own analytical skills on peace and conflict issues.
- ▶ Students select the remaining elective credits from diverse course offerings in the following subject areas:
Foundation for Peacebuilding (1,2), Applied Peacebuilding (1,2,3,4), Conflict and Social Change (1,2), International Relations and Cooperation (1,2,3).
- ▶ The format of each TUFs-PCS seminar or course is a mixture of lectures, reading assignments, student presentations, and discussions with an emphasis on active student research and input. Coursework is evaluated based on a number of factors including student participation and contribution to discussions, presentations, term papers, final exams, and other assignments.



Students, with their faculty advisor permission, may take up to 10 elective credits from relevant courses offered at the nearby International Christian University (ICU) in Tokyo.

Special Features at PCS

Global Campus Program

- ▶ With the objective of broadening the scale and scope of PCS research and education internationally, TUFS has developed a new initiative for expanded worldwide academic collaboration. Launched in 2006, GCP continues to establish international cooperative networks in Peace and Conflict Studies education, and to foster an international network of experts on peace-building and conflict prevention.



- ▶ By installing videoconferencing systems in partner universities, GCP creates real-time multilateral connectivity in order to conduct joint credit curriculum and research activities. GCP is very effective in diversifying students' views and promoting tolerance in respect to peace and conflict studies issues by providing a safe space and opportunity for students and even faculties to express ideas and opinions on controversial and crucial issues, and to challenge negative stereotypes. Another benefit of the program is that students often can conduct their field research in cooperation with one of the GCP partners.

Experience Japan

- ◎ In additions to PCS classes, students will also have the chance to take Japanese language classes at TUFS's Japanese Language Center (JLC) upon taking the placement test before the start of the semester. However, the classes at JLC are very intensive. For those students who find it difficult to study both, "Survival Japanese" classes are also organized for newly enrolled PCS students in order to help them learn the minimum Japanese necessary for daily life in Japan.



- ◎ At PCS, some extra-curricular activities are planned and conducted several times a year. The main purpose of such activities is to experience and explore the Japanese culture. It has also become a very good opportunity for our students to get to know each other by spending some time outside the classroom.

Alumni Network

Since 2006, when our first students graduated from the program, many have returned to their own countries, some have stayed in Japan or moved to another country to pursue higher studies. It is an honor for us to have many graduates working in the frontline of the Peace and Conflict resolution activities. Here are some of the international organizations, academic/research institutions and NGOs where our graduates have taken positions:

OSCE(Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe), UNESCO, Action Aid (UK), Open Society Foundation (Georgia), IDE-JETRO (Japan), Leiden University (Netherlands), Tsukuba University(Japan), to name a few.

Some have also taken positions in governmental offices such as U.S. Embassy in Japan, Ministry of Defense and Security (East Timor), General Department of Local Administration Ministry of Interior (Cambodia), Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction(Nepal),to mention a few.

At PCS, Alumni Workshops are held several times a year, inviting some of our graduates to share their experiences from the real world.



Doctoral Program

Peace and Conflict Studies do not have an independent doctoral program. Students pursuing doctoral studies will be studying under the Area and International Studies of TUFs' doctoral program. The doctoral program at TUFs is not a curriculum-based program. The students are required to acquire 12 credits or more during his/her enrollment under the supervision of the academic supervisor. Some classes are held in English, but unlike the PCS-MA course, there is no English curriculum. Having high Japanese proficiency will broaden the range of classes available.

2020 Admission Information



Applicants for PCS Course:

Application period: Jan. 6- May 8, 2020
Interview: End of May - Early June, 2020
Announcement of results: End of June 2018

Applicants for PCS under PGP-MEXT scholarship*:

Application period: Jan. 6 - Feb.14, 2020
Interview: End of February 2020
Announcement of results: End of June 2020

- See below for the details of PGP-MEXT Scholarship

2020 Admission information and necessary application forms are now available at the following URL.

http://www.tufs.ac.jp/english/admission/degree/pg/master/m_pcs.html

Please download the necessary files for further information.

Scholarship Information

※We are expecting some changes in scholarship from 2019.
Please check the latest information by contacting PCS office.

▶ <International Priority Graduate Program (PGP) under Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship>

To promote the recruitment of outstanding international students, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science, Sports and Technology (MEXT) offers universities with engaging, distinguished graduate programs for international students a preferential allocation of MEXT scholarships. Programs approved by MEXT as engaging and academically distinguished are referred to as "International Priority Graduate Programs (PGP)". Since 2014, Peace and Conflict Studies at the Graduate School of Global Studies, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies have been designated as an "International Priority Graduate Program (PGP)" for outstanding international students from non-OECD countries.

For the details on how to apply for this scholarship, please see the details explained inside the application pack.

▶ <Other scholarships>

Apart from the above, students may apply for Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship - Embassy Recommendation, or Rotary Yoneyama Scholarship for Applicants Residing Abroad prior to coming to Japan, or apply for scholarships provided by private foundations in Japan after being accepted to our program.

- ▶ Please visit our website or contact PCS office for further information.



Details and contact information



Name of the Program:	Peace and Conflict Studies, Master's Program in Global Studies, The Graduate School of Global Studies Tokyo University of Foreign Studies
Program period:	2 years (October intake)
Graduation requirements:	30 course units, MA thesis
Degree to be granted:	MA in International Studies
Language of Instruction:	English
Intake:	12
Entrance fee:	JPY 282,000 (paid in the 1 st year only)
Tuition:	JPY 535,800 per year

*This information is the data as of April 2018. In case the entrance fee and tuition shall be amended at the time of entrance and during enrollment, the new fees shall be applied.



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