Conflict Management | M.A. Academic Requirements

Students concentrating in Conflict Management must take at least three courses within the Conflict Management Program. Only one of those three courses can be cross-listed with another program where the first three digits of its course number are not from Conflict Management. Additional cross-listed courses will go toward students’ electives. They also must fulfill the general requirements for the field of International Relations, that is, an additional three courses within IR, including courses from two programs other than Conflict Management. Students must take the Theories of International Relations Core Exam or must pass the course by the end of their second semester.

International Relations concentrators studying at the Bologna Center must take at least three IR courses in Washington. Exception: those concentrators who are joint-degree students or have advanced standing, must take at least two IR courses in Washington.

In addition to general International Relations requirements, students concentrating in Conflict Management submit a research paper of publishable quality on April 1 of their final semester. The paper is usually the revised product of a regular course or supervised research, and it must be approved before the Oral Examination can be scheduled. A prize for the best program paper is awarded at graduation.

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