# LEARNING GOALS

After graduating the students of the IACM program will have gained the knowledge and tools necessary to empirically describe, analyze and evaluate on their own the following processes, structures, systems and phenomena:

- structural and procedural causes and dynamics of conflicts in the international and intra-state spheres,
- complex organizations and their capacity for conflict resolution and control,
- opportunities, techniques and processes of conflict resolution, exemplary cases of conflicts and their violent or political resolution,
- the resolution of conflicts in different institutional forms,
- reconstruction in the framework of international transitional administrations under UN mandate or other international regimes, and also on
- the UN system and the development of the UN doctrines on conflict resolution and intervention,
- the regional systems of collective security, in particular of NATO and the EU, and their more recent developments,
- the connection between security policy and institutionalized forms of conflict resolution and reconstruction in conflict areas.



Profit from the advantages of studying at the University of Excellence of Konstanz:

- effective learning groups with an average size of 12 students,
- award-winning university library (rank 1 in the national comparison of 2008, 2009, 2010) with a 24-hour service,
- opportunities for financial and organizational assistance for field research
- numerous exchange opportunities for one to two semesters abroad and special counseling concerning international internships,

...and of course the high recreational value of the Lake Constance area.

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## INTERNATIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

Master's Program in the Department of Political Science and Administration



Universität Konstanz



# WHAT IS THE M.A. PROGRAM "INTERNATIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND CONFLICT MANAGEMENT"?

The "International Administration and Conflict Management" (IACM) program is the only course of study in Europe which combines educational contents of international politics and international organizations, conflict research, administrative sciences and management studies. This distinguishes the program from conventional courses of study in peace and conflict research.

The IACM program is one of four specializations of the M.A. "Politics and Management" offered at the University of Konstanz and takes into account the growing significance of international organizations and public administration for the sustainable solution of conflicts. It deals, for example, with peace missions and humanitarian interventions of the United Nations in crisis regions in which the international community tries to break the vicious circle of violence, collapsing state functions and renewed violence.

The reconstruction of totally or partially failed states extends, among other things, to the administration, the police, jurisdiction and the infrastructure. However, as the root causes of conflict usually have not been overcome at this point, the resolution of those conflicts, the rebuilding of the administration and the formation of political institutions must go hand in hand.



### STRUCTURE OF THE CURRICULUM

The program ranges over four semesters, corresponding to 120 ECTS credits, and is built upon four modules. Modules 1 and 2 are designed to serve the acquisition of the necessary basics. In Module 3 and 4 the attendance of a total of seven seminars is obligatory. Two of these seminars within Module 3 must be out of the IACM specialization; one has to be from a different specialization. The remaining four seminars have to be taken in Module 4 and can be chosen freely. However, at least two seminars in Module 4 must be taken from the department of politics and public administration offer. For the rest it is possible to attend seminars of related content from the fields of law, economics, history, sociology, philosophy and psychology in addition to seminars from the other specializations.

### WHO CAN APPLY?

The program is intended for graduates of bachelor degree courses or equivalent degrees aspiring to an academic or practical activity with the relevant priorities. An internship of two months is a precondition for participation.

The goal of the program is to qualify the participants for management and the assumption of leadership tasks in international organizations and transitional administrations as well as for further research leading to a doctoral degree.

Typical professional fields are: administrations and nongovernmental organizations, international organizations bearing responsibility for the institutionalized regulation of conflicts and multinational transitional administrations involving civilian-military cooperation (e.g. the UN, EU, NATO). At present the annual fees and tuition for all master's programs at the University of Konstanz amount to 1200 Euro.

### **EXEMPLARY CURRICULUM**

SEMESTER, CREDITS	Module 1 : Methods	Module 2: Theoretical and Empirical Foun- dations	Module 3: Applied Methods and Theories	Module 4: Neighbouring Programs and Subjects
1: 35cr	Research Design I (9cr)     Information Competence (5cr)	Basic Seminar "Introduction to International Administration and Conflict Management" (7cr)     Basic Seminar "International Relations" (7cr)	Causes of Intra State Conflicgt (A1, 7cr)	
2: 30cr	• Research Design II (9cr)		• International Administration (B1, 7cr)	European Law I (Department of Law, 7cr)     Mechanisms of Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation (A2, 7cr)
3: 25cr	• Colloquium (4cr)		International Administration and Peace Operations (B2, 7cr)	Macroeconomics (Economics, 7cr)     Negotiation and Mediation (A3, 7cr)
4: 30cr			Master Thesis (4 Months, 30cr)	