About Us

As part of the School of Conflict Management, Peacebuilding and Development, the PhD in International Conflict Management at Kennesaw State University, located near Atlanta, Georgia, has students from around the world, creating a dynamic, yet intimate, educational environment. Conflict Management is a field that currently has few opportunities for advanced training. Each doctoral student, after completing the core courses, is given the flexibility to focus their studies in their desired area. Guided by exceptional faculty, the students have the ability to drive their curriculum.
Core Courses

This program is one of only a few available in North America. PhD students accepted into the program receive broad interdisciplinary training and opportunities that draw on an array of academic disciplines.

With key competencies including:

Intercultural dynamics
Economic development and analysis
Peacebuilding
Conflict management theory
Program Sections

Core Seminars
The core seminars provide interdisciplinary grounding in the fundamental concepts, ethical and cultural foundations, and practical applications in international conflict management and resolution.

Research Methods
Preparation includes courses in epistemology and research design, how to use quantitative and qualitative methods, and program evaluation.

International Experiences
Students practice their conflict management skills in applied international settings and gain an understanding of today’s complex challenges marked by globalization, the impact of technology, competition for scarce resources, and deepening interconnections between people and institutions.

Course of Study
The PhD program is comprised of a total of 75 credit hours. There are at least 60 course credits and up to 15 dissertation credits required. Eligible students can have up to 17 related credits transferred in from their Master’s degree, going towards the 60 credits required.

Graduate Assistantships
We offer a limited number of competitive assistantships each year. Students offered an assistantship are funded in the amount of $15,000 per year. Program funding consists of Graduate Research Assistantships (GRAs) and Graduate Teaching Assistantships (GTAs) to support the research and teaching responsibilities of the university with a specific focus on supporting the research and teaching activities of the program faculty and contributing departments.

Admission Checklist
1. Application via conflict.hss.kennesaw.edu
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Statement of Intent
4. Writing Sample
5. Letters of Recommendation
6. Official Transcripts
7. GRE Scores
8. TOEFL or IELTS for International Applicants
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