

Public Health and International Peace and Conflict Resolution

at Arcadia University

Global Perspectives...Personal Attention...Real-World Integrative Learning Experiences

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Dual-Degree Program

Master of Public Health and Master of Arts in International Peace and Conflict Resolution

About Arcadia's Program in Public Health and International Peace and Conflict Resolution

The International Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR) master's degree program offers an innovative curriculum that allows students to develop an area of concentration, build an international network of contacts, and gain practical experience through problem-based learning in international settings. The program's strength lies in its interdisciplinary approach to the increasingly critical study of peace and conflict resolution.

This dual degree option in Public Health and IPCR prepares students to integrate their knowledge of public health, along with program development, implementation and evaluation skills, to assist in conflict resolution. The Nyerere Centre for Peace Research in Arusha, Tanzania, operated in cooperation with the multi-nation East African Community, provides unique opportunities for international research and service learning.

IPCR is one of the few graduate programs in the field of conflict resolution with a built-in overseas component. In addition to the second-year study abroad component, IPCR students have the option of participating in weeklong intensive "preview" field studies

during their first year. Students may travel to Northern Ireland in the fall, and to other locations according to course availability in spring. This dual-degree program is 74-77 credits and requires international experiences.

Course requirements and sequencing are available by contacting the Director of either program.

Admission to this dual-degree program requires the applicant to meet the admission criteria for both the M.P.H. program and the IPCR program.

Admission to the Master of Public Health Program

The following program-specific requirements must be met:

1. A completed graduate application including personal statements, to be completed online at www.arcadia.edu/gradapp.
2. A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with a recommended GPA of 3.0 or better in the major course of study.
3. One official transcript from each college, university or professional school attended. Transfer credits included on a transcript must include grades earned; if not, an official transcript from the original school must be submitted. Transcripts must be sent from the issuing school in a sealed envelope and contain the appropriate signatures and seals to be considered official.
4. Three letters of recommendation, at least one from a professor (if a recent graduate) and one from a health professional.
5. Test scores for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT), taken within the last five years. Test scores are not required for

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- students with an earned graduate degree in a related field.
6. Knowledge of the profession through work or volunteer experience.
 7. International applicants should visit www.arcadia.edu/international for detailed information on admission requirements and application procedures. TOEFL/IELTS results are required for all students for whom English is a second language or who have not earned degrees or diplomas from post-secondary institutions in English-speaking countries (e.g. the United States, Canada, England, Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand). A course-by-course evaluation of all transcripts by an independent evaluation service based in the United States also is required.

Admission to the IPCR Master's Degree Program

Program-Specific Admissions

Requirements: Arcadia University welcomes applications for this program from college graduates of all majors, especially those who have demonstrated scholastic excellence and a commitment to international peace and conflict resolution. Related experience and achievements, either domestic or international, also are desirable. The program requests the following from applicants:

- An International Peace and Conflict Resolution application, including personal statements, to be completed online at www.arcadia.edu/gradapp.
- A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with a recommended GPA of 3.0 or better and a major in Peace Studies, Political Science, History, Modern Languages, Economics, Anthropology, Sociology, Psychology, Philosophy, Religion or another liberal arts discipline. Students with undergraduate majors in Biology and Environmental Science also are encouraged to apply.
- One official transcript from each college, university or professional school attended. Transfer credits included on a transcript must include grades earned; if not, an official

transcript from the original school must be submitted. Transcripts must be sent from the issuing school in a sealed envelope and contain the appropriate signatures and seals to be considered official.

- Three letters of recommendation from persons who are able to judge the applicant's qualifications to undertake graduate work abroad. At least two recommendation must be from a professor.
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GREs are not required for admission. In exceptional cases, after reviewing an applicant's academic record and non-academic experience, in exceptional cases the Director may waive one or more prerequisites.

Application Deadline: Completed applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis starting February 1. Those reviewed after February 1 will be reviewed based on availability of space in the attending class. Classes typically fill in early spring, so applicants are encouraged to apply by the February 1 deadline.

Expenses

Tuition and fees for the dual degree program are billed in equal increments over the program's nine semesters. Information on current costs is available at www.arcadia.edu/finaid.

Financial aid is available to assist qualified students in covering tuition and related expenses, as well as living costs. Upon review for admission, students automatically will be

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reviewed by the academic department for a limited number of merit scholarships. Additionally, students can apply to receive up to \$20,500 annually through the Federal Direct Stafford Loan at a fixed interest. In addition to the Stafford Loan, students can choose to borrow either a Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan or a private alternative student loan to cover remaining expenses. Graduate assistantships also may be available to those who qualify. For more information on available financial aid and how to apply, visit www.arcadia.edu/finaid and click on Graduate.

Requirements for the M.A. in International Peace and Conflict Resolution and M.P.H.

(74-77 credits)

Master of Arts in International Peace and
Conflict Resolution
Master of Public Health

First Year

Fall

IP 501	Introduction to Peace Studies & Conflict Resolution- required (3 credits)
IP 5XX PBH 501	IPCR elective (3 credits) Social Determinants of Health and Disease (3 credits)
PBH 600	Introduction to Epidemiology (3 credits)

Spring

IP 5XX	IPCR elective (3 credits)
IP 5XX PBH 620	IPCR elective (3 credits) Introduction to Biostatistics (3 credits)
PBH 530	Theories and Principles of Health Behavior and Health Promotion (3 credits)
PBH 560	Issues in Community and Environmental Health (3 credits)

Summer

PBH 510	Health Care Systems (3 credits—online)
PBH 640	Research Methods and Design for Health Professionals (3 credits)

Second Year

Fall

IP 5XX	IPCR elective (3 credits)
IP 5XX PBH 630	IPCR elective (3 credits) Program Planning and Evaluation for Health Professionals (3 credits)
PBH 695	Capstone Research Project Seminar in Public Health I (3 credits)

Spring

IP 502	Research Methods in Conflict Analysis- required (3 credits)
PBH 645	Evaluation of Public Health Programs: Case Studies (3 credits)
PBH 696	Capstone Research Project Seminar in Public Health II (3 credits)

Third Year

Fall

IP 581	Study Abroad- required (9–12 credits)
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Spring

IP 583	Internship- required (9–12 credits)
IP 598 PBH 689	Capstone Seminar- required (2 credits) Public Health/Health Education Internship (3 credits)