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Peace & Conflict Resolution in the Middle East & Beyond

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New in 2012:

- » Intensive Arabic language program extension option
- » Homestays in Amman
- » Derry and Belfast, Ireland study tour

» peace and conflict program:

june 10–july 12

» arabic language extension:

july 14 - august 9

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The Life Cycle of Peace and Conflict: Lessons Learned in Northern Ireland

Spend your summer in London and Amman exploring the process of peace and the sensitive cultural and societal roots of conflict. Your program will begin in the U.K. by studying peace and conflict theory, using Northern Ireland as a case study for beginning to understand how those theories translate to Middle Eastern issues. Once in Amman, use your new understanding of peace and conflict to examine how the Arab/Israeli conflict; regional conflicts such as those in Lebanon, Yemen or Iraq; and tribal conflicts are being addressed.

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Conflict Resolution and Management: Beyond The Arab-Israeli Conflict

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The Life Cycle of Peace and Conflict: Lessons Learned in Northern Ireland

As a formal imperial power, a permanent member of the UN Security Council and a nation intimately tied to the Northern Ireland conflict, the United Kingdom offers a unique perspective from which to study conflict at several levels. London's vast political and cultural resources will be used to explore conflict development and transformation, the nature of political leadership in conflict, and the significance of "memory" in conflict.

Using Northern Ireland as a case study, students will examine burning issues in contemporary conflict resolution and raise questions to be addressed in Amman during the second half of the program.

faculty

Dr. Paul Arthur [Program Director]

A preeminent scholar and practitioner in international conflict resolution, Dr. Arthur is a Professor of Politics and former Director of the Graduate Programme in Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Ulster.

study tours & excursions

In London, visits to Parliament and roundtable discussions with prominent politicians involved in the Northern Ireland peace process contextualize class lectures.

A three-day excursion to Derry and Belfast, Northern Ireland will allow students to explore the historical epicenter of conflict in Ireland, with lectures on the University of Ulster campus, visits to the Bloody Sunday museum, and guest speakers from individuals intimately involved in the peace and conflict process.

Conflict Resolution and Management: Beyond The Arab-Israeli Conflict

In order to understand Middle Eastern politics, an understanding of Arab culture and societal organization is essential. Intra-Arab conflicts play key roles in determining the regional political scene. Students should emerge from this course with a multi-faceted understanding of peace and conflict in the region.

Specifically, this course will address the impact of cultural and societal factors on conflict resolution and management, focusing on case studies across the Middle Eastern region. The well-publicized Arab-Israeli conflict will be addressed from multiple perspectives by experts with direct negotiation experience. Alternative dispute resolution techniques used in some inter- and intra-tribal conflicts will be examined, as well as some of the lesser-known but critical conflicts in Lebanon, Yemen or Iraq.

faculty

Dr. Zaid Eyadat

Dr. Eyadat is an associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Jordan and the chairperson of the Human Rights and Human Development department.

study tours & excursions

Once in Amman, students will see the historical and contemporary sides of the capital on a city tour.

Students then explore the ancient Nabataean site at Petra, followed by a visit to Wadi Rum and the mountains where Lawrence of Arabia was active.

Students visit Madaba and the Church of St. George, the Baptism site at Bethany on the Jordan River, Mt. Nebo where Moses looked down upon the promised land, and the Dead Sea to learn about the region's significance in the culture and politics of Jordan.

As students travel through Northern Jordan to the ruins of Ajlun and Jerash, they learn about Arab military architecture the influence of ancient Roman society and architecture in one of the best preserved Roman sites in the world.

arabic language

In addition to the two-course Peace and Conflict Resolution program, students can choose to extend their stay in Amman and undertake intensive Arabic language study.

Classes meet 5 hours per day, 5 days per week. Each student will receive 80 hours of instruction in Modern Standard Arabic in each session, covering the material usually covered in one semester on a U.S. campus. In addition, students receive 20 hours of instruction per session in Jordanian Arabic.

levels

- Beginning Modern Standard Arabic I
- Beginning Modern Standard Arabic II
- Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic I
- Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic II
- Advanced Modern Standard Arabic I
- Advanced Modern Standard Arabic II
- Beginning Jordanian Arabic
- Intermediate Jordanian Arabic
- Advanced Jordanian Arabic

housing

london: student residences

Students experience the heart of South Kensington in converted eighteenth-century townhomes with furnished bedrooms, shared kitchens and wireless internet access. Rooms range from singles to quads and vary from dormitory-style hallways to large flats.

amman: homestays or hotel

During the time in Jordan, students live with a local family. All participating families are screened by AMIDEAST from a database of qualified applications. Families usually host two students at a time and provide meals throughout the program. Families used for the program all have members who speak English, though for those students who have studied Arabic and want an Arabic speaking home, there are families where minimal English is spoken. Alternatively, hotel accommodation during the peace and conflict program is available at an additional cost.

I found having to grapple with different conflict resolution mechanisms as nothing but enlightening and intellectually challenging."

– Elias, 2011 program participant