WORLD RELIGIONS, DIPLOMACY, AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Banner Code: CA-CERG-CARW

This 15-credit program is specifically tailored to provide students with practical knowledge of conflict analysis and resolution relevant to their focused areas of work. Designed for midcareer professionals studying in a cohort environment, the certificate programs integrate conflict analysis and resolution theory, research, and practical technique. These programs use intensive course sessions, lecture, seminar, and applied mentored learning in real and simulated situations to prepare students to use conflict analysis and resolution approaches in their work in a variety of fields. The World Religions, Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution Certificate considers strategies to reduce global violence and terrorism by incorporating the best moral practices of religious communities into policy planning, diplomacy, civil society building and democratization. Covers strategies to elicit moderate moral religious expression in conflict regions to strengthen civil society and democracy.

The graduate certificate in world religions, diplomacy, and conflict resolution may only be pursued on a part-time basis, unless a student is concurrently enrolled in another degree program or takes additional courses over those required for the certificate program.

Admissions & Policies

Admissions

Requirements

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions. Applicants must submit an undergraduate transcript showing completion of an undergraduate degree or equivalent, a cover letter specifying interest in the program, two letters of recommendation, and a curriculum vitae or résumé indicating relevant work experience.

In addition, prior work experience in areas related to the chosen graduate certificate is desirable. GRE or other standardized test scores are not required but may be submitted. The TOEFL is required of international students. For more information, see Admission of International Students. Although students may enter the program in either the fall or spring semester, they are strongly encouraged to participate fully in the cohort learning experience by enrolling for the fall semester, taking two courses in the fall and two in the spring, and completing their certificate with the final course in the summer. The capstone course is only offered in the summer, students admitted for the spring term should expect their certificate program to take at least 18 months.

Policies

Class Schedule

Please note that some classes for this graduate certificate program are offered only in Saturday and Sunday sessions. Please check the Schedule of Classes for each term to identify course meeting dates, and specific add/drop dates for these partial semester courses.