

Uppsala University, Department of Peace and Conflict Research
Master's Programme in Peace and Conflict Studies
Frequently Asked Questions on Application Procedure

APPLICATION PERIOD

When does the application period start?

There are two application periods for the Master's Programme in Peace and Conflict Studies. **The first application period** is open from **17 October 2022 to 16 January 2023**. Applications are made through the [University Admissions in Sweden's English website](#). **Application code: UU-M2061**. We strongly encourage international students to apply during the first application round, as they will have sufficient time to apply for and receive their residence permits (if needed) before the start of the academic semester. See the University Admissions in Sweden's website for detailed information on pertinent deadlines and how required documentation has to be submitted. Additional information on eligibility, programme-specific documents you need to submit and selection criteria can be found on the [Master's Programme website \(English version\)](#).

The second application round will be open from **15 March to 17 April 2023**. Applications are made through [University Admissions in Sweden's Swedish website "antagning.se"](#). **Application code: UU-P2061**. Students who are **citizens of countries outside the EU/EEA are not encouraged to apply** in the second round, as they will most likely not have enough time to apply for and receive their resident permits before the start of the academic semester. Students who are citizens of EU/EEA countries (or if you have a residence permit in Sweden) can apply in both rounds. See the [University Admissions in Sweden's Swedish website "antagning.se"](#) for detailed information on pertinent deadlines and how required documentation has to be submitted. Additional information on eligibility, programme-specific documents you need to submit and selection criteria can be found on the [Master's Programme website \(Swedish version\)](#).

Note 1: More information about key dates and deadlines can be found at this link: [Key dates](#)

Note 2: Our Master's programme **will not be open for late applications**.

ELIGIBILITY

What are the degrees that meet the eligibility criteria?

A bachelor's degree equivalent to 180 credits from an internationally recognised university. It is also required to have studied at least 30 credits in peace and conflict studies or the equivalent.

What is 'equivalent' to peace and conflict studies?

Equivalent refers to studies in the field of social sciences and humanities with clear elements of peace and conflict studies. Courses that cover issues such as: the origin, dynamics and resolution of armed conflicts and other forms of organised violence; peace processes; causes of war; the linkages between development and peace; development within conflict-affected societies; post-conflict recovery; the connections between security and peace; international security; defense doctrines; international interventions; social movements (involving studies on organised violence); instruments of peace building; conflict transformation and conflict management; mediation; the role of international organisations in peace processes; peace movements; religion and conflict; terrorism; diplomacy, negotiation and mediation; international criminal justice; justice and war; violence and justice; natural resources and organised violence; democracy and war; peace and state-building interventions; international relations theories; transitional justice (mechanisms); social media and political violence; intersectionality and organised violence; holocaust and genocide studies; international humanitarian action; global migration in connection to organised violence or as a result of conflict; humanitarian and/ or foreign aid in the context of conflicts or peace processes; social psychology and intergroup conflict; social psychological foundations of intractable conflicts; social-economic institutions and disputes among groups or classes; social inequalities and conflict.

I am uncertain if I have sufficient credits equivalent to peace and conflict studies. What should I do?

Our department cannot assist in making such an assessment before you submit a complete application via University Admissions in Sweden. You can briefly explain, on the 2nd page of the [Application Summary Sheet](#) which courses you have studied that you believe are equivalent to peace and conflict studies.

How do I know if my bachelor's degree corresponds to 180 credits?

After you submit your complete supporting documentation to University Admissions in Sweden, a national agency will verify if your bachelor's degree is equivalent to 180 credits. In Sweden, an academic year is normally 40 weeks, which corresponds to 60 credits in full-time study. One week's full-time study (40 hours) corresponds to 1.5 higher education credit. Our department cannot assist in making such an assessment, but this is dealt with on the national level.

I am in my final year of bachelor's studies. Can I apply to your programme?

Yes. About this topic read carefully the instructions in [Students in their final year of Bachelor's studies](#) *Note:* It is desirable that you briefly specify, in the Application Summary Sheet, which courses you will take in your final academic year, when these are expected to be finalised and graded/examined (about the *Application Summary Sheet*, see information below: *Supporting Documentation*).

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

What do I need to submit? (information about general supporting documents and programme-specific supporting documents)

- **General supporting documents:**

See [University Admissions in Sweden](#) for detailed information on what you need to submit, as well as how, and in which formats, the required documentation has to be submitted.

The following are general supporting documents and are required of all applicants, regardless of what programme you are applying to:

- A copy of your passport photo page
- Certificates and diplomas of your completed Bachelor's degree
- Transcripts of completed courses and grades for each semester of your Bachelor's programme
- Proof that you meet the English language requirements

Most applicants can upload their documents digitally at www.universityadmissions.se, except a few exceptions when your transcripts must be sent directly by your university. See information that is [specific to your country](#) and [Country Instructions](#). We also recommend you to see [how to submit your documents and read about the exceptions](#).

You must always submit officially issued certificates, diplomas and transcript of records in the official language of the country where you studied. If this language of your transcript **is not** Swedish, Danish, Norwegian or English, or if the language of your diploma is not Swedish, Danish, Norwegian, English, French or German, **you must also provide** an official translation into English.

- [Information about officially issued documents.](#)
- [Information about official translations.](#)

- **In order to meet the specific eligibility to our programme,** all applicants need to submit the following documentation through [University Admissions in Sweden](#):

- 1) [Application Summary Sheet](#)
- 2) A written independent work such as a Bachelor's thesis or one or more academic essays written in English or Swedish of which you are the only author of.

- We have not set a word limit but we would recommend you to submit an academic essay that was part of your bachelor studies containing approximately 5,000 words (excluding the list of references).
- **Note 1:** We do not request Letters of recommendation and CV. Therefore, you should not submit them when you apply to the Master's Programme in Peace and Conflict Studies.
- **Note 2:** We recommend you to upload your documentation as soon as possible after you create your account with University Admissions in Sweden. You can upload your supporting documentation on different days; however, make sure that all your documents are received before the deadline.

I have applied to the Master's Programme in Peace and Conflict Studies before. Should I submit the supporting documentation again?

Please read the information at: <https://www.universityadmissions.se/en/apply-to-masters/if-youve-previously-applied-masters/>

The Application Summary Sheet (including your statement of purpose) requires an application number. What is the number and where I can find it?

After you apply online via University Admissions in Sweden, you receive a unique number for each admission round you apply to. Log in to your account at Universityadmissions.se and go to 'Application'. You will find your application number there.

The Application Summary Sheet asks me to list a maximum of 6 courses that have given me relevant preparation for this programme and include the grade point for each course. Do I need to convert the grades to the Swedish grading system?

No. You just need to write the grades as they are stated in your transcript of records.

I am having problems filling in the template of the [Application Summary Sheet](#)

What should I do? You can type your answers in a word document file (or in another format) and save it as pdf file format. Then, upload it (pdf) into your account with University Admissions in Sweden (you can name it as you prefer, for example, 'Application Summary Sheet_UU').

What is an independent academic work?

It means that you should be the single author of the academic written sample (and it has to be part of your bachelor's/master's studies). Examples: a thesis; an academic essay; or an independent research paper. **Note that the following samples are not accepted:** Articles published in newspapers, blogs or journals; research project or research proposal that are not linked to your bachelor's degree.

My academic written sample is not in peace and conflict studies. Is this a problem?

We prefer to assess academic written samples in peace and conflict studies. Alternatively, samples may relate to e.g. political science, sociology, psychology, international relations, international studies, international politics, history, development studies, gender studies, criminology, demography or economics.

I do not have a bachelor's thesis. What can I submit instead?

You can submit an independent academic essay that contains about 5,000 words (excluding the list of references). Alternatively, you can submit a summary of an independent academic work that contains about 5,000 words (excluding the list of references). The sample that you submit has to be in English (does not need to be a certified translation).

- **I do not have an academic essay that contains approximately 5,000 words, what should I do?**
You can submit 2 (or 3) academic essays that jointly have about 5,000 words. You have to be the single author of them. The academic essays have to be in English.

I do not have any academic written sample to submit, can I write a new text?

No. Your academic written sample has to be part of your bachelor's/master's studies. Instead, you can submit one or more examinations that were part of your bachelor's or master's degree.

Can I submit an internship report as an independent work?

Only if the internship was part of your bachelor's degree. There must be information in your transcript confirming that the internship was part of your studies. Alternatively, you can upload a document from your University confirming that internship was part of your degree.

My original bachelor's thesis is not in English. Should I translate it?

You can submit a summary of your thesis, in English, with approximately 5,000 words (excluding the list of references). *Note:* you should be the author of the summary and it does not need to be certified by an official translator.

I will finalise my bachelor's thesis after the deadline for submitting my documentation. When can I send a copy of my bachelor's thesis?

We do not assess any documentation submitted after the deadline for the receipt of supporting documentation. Instead, you should submit one or more other essays (in English). The deadline for the receipt of supporting documentation and other key dates are available on the following link: [Key dates](#) *Note:* In the [Application Summary Sheet](#) you can briefly present the topic of your bachelor's thesis; the research question, its theoretical framework and the methodology that you are using.

I am having problems uploading the supporting documentation. What should I do?

Regarding the documentation requested by University Admissions in Sweden, please contact [University Admissions Support Centre](#). In respect to the documents requested by our programme, if you are having problems to submit them through University Admissions in Sweden, you can send them via courier to (they need to reach our Department before the deadline for the receipt of supporting documentation):

Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University
PO Box 514, SE-751 20 Uppsala, Sweden
Ref: Master's programme

Should I also send printed copies of the requested documents to the Department of Peace and Conflict Research?

No. The supporting documentation should be submitted along with the rest of the supporting documentation through [University Admissions in Sweden](#).