



**GHENT
UNIVERSITY**

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CONFLICT AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Academic year 2019-2020

Research

Conflict Research Group (CRG)

<https://www.ugent.be/ps/conflict-ontwikkeling/crg/>

Middle East and North Africa Research Group (MENARG)

www.menarg.ugent.be

Education

Master Conflict & Development Studies

Bachelor Political Sciences

Bachelor Social Sciences

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COMMUNICATION

- UFORA learning platform: log on to the specific course sites and to the general info site for the Master in Conflict and Development Studies.
- Website of the department: www.ugent.be/ps/conflict-ontwikkeling
- Contact:
 - Department of Conflict and Development Studies
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- You can make an appointment with prof. Parker and prof. Zemni in the library or by sending an e-mail to Koen.Vanrumste@UGent.be. Please mention your mobile phone number, the program you are in and the topic you would like to discuss. For all other professors, please send an e-mail to the professor directly.

FACULTY STUDENT ADMINISTRATION

- For all questions concerning enrolment, elective courses, program schedules, exam schedules, grades...
- Website: www.ugent.be/ps/en/education/education_administration
- Contact:
fsa.psw@UGent.be
Universiteitstraat 8, first building on the right. The reception desk is open Mon-Fri 8:30-12:00 and 13:00-16:00.

DEADLINES

- Enrolment deadline: 30 September.
- Late enrolment: after 30 September and subject to approval of the file.
- Elective courses via Oasis: these can be changed and submitted until 15 October.
- After 15 November you can no longer sign up for or change courses in the first semester.
- After 29 February you can no longer sign up for or change courses in the second semester.
- For most up to date deadlines: www.ugent.be/ps/nl/voor-studenten/administratie/data

If you don't meet the deadlines, you are not admissible!

INTERNATIONALISATION

Possibility to go abroad:

Organised fieldwork travels.

Individual research stay (fieldwork master dissertation) => **Discuss this with your supervisor(s)!**

Traveling to the Global South: possibility to obtain VLIR-UOS travel grant.

Preparation of your stay abroad:

Register your stay abroad in Oasis.

Link your exchange stay to your course via form curriculum component realisation (COR).

Master's dissertation agreement.

Check the travel advice of the Foreign Affairs Office.

Consult the internationalisation coordinator of your department or contact the UGent service actueel@ugent.be for advice.

Funds for organising development-related (sensitisation) activities, see: Global Minds

PROGRAMME

The Master in Conflict and Development Studies is a full-year intensive program of 60 ECTS.

General courses: a set of core courses to lay the theoretical, conceptional and methodological groundwork for more specific debates in conflict and development studies.

- ❖ Politics of Conflict
- ❖ Politics of Conflict: Seminars
- ❖ Politics of Development
- ❖ Politics of Development: Seminars
- ❖ Methodology and Fieldwork Practice

Seminars: these courses are aimed at deepening your understanding on research-related or policy-oriented questions, as well as be able to deepen your area-specific knowledge.

- ❖ Choose 15 ECTS in seminars
(eg. Postcolonial studies, Gender and Globalisation, Political Ecology, Sustainable Development, Contentious Politics in North Africa, Popular Politics and Technopolitics in the Making of the Middle East, State and Society in Asia, Rural Sociology, Conflict and Society in Central and Eastern Africa, Transnationalism and Migration, Politics of Islam...)

Master's Dissertation: This work concludes your programme in which you will develop your own research project in collaboration with a supervisor.

- ❖ Master's Dissertation: 15 ECTS

Course Catalogue 2020-2021

<https://studiegids.ugent.be/2020/NL/FACULTY/K/MABA/KMCODT/KMCODT.html>

Course Schedule (updated in the Summer)

<https://www.ugent.be/ps/nl/voor-studenten/lessen/overzicht.htm>

MASTER'S DISSERTATION

- Important (1/4) part of the programme
- Evaluates the overall skills, competences and knowledge obtained during the programme
- Three official formats:
 - 1) Academic dissertation: scientific research
 - 2) Policy report: recommendations to an organisation, an NGO or government
 - 3) Journal: ready to send to a scientific journal \neq dissertation light!
- Many types: different theories, methodologies, regions... discuss this with your supervisor!

- List of dissertation **subjects**
- **Supervisor** (staff, fellow, or guest lecturer)
 - Start early!
 - Be proactive!

Further support: research practice & field work courses

- Further information (word count etc.)
- Group exercises
- Tips & tricks
- Methods & methodology

Evaluation

- Supervisor + a second reader
- Dissertation itself
- Oral defence. Deadlines will be communicated later.

Feedback

- Evaluation form at the faculty's student administration (FSA)
- Personal feedback (on request) by the supervisor



Practicalities :

- 1) Registration in Artemis: artemis.ugent.be
- 2) Registration in Oasis - title and supervisor: oasis.ugent.be
- 3) Upload your master's dissertation.

The correct deadlines will become available on:

<https://www.ugent.be/ps/nl/voor-studenten/administratie/data#Masterproef>

If you don't meet the deadlines, you are not admissible!

ADMISSION

The Master program grants immediate admission to:

- Bachelors in Political Science
- Bachelors in Political and Social Sciences; option: Political science
- Bachelors of Social Sciences (VUB/UGent)

For other students: admission is subject to passing a preparatory (30 ECTS) or linking programme (62 ECTS).

Please contact conflict.development@ugent.be if you have questions about admission requirements, equivalents or possible exemptions in your preparatory or linking programme, or contact your learning path counsellor via tb.psw@ugent.be.

WORKING STUDENTS AND CREDIT CONTRACT

- Students that combine their studies with a job might be able to obtain a **working student status** with certain facilities.

More information: <https://www.ugent.be/prospect/en/administration/application/special-status/workingstudentstatus.htm>

- A **credit contract** is possible for some courses of the Master in Conflict and Development Studies, subject to approval of the file. A credit contract allows you to take a course outside of your master's curriculum to get an extra credit.

For more information on this contact your learning path counsellor via tb.psw@ugent.be.