

Academic Program

Degree:

Master of Arts in International Peace Studies

Program name:

Master of Arts Program

Division of International Peace Studies

School of International Peace Studies

Graduate School of Soka University

Academic fields:

The School of International Peace Studies focuses on International Relations and Peace Studies. Its curriculum consists of:

- 5 core courses
- 7 IR courses & 8 Peace Studies courses
- 2 internships

Graduation criteria:

- Enrollment for two years (four semesters)
- Minimum 32 credits (including all the core courses and at least 6 credits each from IR & Peace Studies)
- MA thesis submission and successful defense
- Maximum 10 credits registration per semester (Internships are exempted from this rule).

MA thesis guidance and defense:

At the end of the first semester, students choose an academic adviser among the five faculty members teaching Seminars I/II/III according to their respective research interests and topics. The students also select a sub adviser from the remaining seven full time faculty members of the School of International Peace Studies. The two instructors for each student constitute the Master's Thesis Guidance Committee.

Students submit their master's theses by the designated period of time in the second semester of the second year. The Master's Thesis Guidance Committee organizes a master's thesis committee by adding another member,

who is to be chosen from among the University's full-time faculties and approved by the Dean of the School of International Peace Studies, and conducts a final examination regarding the submitted master's theses. The examination takes place in public. Students orally make a presentation regarding their theses, followed by a Q&A session with the examiners. The three examiners then meet in a closed session to evaluate the submitted theses.