

Water Cooperation and Peace Joint Education Programme



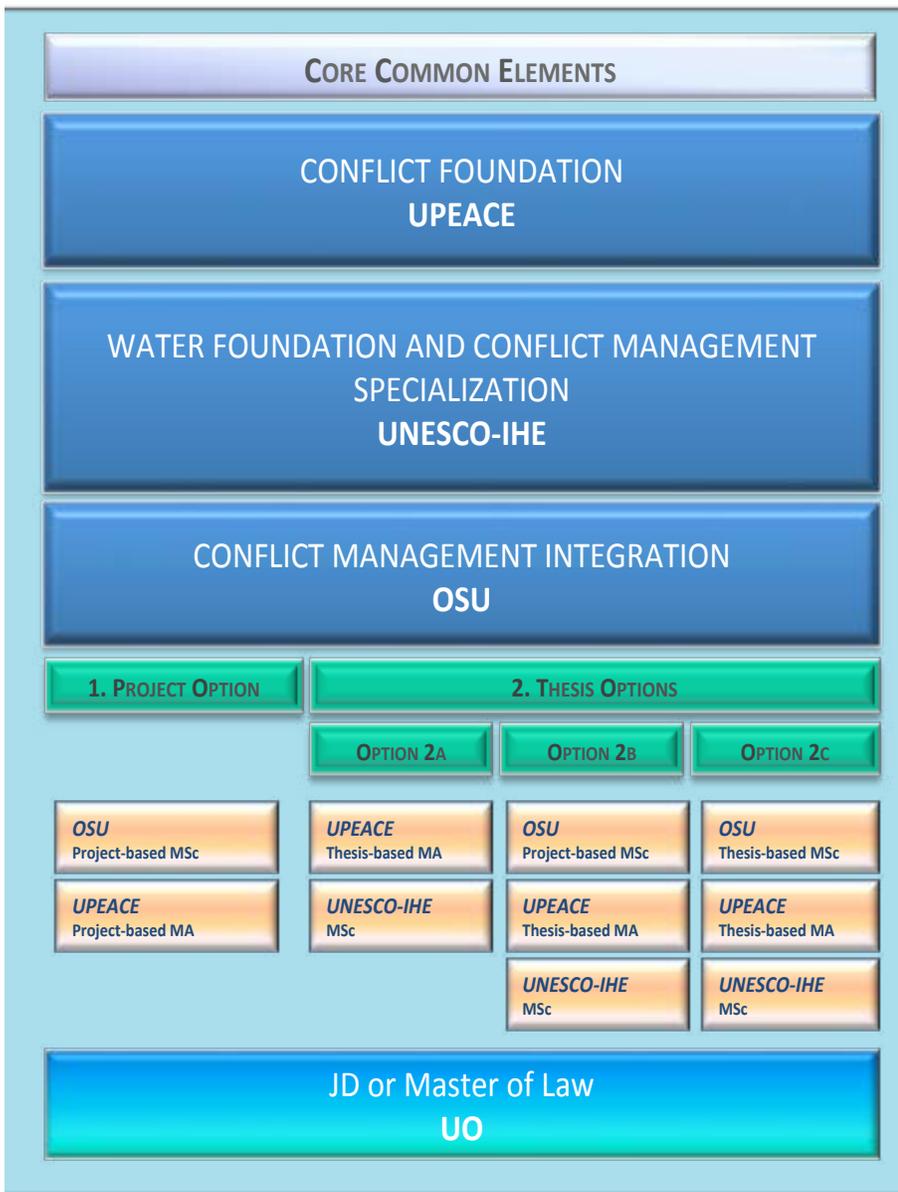
Water management *is* conflict management. Regardless of the scale, ensuring that the needs of the people and ecosystems that rely on this critical resource are met effectively requires comprehensive understanding of *both* water science and water diplomacy, including dispute mitigation, management, and resolution. To address these needs, the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education in the Netherlands, the University for Peace (UPEACE) in Costa Rica, and Oregon State University (OSU) in the USA, have embarked on a joint education programme in Water Cooperation and Peace. The goal of this new initiative is to broaden the scope of approach to conflict and peace, provide a more theoretical dimension to conflict, engage multi-level scales of conflict dimensions and strengthen skills through highly experiential learning opportunities.

With a launch slated for summer 2015, the programme will provide tools and training in an international setting, with a unique opportunity to undertake coursework and hands-on experiences in Costa Rica, The Netherlands and the United States. Participants will be exposed to case studies involving diverse challenges and contexts at different scales.

Key strengths of the programme include the following:

- Exposure to theory followed by practical exposure to contemporary issues through field work at different scales
- Strong theoretical foundation in peace and conflict studies
- Particular emphasis on conflict from different points of view
- Foundation in how to understand the nexus of environment and development: how to integrate water-related issues in a broader environment and development framework
- Focus on practical skills-training for actual dispute resolution processes
- Collaborative and interdisciplinary project work
- Field experience in both the Global South and Global North contexts
- Extended networking opportunities from different but complementary fields (water-oriented experts, and peace and conflict experts)

Students will be able to choose from a project and thesis option, with further opportunities to specialize based on skills and future career goals. Students will be awarded an MA and an MSc in Water Cooperation and Peace, and have the option to continue on at the University of Oregon for a Juris Doctor or Master of Law.



About the Institutions



UNESCO-IHE
Institute for Water Education

UNESCO-IHE carries out educational, research and capacity development activities in the broad fields of water engineering, water management, sanitation and governance. It is the largest international graduate education institute in the field of water.



UPEACE is a global leader in research and education related to peace, security and conflict and will

take the lead in training students in the underlying theories of and approaches to peace, security and conflict. Through this unique partnership, UPEACE will provide a broader historical, legal and theoretical context to water conflict. UPEACE's geographical setting in the Global South will also expose students to water-related conflicts at different scales through field-based study and research.



Oregon State University has a strong graduate program in Water Resources that will provide students with access to a broad range of courses and faculty expertise, and the opportunity to earn a certificate in Water Conflict Management and Transformation (WCMT). The coursework at OSU also offers a field-based component, addressing water conflicts ranging from the local to the international scale.

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