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～Advanced Graduate Courses for International Students～

【1. Profile of the University】

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⑥Enrollment (only Graduate School)	203 (include MEXT's Scholarship Students: 32 )		

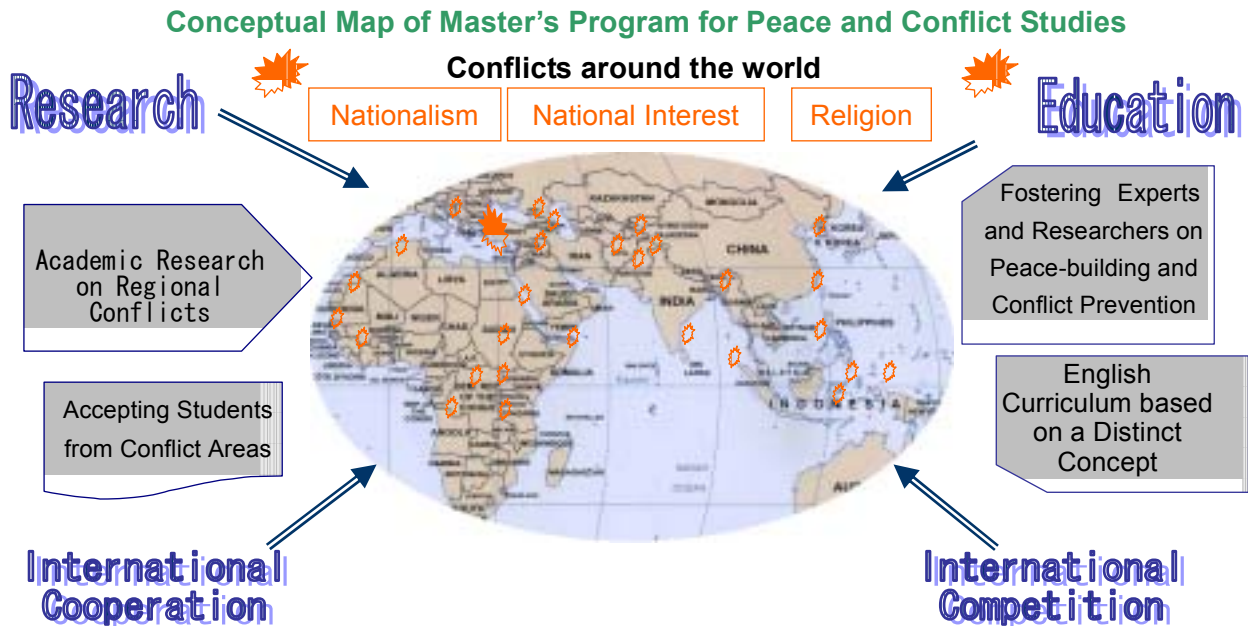
【2. Outline of the Course】

①Course	Master's Program for Peace and Conflict Studies		
②Degree	Master's Degree (International Studies) ( 2 years )		
③Graduate Course, Department	Graduate School of Area and Culture Studies		
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④Collaboration (Universities, Graduate courses, Departments)			
⑤Quota	8 (include MEXT's Scholarship Students: 6 ) (include Japanese : 0-2 )		
⑥Faculties	18 (Full-time(only for this course): 3 Full-time(at the department offering this course): 9 Part-time: 6 )		
⑦Representative of the Course	Job Title	Professor	
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### 【3. Contents of the Course】

**Peace and Conflict Studies (PCS)**, established in April 2004, is an interdisciplinary research and educational unit at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS), in which TUFS offers an **English-language-based** Master's Program.

PCS takes a broad approach in analyzing and understanding peace and conflict in the contemporary world, and aims to foster original research and train researchers and professionals who can contribute to conflict prevention, conflict resolution, and peace-building by working in and with governments, and international and local organizations.



With the goal of becoming an academic and research hub in Japan and in the international community that supports peace-building and conflict prevention efforts academically, the PCS MA degree is offered with all courses taught in the **English language**, and designed for students who can utilize the skills they gain at PCS-TUFS to engage in peace-building and conflict prevention activities worldwide.

#### <Curriculum>

The curriculum is structured to allow students to be exposed to a wide range of issues and approaches in understanding peace and conflict in the contemporary world within the framework of area studies. In addition to gaining specific knowledge and understanding on topics within the field, and in keeping with the belief that each conflict is unique, the Program also stresses the in-depth and comparative study of various cases of conflict, including field research in pre-conflict, conflict, and post-conflict settings.

The main feature of the program is the compulsory PCS Seminars I ~ IV. Other than these compulsory subjects, students are to select from various elective subjects such as "Research Methodology in PCS", "Peace Studies", "International Relations", "International Law & Cooperation", "Peace-building", "Crisis Management", "Global Studies", "Regional Studies on Peace and Conflict".

At PCS Seminars, students will learn conventional research methods, and theoretical and practical cases, while participating in discussions to nurture their own views on peace and conflict. Through the various elective courses, students can acquire knowledge on peace and conflict in each region through regional approaches that are unique to this university. However, studying each topic separately will not lead the students to understand the aspects of the modern world or the common challenges that it faces. Therefore, here at PCS, we have been adopting team-teaching to enable students to discuss and exchange opinions with several teaching staff specializing in various regions and areas.



PCS seminars are held intensively for three hours each week and are divided into four terms. PCS Seminar I, which the first year students are to take during their 1<sup>st</sup> semester, will focus on the basic standpoints of conflict analysis along with the overall orientation to peace-building. Here, classes are also used to adjust the students from different cultural and educational backgrounds to doing research at the graduate school level.

During their 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, PCS seminar II will be held where students are to select a specific nation or area that may experience conflict or is currently under conflict or reconstruction and try to analyze its causes and its political and social environments. Based on such an analysis, students will then simulate the specific actions necessary to prevent or end the conflict and achieve peace. Through such a process, students will have an opportunity to think about their future plans.

In their 2<sup>nd</sup> year, based on the knowledge they acquired during their 1<sup>st</sup> year, students will proceed to complete their master's thesis. During the first semester, PCS seminar III is held where instructions on internships are given to students who focus on practical experiences, and instructions on field research are given to those interested in theoretical studies. Finally, in PCS Seminar IV, students will complete their master's thesis on the basis of two years of study.

To enhance our curriculum, we have active agreements with both United Nations University and International Christian University that enable our students to participate in their courses and have their credits transferred to TUFFS.

#### **<Careers after completion>**

Among the 7 students who completed this program in March 2006, three have pursued further study in our PhD course, and two went back to their own country to take a job at international organizations including UNAIDS. Since many of the students wish to return to their country and contribute to its peace-building, we believe our alumni will surely form a world-wide network which can contribute to world peace.

#### **<Many activities at PCS-TUFFS>**

In addition to regular coursework, PCS-TUFFS holds special seminars and conferences during the year covering various issues within the field of Peace and Conflict Studies.

Funded by the PCS Internship Grant program, most of the students undertake internships every year, especially during the summer vacation. Since most of our students wish to work for an international organization that conducts peace activities in conflict-affected regions, such a practical experience is essential.

#### **<Admission>**

We accept new students only once every year: students are to enroll in April each year according to the Japanese academic calendar. Admission decision will be based primarily on the evaluation of application documents and in-person or via telephone interviews.

- July: Admission Pack to be announced on our website
- Sept. – Oct.: Application Period
- November: Admissions Results

For further details on this program, please visit <http://www.tuffs.ac.jp/common/pg/pcs>