

Reimagining Democratic Foundations for Peace

Certified by the Catholic University of Eichstaett-Ingolstadt, the Reimagining Democratic Foundations for Peace professional certificate is a specialized six-month program that serves as the next building block on the path to shaping political leaders. It is suited for those who either have completed the 'Peace Leader' certificate program, possess a university degree in relevant fields, or have at least one year of university study.

This program, equivalent to 20 ECTS, is tailored to encourage students to explore and practice how democratic ideals and structures can lay the foundation for a world of peace and justice for all.

Program outcomes

Participants will be able to:

- Identify and examine the paradoxes and challenges within the discourse on human rights.
- Clearly express the roles that various cultures and religions play in promoting peace and international development.
- Show proficiency in negotiation skills within diverse environments and contribute to peaceful cooperation.
- Critically assess cultural and religious differences and commonalities that influence the reimagination of democratic foundations for peace.
- Explore the complexities of governance and political economy.
- Identify necessary resources to deepen understanding of political and economic decisions and policies.
- Apply tools effectively to support the creation of peaceful, democratic societies.
- Offer guidance and strategic planning to enhance and promote civic engagement.

Program delivery

The program is comprised of four 2-months courses that provide unique insights and tools, contributing to a comprehensive understanding of how democratic principles, human rights, cultural and religious diversity, governance, and civic engagement are intricately connected and essential for achieving and sustaining peace:

1. **Foundations of Human Rights:** This introductory course explores the philosophical and normative foundations of human rights, emphasizing principles of human dignity, freedom, equality, and solidarity. It moves beyond traditional legal frameworks to inspire a global understanding and commitment to human rights across cultural and geographical boundaries.
2. **Cultural and Religious Diversity:** This course examines the significant influence of culture and religion on peace and international development. It highlights the importance of understanding and respecting diverse cultural and religious contexts to foster sustainable peace and development. Students will gain the skills needed to navigate and impact peace initiatives worldwide.

3. **Democracy and Civic Engagement:** Central to this course are the principles of democratic governance and the importance of civic engagement in sustaining democracy and peace. It explores how active citizen participation strengthens democratic institutions and helps societies address conflicts and challenges effectively.
4. **Governance and Political Economy of Development:** This course investigates the role of governance and political economy in development and peace-building. It focuses on how political decisions and economic policies can promote or obstruct sustainable development and peace. Students will learn to analyze and influence governance structures to support democratic and peaceful societies.

The program will be delivered in the following timeline:

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
<u>Module title</u>	1. <u>Foundations of Human Rights (5ECTS)</u> 2. <u>Religious and Cultural Diversity (5ECTS)</u>	1. <u>Governance and Political Economy (5ECTS)</u>	2. <u>Democracy and Civic Engagement (5ECTS)</u>
<u>Total number of courses per term</u>	<u>2 in parallel</u>	1	1

Program academic regulations

- Students who successfully complete each course will receive a transcript. Upon successful completion of all courses, students will be awarded a program certificate.
- Students who do not pass some modules may continue with the program until the end.
- Students wishing to retake failed modules can re-enroll in the program within one year of the failed course, provided the course is offered at their community learning center by KU and JWL.
- The minimum passing mark for each course is set at 50%.