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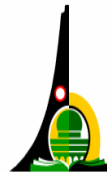With the support of the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union

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**AARMENA - Master's Programme in
Reconciliation, Conflict Transformation and Peace studies
In the Field of Higher Education Institution
in the Middle East and North Africa**

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Program Handbook In
Peace, Conflict Transformation and Reconciliation Studies
in the Middle East and North Africa

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Program Handbook

Program overview:

The MA degree program ‚Higher Education in Peace, Conflict
Transformation and Reconciliation Studies in the Middle East and
North Africa is a promising approach to transforming violent conflict
and spurring social and cultural change in the MENA region

General Objectives

Graduates of the program have gained insight into the
fundamental research questions of the participating
concentrations. They have developed the ability to examine
research positions in the field of Peace, Conflict Transformation,
and Reconciliation Studies in the Middle East and North Africa

Qualification Profile of AARMENA – Graduates:

• AARMENA – Master Graduates develop the ability to analyze and interpret the causes of domestic and international conflicts in their social, political, and cultural contexts.

• Strategies for their peaceful management within and between states. Graduates will place their interpretations and analysis in the current reconciliation and peace studies research and develop their exemplary positions within domestic and international disputes.

Requirements of the Degree Programme

- AARMENA Master Program is an internationally oriented master's program with 120 ECTS. The European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) serves as a reference for calculating the workload of the respective partner universities.

- The Master is offered in hybrid form, where international scholars can record their lectures or provide them via Zoom, WebEx, and integrate highly integrated technological interactive presentation platforms. The partner countries' universities decide in which language they offer their study program.

Model Description

- A module usually consists of three courses and a final module examination. The partner universities are responsible for their module descriptions and forms of examination. In addition, the partner universities can decide to acquire the type of degree appropriate to their institutions; such the Master's degree can be an academic master or a professional master.

- Depending on the national conditions, the program is divided into modules from the subject mentioned above areas (total 70 ECTS), research modules (total 20 ECTS), and the module Master's thesis (30 ECTS). The first year of study modules prepare for independent project work and learn how to present scientific results. Crediting of modules acquired at the partner universities is obligatory (total 30 ECTS).

- Students must complete modules amounting to at least 30 ECTS (minimum) as international modules at one of the partner universities. In addition, the students must study a module in the amount of 10 ECTS at their university of origin or a partner university. Finally, modules amounting to 80 ECTS (minimum) must be studied by the students at their university of origin. The international Master's program starts in the January 15.2023 semester in the year December 31. 2024. Moreover, to be introduced as a pilot in front of the European Union commission officers EACEA.

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Model Description

- The second and third semesters, in particular, are recommended for this. Participation in virtual international seminars is possible; it is desirable to stay at a partner university other than one's own. The announcement of the frequency of the offer and the duration of the respective modules are made in the course catalogs of the partner universities. The second year of study modules is used to carry out their research project on related subjects concerning a multiscale scientific interdisciplinary or transdisciplinary study and write the Master's thesis, which must be started in the third semester. The Master's thesis is submitted to the university where the student has commenced his/her Master's degree program. The supervision of the Master's thesis is the responsibility of a scientist from the university of origin. Exceptions are decided by the Study and Examination Board of the respective university of origin. Further details are regulated by the study and examination regulations of the respective universities.

Curriculum Program: Master of Arts (Academic, Professional):

1. Academic Year WS/SS	Basic Studies	
1. Semester		
RS M1 national Mandatory module	Concepts and Theories of Peace, Conflict Transformation and Reconciliation	10 ECTS
RS M2 national Mandatory module	Research Methods in Peace, Conflict Transformation and Reconciliation Studies	10 ECTS
RS M3 national Mandatory module	Approaches to Conflict Resolution, Conflict, Management, and Conflict Transformation	10 ECTS
2. Semester		
RS M4 inter/national Elective module	Research in the rule of law & Human Rights, Transformation of violent Conflicts and socio-cultural Change in the own area of the MENA Region	10 ECTS
RS M5 international Elective module	Transformation of violent Conflicts and socio-cultural Change in a neighboring area of the MENA Region	10 ECTS
RS M6 inter/national Elective module	Applied Methods of Reconciliation, conflict transformation Peace Strategies.	10 ECTS
	Σ	60 ECTS

2. Academic Year WS/SS	Advanced Studies	
3. Semester		
RS M7 inter/national Elective module	The Idea and Principles of Cultures of Reconciliation and Peace.	10 ECTS
RS M8 national Mandatory module I	Digital Humanities into the transdisciplinary research of reconciliation, conflict transformation and peace Studies analysis and interpretation. Such as using Nvivo and Artificial Intelligence technologies and applications	10 ECTS
RS M9 national Mandatory module	Crisis Management and the Art of Negotiation: Introducing the Elicitive Conflict Transformation, Elicitive Conflict Mapping.	10 ECTS
4. Semester		
RS M10 national Mandatory module	Master's Thesis	30 ECTS
	Σ	60 LP

- **Assessment:**

• Module Reconciliation Peace Studies (RPS) M7 will be completed as a self-organized and university-supervised internship.

- The prerequisite for admission to the research modules in the individual subjects is completing the corresponding subject modules.
- The prerequisite for admission to the Master's thesis module is completing the six modules of the first academic year (60 ECTS).

- **Referencing Requirements**

• Researchers must write in Harvard Methods for the written assignment when citing any resources and when providing support examples based on the researcher's knowledge and expertise.

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Technical Requirements

- The researchers must have the ability to use computer-assisted software to gain the maximum ability of the program; such software is the following:

1. Microsoft word office, PowerPoint office.
2. Adobe Acrobat Reader.
3. Computer-Assisted Qualitative Software: Such as MXQDA, Atlas-Ti, or Nvivo for Windows
4. Microsoft Azure software for Machine Learning.

- For any technical assistance, the researcher needs to contact the technical team at the local university.

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