

London + Amman: Summer Peace & Conflict Resolution Course Descriptions

Phase 1: The Life Cycle of Peace and Conflict: Lessons Learned in Northern Ireland (LONDON)

As a formal imperial power, a permanent member of the UN Security Council and a nation intimately tied to the Northern Ireland conflict, the United Kingdom offers a unique perspective from which to study conflict at several levels. London's vast political and cultural resources will be used to explore conflict development and transformation, the nature of political leadership in conflict, and the significance of "memory" in conflict. Using Northern Ireland as a case study, you will examine burning issues in contemporary conflict resolution and raise questions to be addressed in Amman during the second half of the program.

Phase 2: Conflict Resolution and Management: Beyond the Arab-Israeli Conflict (AMMAN)

In order to understand Middle Eastern politics, an understanding of Arab culture and societal organization is essential. Intra-Arab conflicts play key roles in determining the regional political scene. You should emerge from this course with a multi-faceted understanding of peace and conflict in the region. Specifically, this course will address the impact of cultural and societal factors on conflict resolution and management, focusing on case studies across the Middle Eastern region. In addition to the well-publicized Arab-Israeli conflict, lesser-known conflicts in Lebanon, Yemen and Iraq will be addressed. In addition, traditional forms of dispute resolution within and between tribes will be examined.

Phase 2: Intensive Arabic Language (AMMAN)

Classes meet 5 hours per day, 5 days per week. Each student will receive 80 hours of instruction in Modern Standard Arabic in each session, covering the material usually covered in one semester on a U.S. campus. In addition, students receive 20 hours of instruction per session in Jordanian Arabic.