



MEER SIR ACADEMY

M.A. Conflict Analysis & Peace Building

Entrance Syllabus and Comparison: JMI, AMU and CUET-PG

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Important clarification

JMI offers the specific **M.A. in Conflict Analysis and Peace Building** through the Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution.

AMU and CUET-PG do not presently list an entrance programme or test under exactly the same title. Therefore:

- The **JMI section** covers the programme-specific syllabus.
- The **AMU section** covers the closest related postgraduate disciplines.
- The **CUET-PG section** covers Political Science and allied subjects relevant to peace and conflict studies.
- Candidates must verify the accepted CUET-PG paper code from the admission prospectus of their chosen university.

Part I: JMI M.A. Conflict Analysis & Peace Building

1. Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies

- Meaning and nature of peace
- Positive and negative peace
- Direct, structural and cultural violence
- Conflict, dispute, crisis and war
- Constructive and destructive conflict
- Sources, causes and consequences of conflict
- Levels of conflict: individual, interpersonal, community, national and international
- Peace studies as an academic discipline
- Development of peace and conflict studies
- Contributions of Johan Galtung

2. Theories of Conflict

- Realist theory of conflict
- Liberal and neoliberal approaches
- Marxist and neo-Marxist perspectives
- Human-needs theory
- Relative-deprivation theory
- Frustration-aggression theory
- Social identity theory



- Conflict over power and resources
- Ethnic and religious conflict
- Nationalism and identity politics
- Colonialism and postcolonial conflicts
- State failure and internal armed conflict

3. Conflict Analysis

- Meaning and objectives of conflict analysis
- Identification of conflict parties
- Primary and secondary stakeholders
- Conflict causes, issues and interests
- Positions, interests and needs
- Conflict dynamics
- Conflict escalation and de-escalation
- Conflict-mapping techniques
- Conflict tree
- Timeline analysis
- ABC triangle
- Onion model
- Force-field analysis
- Stakeholder analysis
- Early-warning indicators
- Conflict sensitivity and the “Do No Harm” approach

4. Conflict Prevention and Management

- Structural and operational prevention
- Early warning and early response
- Preventive diplomacy
- Confidence-building measures
- Conflict containment
- Crisis management
- Peaceful settlement of disputes
- Role of civil society in conflict prevention
- Local and traditional conflict-management institutions

5. Conflict Resolution and Transformation

- Conflict settlement, resolution and transformation
- Approaches to conflict resolution
- Conflict transformation theory
- Relationship transformation



- Structural transformation
- Cultural transformation
- Reconciliation and social healing
- Dialogue and problem-solving workshops
- Restorative justice
- Indigenous and community-based approaches

6. Negotiation and Mediation

- Nature and stages of negotiation
- Distributive and integrative negotiation
- Bargaining and problem-solving approaches
- Negotiation strategies and tactics
- Communication in negotiation
- Mediation principles
- Role and qualities of a mediator
- Mediation process
- Arbitration and adjudication
- Track-I diplomacy
- Track-II diplomacy
- Multi-track diplomacy
- Peace agreements and their implementation

7. Peacebuilding

- Meaning and scope of peacebuilding
- Liberal peacebuilding
- Local ownership of peace processes
- State-building and institution-building
- Post-conflict reconstruction
- Disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration
- Security-sector reform
- Transitional justice
- Truth and reconciliation commissions
- Rehabilitation of refugees and displaced persons
- Electoral and constitutional reforms
- Sustainable peace and development
- Challenges of post-conflict societies

8. State, Citizenship and Governance

- Meaning and theories of the state
- Sovereignty and legitimacy



- Citizenship and nationality
- Rights and responsibilities of citizens
- Democracy and governance
- Political participation
- Social exclusion and marginalisation
- Identity, ethnicity and citizenship
- Minority rights
- Migration, refugees and statelessness
- Governance in conflict-affected societies

9. Development and Conflict

- Relationship between development and peace
- Poverty, inequality and conflict
- Unequal distribution of resources
- Development-induced displacement
- Natural resources and armed conflict
- Land, water and environmental conflicts
- Globalisation and inequality
- Human development
- Sustainable development
- Sustainable Development Goals
- Human security and development
- Role of international development agencies

10. Human Rights and Humanitarian Protection

- Meaning and evolution of human rights
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- Civil and political rights
- Economic, social and cultural rights
- Rights of women, children and minorities
- Refugee rights
- International humanitarian law
- Geneva Conventions
- Protection of civilians during armed conflict
- War crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity
- International Criminal Court
- Humanitarian intervention
- Responsibility to Protect



11. Security Studies

- Traditional concept of security
- National and international security
- Human security
- Cooperative and collective security
- Arms race and disarmament
- Nuclear weapons and deterrence
- Terrorism and counterterrorism
- Insurgency and counterinsurgency
- Radicalisation and violent extremism
- Cybersecurity
- Environmental and climate security
- Food, water, health and energy security

12. International Organisations and Peacekeeping

- United Nations and international peace
- UN Security Council
- UN General Assembly
- Peacekeeping and peace enforcement
- Peacebuilding Commission
- Collective security
- Regional organisations and conflict management
- SAARC, ASEAN, African Union and European Union
- Role of NGOs and humanitarian organisations
- Limitations of international peace interventions

13. Gender, Conflict and Peacebuilding

- Gender dimensions of war and conflict
- Impact of armed conflict on women and children
- Gender-based and sexual violence
- Women as victims, combatants and peacebuilders
- Women's participation in peace negotiations
- Feminist approaches to security
- United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325
- Women, Peace and Security agenda
- Gender-sensitive peacebuilding

14. Media, Conflict and Peace

- Media representation of conflicts
- Propaganda and misinformation



- Hate speech and communal mobilisation
- Social media and digital conflicts
- Conflict-sensitive journalism
- Peace journalism
- Media ethics during war and conflict
- Media as a tool of reconciliation

15. Indian Approaches to Peace

- Gandhian concept of non-violence
- Satyagraha and civil resistance
- Sarvodaya and trusteeship
- Indian traditions of dialogue and coexistence
- Religious and cultural approaches to peace
- Role of social movements
- Nonviolent political action
- Contributions of Mahatma Gandhi, Vinoba Bhave and Jayaprakash Narayan

16. Conflicts in India and South Asia

- Communalism and communal violence
- Caste-based conflict
- Ethnic and regional movements
- Insurgency in Northeast India
- Kashmir conflict
- Left-wing extremism
- Inter-state water disputes
- Refugees and internal displacement
- India–Pakistan relations
- Afghanistan and regional security
- Sri Lankan ethnic conflict
- Conflict and political instability in South Asia

17. Contemporary International Conflicts

- Israel–Palestine conflict
- Conflicts in West Asia and North Africa
- Russia–Ukraine conflict
- Afghanistan
- Syria and Yemen
- Terrorism and violent extremism
- Refugee and migration crises
- Great-power rivalry



- Climate change and resource conflicts
- Contemporary peace initiatives

18. Research Methodology

- Meaning and objectives of social research
- Qualitative and quantitative research
- Research problem and research questions
- Hypothesis and variables
- Research design
- Sampling methods
- Questionnaire and interview
- Observation and case study
- Focus-group discussion
- Fieldwork and conflict-sensitive research
- Primary and secondary sources
- Data interpretation
- Research ethics
- Report writing and referencing

The official JMI curriculum includes papers such as Conflict Analysis, State–Citizenship–Governance, Development and Conflict, Humanitarian Protection, Gender–Conflict–Peacebuilding, Media–Conflict–Peace, security, globalisation, Gandhi and regional conflict studies. **Official JMI curriculum**

Part II: AMU—Closest Relevant Entrance Syllabus

AMU does not currently advertise an M.A. programme with exactly the same title. Candidates interested in this field should examine related programmes such as Political Science, International Studies, Human Rights, Sociology, Social Work and Strategic Studies, subject to the current AMU admission guide.

Prepare the following common areas:

- Western and Indian political thought
- Political theory
- Indian government and politics
- Constitution of India
- Comparative politics
- Public administration
- International relations
- International organisations
- Indian foreign policy
- Peace and security studies
- Human rights
- Development and globalisation
- Contemporary political issues



- Research methodology
- Current national and international affairs

Part III: CUET-PG—Relevant Preparation Syllabus

There is no universal CUET-PG paper titled “Conflict Analysis and Peace Building.” Admission depends on the paper accepted by the participating university. Political Science is ordinarily the closest preparation route.

CUET-PG Political Science and Allied Topics

- Western political philosophy
- Indian political thought
- Political theory
- International relations theories
- Indian government and politics
- Comparative government
- Public administration
- Indian foreign policy
- United Nations and international organisations
- Human rights
- Globalisation
- Security studies
- Peace and conflict
- Contemporary world politics
- Research methodology
- Current political developments

Candidates must check the current CUET-PG information bulletin and the programme-specific eligibility requirements of participating universities.

Comparison

Feature	JMI	AMU	CUET-PG
Exact programme title	Available	Not ordinarily listed under the exact title	No separate national paper under this title
Primary focus	Peace and conflict studies	Allied social-science programmes	Political Science or another accepted allied paper
Conflict analysis	Major component	Covered through related disciplines	Limited but relevant
Peacebuilding	Major component	Programme-dependent	Included indirectly



Feature	JMI	AMU	CUET-PG
International relations	Important	Important	Major component
Human rights	Important	Programme-dependent	Relevant topic
Current affairs	Highly important	Important	Important
Best preparation approach	Programme-specific peace and conflict preparation	Prepare for the selected AMU discipline	Follow the accepted CUET-PG paper code

Recommended Books

1. Hugh Miall, Oliver Ramsbotham and Tom Woodhouse — *Contemporary Conflict Resolution*
2. Johan Galtung — *Peace by Peaceful Means*
3. John Paul Lederach — *Building Peace*
4. Morton Deutsch, Peter Coleman and Eric Marcus — *The Handbook of Conflict Resolution*
5. Charles Webel and Johan Galtung — *Handbook of Peace and Conflict Studies*
6. Peter Wallensteen — *Understanding Conflict Resolution*
7. Andrew Heywood — *Global Politics*
8. John Baylis, Steve Smith and Patricia Owens — *The Globalization of World Politics*
9. NCERT Political Science, Classes XI and XII
10. A reliable newspaper and monthly current-affairs compilation

Note: Entrance patterns, eligibility requirements and accepted CUET-PG paper codes may change. Candidates should verify the latest official admission prospectus before applying.