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Establishment of progress & self-evaluation (survey)

MA Program Status 2022

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1. Name of the MA Program



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Master in Reconciliation and Peace Studies
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2. Responsible Professors and Lecturers for the MA Programm

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'Pilot phase' means the first year of the MA program, during which it will be possible to support the program from Jena and Innsbruck. 'Long-term phase' means the subsequent phase in which the MA program operates independently.

Number of <i>lecturers needed</i> (without the two responsible professors) for the <i>pilot phase</i>	Two
Number of <i>available lecturers</i> (without the two responsible professors) for the <i>pilot phase</i>	Two
Number of <i>lecturers needed</i> (without the two responsible professors) for the <i>long-term phase</i> ?	Four
Number of <i>available lecturers</i> (without the two responsible professors) for the <i>long-term phase</i>	Four

3. Status Accreditation Procedure

1. Pilot Phase

When does the pilot phase start?	Fall Semester 2022-2023
Has the approval for the pilot phase been submitted?	Processing
When is the approval for the pilot phase available?	August 2022



Who approves the pilot phase?	Ministry of Higher Education
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2. Long-term Phase

When does the long-term phase start?	Fall 2023-024
When will the accreditation for the long-term phase be submitted?	Submitted with the Pilot Phase
When will the accreditation for the long-term phase be available?	August 2022
Who accredits the long term phase?	Ministry of higher Education

3. Student Acquisition

How many students are needed for the pilot phase?	10
How are students recruited for the pilot phase?	(please use another page) See Attached Page
How many students are needed for the long-term phase?	15
How are students recruited for the long-term phase?	(please use another page) See Attached Page

4. Structure of the MA-Program

ECTS & national calculation of the workload of the whole MA program	ECTS	National Calculation
ECTS & national calculation of the workload of the part 'Reconciliation Studies'.	ECTS	National Calculation

Which modules are offered per semester in Reconciliation & Peace Studies?



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1. Semester (Introduction in RS)	Introduction to Peace and Reconciliation Studies Research Methodology Conflict and State Building
2. Semester (Methodology of RS)	Theories of International Relations International Law and Organizations Peace and Reconciliation in English Negotiations Skills
3. Semester (Preparation thesis)	Seminar in Peace and Reconciliation Studies Conflict Management and Resolution Case Studies
4. Semester	Thesis in Reconciliation Studies

What are the field study and internship opportunities? (please use another page)

Opportunities for field study and training in the field of reconciliation and peace studies in Gaza are difficult. Due to the absence of official or governmental local institutions concerned with the issue of reconciliation.

5. Logistics

What does your timetable for the preparation, accreditation, and students recruitment of the MA look like? (Please make a detailed plan for the period Feb-Sep 2022)

See attached page.

What type of dissemination materials are you producing to promote the MA program? (some materials for the AARMENA are already designed and can be shared with you)

We will rely to a large extent on the publication materials found in AAARMENA.

We will also prepare a set of publication materials that are appropriate to the Palestinian situation and its peculiarities.

What measures are put in place to assure the sustainability of the MA program in the long term? (Please indicate economic, social, partnerships, etc.)



Socially

Peace building is understood as a comprehensive concept that includes, generates and supports the full range of processes, approaches and phases needed to transform conflict into more sustainable and peaceful relationships. Hence, the term includes a wide range of activities that precede and follow formal peace agreements. Metaphorically speaking, peace is not seen merely as a phase of time or a condition. It is a dynamic social construct.

The program guarantees the preparation of qualified political cadres to promote Palestinian civil peace.

Qualifying academic cadres that promote concepts and practices of coexistence and internal reconciliation.

Preparing specialized graduates in the field of peace and reconciliation and framing them within official and unofficial institutions.

Expanding the culture of reconciliation in the Palestinian society in Gaza.

Benefit from the graduates of this program in the development of reconciliation practices.

Strengthening local competencies in the issue of reconciliation through building institutions and capacities is of vital importance to the beneficiaries of citizens and officials.

Peace building interventions aim to strengthen the state in order to create strong and legitimate political system.

Strengthening the ability of political parties to participate in electoral processes in ways consistent with the principles of a democratic system.

Organizing more targeted training to cover specific topics including, but not limited to, transitional justice, electoral processes, human rights violations, refugee reintegration, reconciliation, and gender sensitivity.

On the economic front

Civil society is seen as a vital sector in peace building and the master's program in peace studies at Al-Azhar University comes within this framework. Many parties can benefit from this program, and we can mention many of these institutions, to name a few, including:

1. Institutions of the Palestine Liberation Organization
2. Department of Palestinian Refugee Affairs
3. Local human rights institutions
4. Political parties
5. Local civil society organizations

The program qualifies graduates to obtain a wide range of careers in international affairs, from local governance to foreign affairs, to international development, to human rights, global



communications, and many other areas that involve interaction with different countries and cultures.

Graduates of the Master's Program in Peace Studies and Reconciliation will have the possibility to work in various governmental and non-governmental institutions, Palestinian governmental institutions, Arab League institutions, international institutions, and educational institutions (such as higher education institutions and scientific research institutes). Graduates can work in think tanks and scientific research.

Based on these data, the relationship between the graduates of the program and the labor market was studied, and the extent to which the market was able to absorb the graduates of the program and directly benefit from their scientific and practical experiences was confirmed.

We expect the program to include a wide range of political, developmental, humanitarian and human rights applicants. This requires short and long-term actions designed to meet the special needs of the Palestinian community. This

Partnerships

We look forward to networking to support the program through:

Foreign governments (through their embassies and various cooperation bodies
Intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) which may be global, regional or sub-regional

Research and academic institutions and think tanks

United Nations Peace building Fund

6. Questions & suggestions for the preparation of our meeting in Spring 2022

What are the needs for the realization of the MA program? (please use another page)

Accreditation from the ministry of higher education in Ramallah.

Post graduate students enrollment in the program.

What are the threats to the realization of the MA program? (please use another page)

The Ministry of Higher Education not recognizing or accrediting the program, or its delay in accrediting the program due to bureaucratic procedures.

Those who wish to complete their postgraduate studies are not familiar with the importance and content of the program.

Failure to provide support from international institutions or partners to develop the program.

The difficulty of justifying the importance of the issue of peace and reconciliation to the local Palestinian public opinion because of their political frustrations with the political leaders.

The financial hardship experienced by Palestinian students in Gaza, which constitutes an



obstacle to completing their graduate studies.

What type of support do you need from colleagues in Jena and Innsbruck? (please use another page)

Providing materials, publications, and curricula that help us teach peace and reconciliation courses.

Benefit from their teaching experience in this field. We hope that a number of them will be able to teach our postgraduate students at least one semester.

Continuous communication between faculty members between Al-Azhar University and our partners at AARMENA

What are the next steps in the summer of 2022 (timeline)? (please use another page)

Waiting to the accreditation from the Ministry of Higher Education in Ramallah in May.

Announcing the program in the month of August to accept new students in the program.

Further Questions, you want to discuss:

Please attach the current version of the module catalog, promotional brochures for the program, and other documents.

Thank you!

Prof. Martin Leiner, Prof. Wolfgang Dietrich, Prof. Michael Wermke