

**KOFI ANNAN INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING TRAINING CENTRE. (KAIPTC)**

**ACCRA-GHANA**

**MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN CONFLICT, PEACE AND SECURITY.**

**(AFFILIATED WITH GIMPA)**

**2012 ACADEMIC YEAR.**



Academic Course Guide

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**COURSE SCHEDULE**

1<sup>st</sup> Session: 23<sup>rd</sup> January – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2012  
2<sup>nd</sup> Session: 7<sup>th</sup> May – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012  
3<sup>rd</sup> Session: 20<sup>th</sup> August – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012  
4<sup>th</sup> Session: 5<sup>th</sup> November – 16<sup>th</sup> November 2012

**TO APPLY**

**Contact:** Admissions and Registrations or fill in application form available at [www.kaiptc.org](http://www.kaiptc.org)

## **MISSION**

KAIPTC's mission is to develop and deliver internationally recognized professional training courses and related programmes to equip personnel with requisite knowledge, cutting edge skills and competencies required to meet Africa's present and future complex peace and security challenges.

## **TARGET GROUP**

The Master of Arts degree Courses available at KAIPTC are open to personnel of the Security/Intelligence services, United Nations & Regional Organisations, Civil Society Groups, NGOs, Politicians, Parliamentarians, Lawyers, Peace Council, District Chief Executives, Civil Servants and civilians from all over the world.

## **COURSES OFFERED**

Listed below are the courses offered, which are all conducted in English;

- There are six (6) core examinable courses for the entire duration; and
- Two elective courses, one each for the second and third sessions, also examinable.
- Students will attend all scheduled central seminars as part of the MA course.

### **MCPS/KAIPTC 100: Research Methods in Conflict, Peace and Security [Core 3 Credits]**

The Course provides an essential introduction to the systematic analysis of conflict. It familiarises students with the diverse tools that are used to understand and analyse the emergence and evolution of conflict in a variety of settings. Finally it introduces students to prepare a dissertation and published research; covering a wide array of quantitative and qualitative research approaches used in the social sciences with emphasis on conflict analysis and peace studies.

### **MCPS/KAIPTC 101: Theories and Analysis of Conflict, Peace and Security [Core 3 Credits]**

This course seeks to identify and critically examine key theoretical frameworks and empirical studies on the concepts of conflict, peace and security. The main objective of the course are: to present and critique central theories that have been used to analyze various types of conflicts and security challenges especially in Africa; to evaluate the usefulness of these theories by applying them to specific African case studies; and to encourage and assist students to develop their own perspectives in conflict, peace and security analysis. Effort will be made to introduce students to central concepts, questions, relationships and assumptions that underlie each theoretical thought/model.

### **MCPS/KAIPTC 102: Comparative African Politics [Core 3 Credits]**

Academic discourse on comparative African politics covers a wide-range of topics which are necessary for understanding the nature the African state and current state of affairs on the continent. Some of the recurrent themes in comparative African politics include colonialism (and neo-colonialism), the nature of the post-colonial state, the nature of African politics (one-party state, military interventions, and exclusion and ethnicity). Other relevant topics are democracy and democratisation, democratic transition and post-election violence, challenges of governance (corruption and mismanagement), conflicts and post-conflict peace building. This course is based on comparative analysis of the above themes across the entire African continent. Based on these topics students will engage in critical analysis and research on the relevance of these themes for the stability of the African state.

### **MCPS/KAIPTC 103: Leadership [Core 3 Credits]**

This course will expose students to the general theories, principles, concepts and practice of leadership. By focusing on the factors that influence or determine different leadership styles, the course seeks to draw a distinction between successful and effective leadership; and failed and ineffective leadership.

### **MCPS/KAIPTC 104: International Relations [Elective 3 Credits]**

This course is designed to provide students with broad introduction to key international relations theories through which it is possible to understand and innovatively conceptualize major events, trends and processes within the international system. The course focuses on historical and contemporary themes around conflict, peace, security, development, statehood, and the dynamic international system in which these issues continue to play out. The main theoretical perspectives will be discussed and related to current theory and policy debates on the referent objects of security in light of the changing nature of conflicts, state failure, multi-dimensional peace support operations and ongoing quests for stability and human security.

### **MCPS/KAIPTC 105: Legal Framework for Peace Support Operations [Core 3 Credits]:**

The course addresses the philosophy, ideals, history and dilemma of the law of armed conflict and its enforcement in its traditional and modern settings. It looks at the modalities of controlling behaviour, including the real difficulties in recruitment of international peacekeeping forces, rules of engagement, structures, and the classical role of reciprocity.

### **MCPS/KAIPTC 106: History of Peace Support Operations: Cold War Era to Contemporary Times [Elective 3 Credits]:**

This course will expose students to peacekeeping as a concept and a practice in the international system. This is to give the students a critical understanding of the nature of

peacekeeping and how it has evolved over the years in response to changing dynamics within the peacekeeping environment. The course encompasses topics such as the history and types of peacekeeping, as well as the various challenges of contemporary peacekeeping and actors. The course syllabus includes practical lessons and experience sharing by current and past peacekeepers. This will be fused with documentaries of some peacekeeping environments.

### **MCPS/KAIPTC 107: Children, Youth and Conflict: Critical Perspectives [Elective 3 Credits]**

The course discusses the role of youth and children in Africa conflicts. Various international conventions of the child will be highlighted on the course. A case study of child soldiers in Liberia and other Africa experiences will be covered under the course.

### **MCPS/KAIPTC 108: Contemporary and Emerging Security Threats [Core 3 Credits]**

Conflicts take place in various forms and involved different types of actors, causes, sources and motivations. In addition to the traditional sources of conflicts, new ones are emerging that are either triggered or enhanced by issues such as transnational organized crime (drug, arms and human trafficking), piracy and maritime security, terrorism, climate change, money laundering and other environmental aspects. This course discusses these contemporary and emerging threats to peace and security. The course gives an understanding of these threats; it clarifies concepts and definitions, provides information about the legal frameworks, and looks at the various consequences, challenges and responses (at the global and regional levels) with regards to each topic. Parallels are also drawn for a better understanding of the traditional versus modern trends of the issues.

### **MCPS/KAIPTC 109: Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development [Elective 3 credits]**

The Course explores the nexus between violent intra-state conflict and development, and examines key conceptual frameworks advanced to understand conflict. It provides a broad overview of some of the key themes that occupy conflict practitioners and policy makers in the development field. The emphasis is on the development nexus, rather than the important diplomatic, political or military aspects. It covers practical issues in and normative dimensions of post-conflict reconstruction. The focus is on assessing conflict and post-conflict environments and the coordination of actors and resources in moving from a cessation of hostilities to resumption of normal state and society activities. It examines the assumptions, actors, challenges and dilemmas in contemporary peace-building exercises such as DDR, especially the challenge of stabilising and reconstructing failed states and war-torn societies.

### **MCPS/KAIPTC 110 Good Governance: Principles, Practice and Perspectives [Elective 3 Credits]**

The Course examines various aspects of contemporary forms of governments and governance, boundaries, physical form, and spatial organisation through the lens of contemporary political theory. It encompasses issues that are central to an understanding of current debates and critique in the study of democracy and governance, human rights, civil society, institutions and development policy with balance of applied and theoretical training. The purpose of the course is to introduce students to variety of topics, theories and approaches related to the study of civil society and democracy in terms of the struggles for, and its relationship to intra-state and international peace. The course also seeks to develop and enhance careers working to promote democratic change, governance reform; and human rights.

### **MCPS/KAIPTC 111 Seminars [6 Credits]**

The Master of Arts Degree in Conflict, Peace and Security Seminars are open academic spaces organized with and for students across the year. During these periods the faculty and students will have the opportunity to discuss relevant scholarly and topical issues in the Conflict, Peace and Security, as well as enable KAIPTC to mount new courses that are relevant and necessary but not specifically indicated in the Programme's Courses. The seminars serve the purpose of enabling students to expand their knowledge, learn more about conflict, peace and security and make connections among courses and activities.

### **MCPS/KAIPTC 112: Dissertation [6 Credits]**

Students will be required to select their topics related to Conflict, Peace and Security for approval before the first session ends. Each student must submit a dissertation in not more than 15,000 to 20,000 words. Detailed briefing on the dissertation will be given during the orientation.

### **MCPS/KAIPTC 113: Risk Management [Elective 3 Credits]**

The Risk Management course is of importance to business students expecting to deal with business and professional lives in the future. This course is designed to introduce and discuss various risk management concepts, tools, and techniques in global context. Using integrated approaches, the course will emphasize discussion on the design and implementation of risk management practices. Basically, it purports to help students realize, understand, and master various state-of-the-art risk management theories and practices (such as loss control, loss financing, and internal risk reduction mechanisms) as well as their advancement in the future.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION:**

All students are required to take and pass a minimum of six (6) core courses, each of which carries three (3) credits. Students will compulsorily undertake the entire core courses identified. In addition, students will be required to select two (2) electives of their choice,

which also carry three (3) credits each, out of the electives listed. Students must attend all central seminars (6 credits) organized as part of the course. In partial fulfillment of the requirements for the award of Master's Degree, each student must submit and pass a dissertation (6 credits) between 15,000 to 20,000 words as programmed in the course schedule.

### **COURSE SCHEDULE FOR 2012 ACADEMIC YEAR:**

#### **First Session: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

- a) Lectures on Research Methods (Core)
- b) Lectures on Theories and Analysis of Conflict, Peace and Security (Core)
- c) Lectures on Leadership (Core)
- d) Contemporary and Emerging Security Issues (Core)

#### **Second Session: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012:**

- a) Tutorials/Written Examinations for 1<sup>st</sup> session courses.
- b) Lectures on Comparative African Politics (Core)
- c) Lectures on International Relations (Elective)
- d) Legal Framework for Peace Support Operations (Core)

#### **Third Session: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012**

- a) Tutorials/Written Examinations for 2<sup>nd</sup> session courses.
- b) Good Governance: Principles, Practices and Perspectives (Elective)
- c) History of Peace Support Operations: Cold War Era to Contemporary Times (Elective)

#### **Fourth Session: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

- a) Tutorials/ Written Examination for 3<sup>rd</sup> session courses.
- b) Submission of Dissertation

*The Program Orientation will take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 0900Hrs followed by the Matriculation Ceremony at 1300 Hrs at KAIPTC.*

*Graduation Ceremony will take place in January 2013.*