### Programme structure

### Recommended study plan for students admitted the fall 2020 or later

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| 4. semester | [PECOS4096 – Master's Thesis](https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/statsvitenskap/PECOS4096/index.html) | | |
| 3. semester | [PECOS4081 – Design Seminar](https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/statsvitenskap/PECOS4081/index.html) | [PECOS4096 – Master's Thesis](https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/statsvitenskap/PECOS4096/index.html) | Optional course |
| 2. semester | [PECOS4110 – International Negotiations/ Conflict Resolution](https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/statsvitenskap/PECOS4110/index.html)\* | Optional course | Optional course |
| 1. semester | [PECOS4021 – Research Methods](https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/statsvitenskap/PECOS4021/index.html) | [PECOS4022 – Applied Statistics for Peace and Conflict Studies](https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/statsvitenskap/PECOS4022/index.html) | [PECOS4010 – Conflict and state building](https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/statsvitenskap/PECOS4010/index.html)\* |
|  | 10 ECTS credits | 10 ECTS credits | 10 ECTS credits |

\*You must choose at least one of these two courses

### Mandatory courses

* [PECOS4021 – Research Methods](https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/statsvitenskap/PECOS4021/index.html)
* [PECOS4022 – Applied Statistics for Peace and Conflict Studies](https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/statsvitenskap/PECOS4022/index.html)
* [PECOS4081 – Design Seminar](https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/statsvitenskap/PECOS4081/index.html)
* [PECOS4096 – Master's Thesis](https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/statsvitenskap/PECOS4096/index.html)

You must be assigned a supervisor before you can take either [PECOS4081 – Design Seminar](https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/statsvitenskap/PECOS4081/index.html) or [PECOS4096 – Master's Thesis](https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/statsvitenskap/PECOS4096/index.html). The fourth semester is devoted to your work with your master’s thesis.

### Core courses

a) Choose at least one of these two courses

* [PECOS4010 – Conflict and state building](https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/statsvitenskap/PECOS4010/index.html)
* [PECOS4110 – International Negotiations/Conflict Resolution](https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/statsvitenskap/PECOS4110/index.html)

b) Choose one of the following courses

* [PECOS4010 – Conflict and state building](https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/statsvitenskap/PECOS4010/index.html)
* [PECOS4110 – International Negotiations/Conflict Resolution](https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/statsvitenskap/PECOS4110/index.html)
* [STV4020B – Statistical Analysis](https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/statsvitenskap/STV4020B/index.html)
* [STV4217B – Rational Choice Models and International Conflict](https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/statsvitenskap/STV4217B/index.html)
* [STV4225B – Strategy and Security Policy](https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/statsvitenskap/STV4225B/index.html)
* [STV4232 – Causes of War in International Politics](https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/statsvitenskap/STV4232/index.html)
* [STV4252 – Politics and Strategy in the Nuclear Age](https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/statsvitenskap/STV4252/index.html)
* [STV4302B – Nationalism and Ethnic Politics](https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/statsvitenskap/STV4302B/index.html)
* [STV4510 – Terrorism and Political Violence in Western Democracies](https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/statsvitenskap/STV4510/index.html)

### Optional courses

#### Peace and conflict studies

* [PECOS4006 – Internship](https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/statsvitenskap/PECOS4006/index.html)
* [MITRA4421 – War, Peace and the Nobel Peace Prize](https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/hf/iakh/MITRA4421/index.html)

#### Political Science

* [Master's courses in Political Science](http://www.uio.no/english/studies/courses/social-sciences/statsvitenskap/?filter.level=master).

#### Admission to external courses

[It is possible to take the optional courses at other Departments/Faculties at UiO or other Universities/University colleges in Norway.](http://www.uio.no/english/studies/programmes/peace-master/admission-to-external-courses/index.html)

### Supervision

The individual supervision of your master's thesis spans two semesters, and two semesters only. You and your supervisor will normally meet approximately ten times during the course of these two semesters.

### Teaching and learning methods

The teaching methods at the programme are based on lectures, seminars and workshops.

### Forms of examination and assessments

Examination forms at the programme are mainly written, invigilated exams and term paper assignments. The evaluation of the thesis is based on an assessment of the written thesis as well as an oral examination, during which the students will have the opportunity to defend the thesis.

### Diploma and degree

This programme leads to the following degree: Master of Philosophy in Peace and Conflict Studies.