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To: Global Governance and Human Security Doctoral Students  
From: Eben Weitzman, Director, Graduate Programs in Conflict Resolution  
Date: March 9, 2020  
Re: MA in Conflict Resolution

This memo explains requirements and procedures for Global Governance and Human Security PhD students to earn the MA in Conflict Resolution *en passant* as they pursue their doctoral studies.

### Requirements

The requirements for receiving the MA in Conflict Resolution *en passant* are based upon the requirements for all students achieving the degree. This memo explains the implementation of those requirements in the case of the PhD student earning the degree *en passant*.

The MA in Conflict Resolution is a 36 credit Master of Arts degree. The curriculum consists of 3 foundation courses, electives, an internship, a capstone, and colloquium attendance. It is described in greater detail on our [webpage](#). The summary below captures the key elements. Text in red represents implementation for the *en passant* MA.

#### Foundation Courses:

1. [Negotiation \(ConRes 621\)](#) 3 credits
2. [Introductory Theory \(ConRes 623\)](#) 3 credits
3. [Research Methods in Conflict Resolution \(ConRes 635\)](#) 3 Credits or a doctoral-level research methods course

#### Electives:

- Any course in the department of CRHSGG is eligible for elective credit.
- Up to 6 credits may come from other departments with the permission of the GPD. See curriculum webpage for more info.
- At least 4 electives (12 credits) must be ConRes courses

#### Internship:

All students must choose one of the following options to complete this requirement:

1. [Mediation Court Internship \(ConRes 690\)](#) –6-credits. Under faculty, supervision mediates cases in small claims courts in the Greater Boston area.
2. [Inter-Group Dialogue and Facilitation \(ConRes 627\)](#) 6 credits. Examine the role of dialogue as a conflict intervention practice and participate in Soliya's Facilitation Training & Practicum (FTP). Contact [karen.ross@umb.edu](mailto:karen.ross@umb.edu) for more info.
3. [Internship \(ConRes 692\)](#) 3 credits. Includes a regular seminar during selected semester and participating in a field placement. Visit the [resource tab of our program website for internship ideas](#).

#### Capstone:

- Requirement: Qualifying Exam to satisfy the Capstone requirement, with the stipulation that students must successfully answer at least one conflict resolution-specific question on the exam.
- Credits: count Doctoral Research Design (GGHS 780) plus one additional ConRes elective for the 6 credits for the capstone.

#### Colloquium:

Attendance at 10 Colloquia required to complete program (4 are offered each semester)

### Courses From Previous Degrees

Credits that you transferred in from previous graduate degrees when you joined the PhD program are eligible to be counted for your electives. To apply such courses to your degree, you must fill out the *External Course Approval Form* which can be found here: <https://mccormack.umb.edu/academics/crsgg/resources#11-forms> and submit to the Conflict Resolution GPD.

### Procedures

These are the forms and online registrations you will need to complete:

- *Additional Program Form* (when you want to declare you are pursuing the degree)
- *En Route Degree Completion* form when you want to graduate
- Then log in and complete the graduation application by the appropriate deadline for the semester in which you wish to receive your MA
- Instructions above are all here: [https://www.umb.edu/registrar/graduation/applying\\_for\\_graduation](https://www.umb.edu/registrar/graduation/applying_for_graduation)

In addition, you will need to fill out the *CR MA en passant curriculum worksheet*, also available on the forms list on our website here <https://mccormack.umb.edu/academics/crsgg/resources#11-forms> and send it to the Conflict Resolution GPD. I encourage you to use this worksheet early and often in your planning, and to meet with the ConRes GPD as you go to review your plans and progress.