



# MSc Sustainable Development and Justice

- ✓ Master of Science
- ✓ Postgraduate Diploma
- ✓ Postgraduate Certificate

- Ⓞ Offered by: International School for Development Justice (ISDJ)
- Ⓞ Campus: Global Campus
- Ⓞ Delivery Mode: 100% Online | Asynchronous Learning
- Ⓞ Duration: 14 Months (Full-time) or 24 Months (Part-time)



## Programme Overview

Each programme in Sustainable Development and Justice supports the International School for Development Justice (ISDJ) in becoming a center of excellence for achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with a focus on the global South. This programme centers on SDG 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

Students will gain practical skills and knowledge about the complexities of promoting peace, justice, and strong institutions, while developing a sense of ethical responsibility and social consciousness. The programme emphasizes the critical importance of addressing inequalities, discrimination, and human rights violations, promoting equity, justice, fairness, and respect for human rights as essential foundations for achieving sustainable development. By exploring SDG 16 as foundational to attaining all other SDGs, this programme advances a holistic approach to addressing development challenges and produces a cadre of experts who will contribute to the advancement of peace, justice, and strong institutions in their countries and regions.

## Programme Structure & Awards

This is a ladderred programme offering three qualifications, each building toward the full MSc:

### Pre-Programme

- ⦿ ISDJ workshop for matriculated students; or qualifying course for persons deemed to not have adequate academic background.

### Postgraduate Certificate (PgCert)

- ⦿ Four courses. Total: 12 credits.

### Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip)

- ⦿ Five core courses [15 credits] and two elective courses [6 credits] inclusive of the courses for the PgCert. Total: 21 credits.

### MSc

- ⦿ Six core courses [18 credits], four elective courses [12 credits] inclusive of the courses for the PgDip, and one project course [6 credits]. Total: 36 credits.

## Programme Aims

The MSc in Sustainable Development and Justice aims to:

- ⦿ Support ISDJ in becoming a center of excellence for achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with a focus on the global South
- ⦿ Produce a cadre of experts and specialists who will contribute to the advancement of SDG 16 in their country and region
- ⦿ Enhance the human resource capacity of developing countries in peace, justice, and institutional strengthening
- ⦿ Equip prospective graduates with practical skills and knowledge about the complexities of promoting peace, justice, and strong institutions
- ⦿ Instill a sense of ethical responsibility and social consciousness among students by emphasizing the dangers of not addressing inequalities, discrimination, and human rights violations
- ⦿ Promote equity, justice, fairness, and respect for human rights, which are critical for achieving sustainable development
- ⦿ Provide a broader understanding of SDG 16 as foundational to the attainment of the other SDGs

## Learning Outcomes

The overall objective of the MSc in Sustainable Development and Justice is to prepare students to become effective leaders, practitioners, researchers, and advocates in the field of peace, justice, and strong institutions for sustainable development. Upon successful completion of this programme, graduates will be able to:

- ⦿ Explain the targets and indicators of SDG 16 in the context of their respective jurisdictions
- ⦿ Clarify the intersections among peace, justice, strong institutions, and sustainable development as a foundation for attaining the SDGs agenda
- ⦿ Justify why global peace, justice, and institutional strengthening challenges, such as conflict and violence, human rights violations, and corruption are hindrances to sustainable development



- ⦿ Support the promotion of peace, justice, and strong institutions by advancing sustainable development initiatives in their respective country and region and, by extension, globally
- ⦿ Use research skills, methodologies and analytical tools for conducting empirical research on peace, justice, and institution-building topics
- ⦿ Assess the factors which contribute to conflict and those that promote violence prevention, conflict resolution, and peace
- ⦿ Develop innovative strategies and techniques for conflict prevention, resolution, reconciliation, and peacebuilding at all levels, from interpersonal to international
- ⦿ Evaluate the adequacy of legal and judicial frameworks for advancing peace, justice, and strong institutions, and advocate for strengthening these systems for fairness, accountability, and access to justice for all
- ⦿ Identify principles and mechanisms by which all actors, such as international organizations, non-governmental organizations, and other civil society actors, can implement to protect and promote human rights
- ⦿ Critique the extent to which governance structures and strategies enhance and promote good governance for peace and justice
- ⦿ Assess policy and advocacy efforts to promote peace, justice, and strong institutions at all levels
- ⦿ Develop skills in stakeholder engagement, collaboration, and partnerships across government, civil society, academia, and the private sector

## Target Audience

This programme is designed for professionals and change-makers including:

- ⦿ Human rights professionals: Officers and advocates working with human rights organizations, NGOs, and civil society groups
- ⦿ Legal professionals: Lawyers, judges, legal advisors, and justice sector practitioners



- © Government officials: Policy makers, civil servants, and public administrators working in governance, justice, and peace sectors
- © International development practitioners: Staff of UN agencies, international organizations, and development institutions
- © Conflict resolution specialists: Mediators, peacebuilders, and conflict transformation practitioners
- © Social justice advocates: Community organizers, activists, and social entrepreneurs
- © Academic and researchers: Individuals interested in research and teaching on peace, justice, and sustainable development
- © Career advancers: Professionals seeking to enhance their expertise in peace, justice, and institutional strengthening for career advancement

## Entry Requirements

It is proposed that the admission criteria to the MSc would be as follows:

**Degreed Applicants:** At least a bachelor's degree or equivalent in any medical, nursing or health sciences, biological sciences, management sciences, health planning, or information technology from a university or college acceptable to The University of the West Indies, with at least a GPA of 2.5.

OR

**Pass-Degreed Applicants:** Students with pass degrees will be considered if they have at least two (2) years of post-degree work experience, particularly in a related field such as an allied health or business profession

Technical and/or professional qualification(s) awarded by an approved body recognised by The University of the West Indies and having a minimum of two (2) years' experience in a related field such as an allied health or business profession.



## **Non-Degreed or Certified Applicants:**

The ISDJ aims to provide a pathway to a limited number of individuals without a traditional academic background but who have relevant work experience, and at least five (5) years of management-level experience in a related field such as an allied health or business profession. Applicants entering through this route may be subject to an interview and will be required to successfully complete a qualifying course to be considered for entry to the Postgraduate Certificate (PgCert). On successful completion of the requirements for the PgCert the student can proceed to the Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip). On successful completion of the requirements for the PgDip the student can proceed to the MSc.



## Additional Requirements

- ⦿ Proficiency in English (IELTS 6.5 overall with no band below 6.0, or equivalent)
- ⦿ Two professional or academic references
- ⦿ Current CV/resume demonstrating relevant experience
- ⦿ Access to a computer with reliable internet connectivity for online learning

Each programme in Sustainable Development and Justice is delivered as a fully asynchronous online programme via a Learning Management System (LMS). All course materials, activities, and assessments are available through the LMS, providing maximum flexibility for working professionals.

## Key Features:

- ⦿ Asynchronous learning: Study at your own pace within structured timeframes
- ⦿ No scheduled class times: Access materials and complete work according to your schedule
- ⦿ Interactive online platform: Engage with faculty, peers, and multimedia learning resources
- ⦿ Global learning community: Connect with international cohort of peace, justice, and development professionals
- ⦿ Practical application: Real-world case studies and projects focused on SDG 16 and developing country contexts

## Career Pathways

Graduates of the programmes in Sustainable Development and Justice will be prepared for leadership roles in:

- ⦿ Human Rights Organizations: Human rights officers, advocacy coordinators, and programme managers in international and local NGOs
- ⦿ Justice Sector: Legal advisors, judicial officers, court administrators, and justice reform specialists
- ⦿ International Development: Programme officers, policy advisors, and country representatives with UN agencies, multilateral institutions, and development organizations

- ⦿ Government and Public Service: Policy makers, governance advisors, anti-corruption officers, and public sector reform specialists
- ⦿ Peace and Conflict Resolution: Peacebuilders, mediators, conflict resolution specialists, and reconciliation coordinators
- ⦿ Civil Society Leadership: Executive directors, advocacy managers, and community organizers in civil society organizations
- ⦿ Research and Academia: Researchers, lecturers, and policy analysts in peace, justice, and governance studies
- ⦿ International Organizations: Officers with UN agencies, regional bodies, and intergovernmental organizations focused on SDG 16
- ⦿ Consultancy: Governance consultants, institutional development specialists, and policy advisors

## Why Choose This Programme?

- ⦿ SDG 16-Focused: The only programme specifically designed around SDG 16 and its role as foundation for all other SDGs
- ⦿ Global South Perspective: Centered on the challenges and opportunities of developing countries with focus on contextually relevant solutions
- ⦿ Holistic Approach: Integrates peace, justice, human rights, governance, and institutional strengthening for comprehensive understanding
- ⦿ Ethical Foundation: Emphasizes ethical responsibility, social consciousness, and commitment to equity and human rights
- ⦿ Practical Skills: Develops research, advocacy, policy analysis, conflict resolution, and stakeholder engagement competencies
- ⦿ Flexible Learning: 100% online asynchronous delivery allows you to study while maintaining professional commitments
- ⦿ Multiple Entry Pathways: Accommodates diverse educational and professional backgrounds, including alternative routes for experienced professionals
- ⦿ Career Advancement: Laddered qualification structure allows you to earn credentials while progressing toward the full MSc
- ⦿ Center of Excellence: Learn from ISDJ's commitment to becoming a center of excellence for achieving the SDGs
- ⦿ Real-World Impact: Contribute directly to advancing peace, justice, and strong institutions in your country and region

# Programme Structure

## Stackable Credentials

The programme offers flexible pathways to accommodate different career stages and learning goals:

### Applicants can apply for direct entry to:

- Ⓒ Postgraduate Certificate and ladder up to the Postgraduate Diploma and then to the MSc
- OR
- Ⓒ Postgraduate Diploma and then to the MSc
- OR
- Ⓒ MSc

**Master of Science (36 credits)**  
(includes 12 credits from PgCert or 21 credits from PgDip)

**Postgraduate Diploma (21 credits)**  
(includes 12 credits from Postgraduate Certificate)

**Postgraduate Certificate (12 credits)**

## Programme Components

### Master of Science (36 credits)

- Ⓒ Six 3-credit core courses (18 credits)
- Ⓒ Four 3-credit elective courses (12 credits)
- Ⓒ One 6-credit final project course (6 credits)

### Postgraduate Diploma (21 credits)

- Ⓒ Five 3-credit core courses (15 credits)
- Ⓒ Two 3-credit elective courses (6 credits)

### Postgraduate Certificate (12 credits)

- Ⓒ Four 3-credit core courses

## Programme Fees (USD)

Graduate Programmes	Fees
Masters (Direct Entry)	\$10,000.00
Pg Diploma (Direct Entry)	\$7,500.00
Pg Certificate (Direct Entry)	\$3,500.00
Pg Diploma (if applicant holds *certificate)	\$4,500.00
Masters (if applicant holds the *certificate)	\$9,000.00
Masters (if applicant holds the *diploma)	\$4,500.00

\*Must correspond to higher level programme for which you are applying.

## Application Process:

- ⦿ Complete the online application form via the ISDJ website
- ⦿ Pay the non-refundable application fee
- ⦿ Upload required documents (transcripts, CV, personal statement, references)
- ⦿ Attend an online interview (if required, particularly for non-degreed applicants)
- ⦿ Complete qualifying course if entering through alternative pathway
- ⦿ Receive admission decision within 3-4 weeks

## Required Documents:

- ⦿ Certified copies of academic transcripts and certificates (or professional qualifications)
- ⦿ Two reference letters (professional or academic)
- ⦿ Current CV/resume highlighting relevant experience
- ⦿ Proof of English language proficiency (if applicable)
- ⦿ Copy of passport or photo national ID



# Sustainable Development & Justice Programmes

Graduate Certificate	Graduate Diploma	Master
12 Credits	21 Credits	36 Credits
Multilateralism and Global Governance	Multilateralism and Global Governance	Multilateralism and Global Governance
Advanced International Human Rights Law	Advanced International Human Rights Law	Advanced International Human Rights Law
Monitoring and Evaluation	Monitoring and Evaluation	Monitoring and Evaluation
Crime and Public Policy	Crime and Public Policy	Crime and Public Policy
	Social Inequality, Inequity, and Marginalization	Social Inequality, Inequity, and Marginalization
	2 Electives	Research Methods
		4 Electives
		Final Project in Sustainability



# Contact Information

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*Become a leader in advancing peace, justice, and strong institutions for sustainable development. Contribute to achieving SDG 16 in the global South. Apply today!*

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# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



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## ACCREDITATION BOARDS

The following accreditation agencies have granted the Campus, and by extension, the ISDJ, mutual recognition of the accreditation decision by the BAC:



Grenada National Accreditation Board



Higher Education Licensing Board,  
Anguilla



National Accreditation Board of St.  
Vincent and the Grenadines



National Accrediting Board,  
Dominica



St. Christopher and Nevis  
Accreditation Board



Technical and Vocational  
Education and Training  
Accreditation Unit, St. Lucia



National Accreditation and  
Equivalency Council of The  
Bahamas



University Council of Jamaica