



Conflict series: 1. What is conflict? - PTP.2026.01.UPD

Peace

- ☐☐ : Course
- ☐☐ : Web-based
- ☐☐ : 1 Days
- ☐☐☐☐ : Peacekeeping
- ☐☐ : <https://unitar.org/sustainable-development-goals/peace/our-portfolio/online-lea...>
- ☐☐ : US\$0.00
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The conflict series is an open, self-paced course meant to provide an introduction to conflict studies and more advanced courses in conflictology.

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The first of a series of three, this short course explores the meaning of conflict. Drawing upon different definitions and tools, its goal is to create a basic baggage of knowledge, which can then be expanded in further courses in conflict analysis

and resolution.



At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Provide a definition of the meaning of conflict;
- Describe the sources, complexity, role and pyramid of actors in conflict.



The course is composed of six sections:

- Section 1: Kilmann conflict character type test
- Section 2: What is the meaning of conflict?
- Section 3: What are the sources of conflict?
- Section 4: The complexity of conflict
- Section 5: Evolution of conflict
- Section 6: Actors in conflict

The average work time is estimated at 4 hours.



The course is a self-guided, self-paced, web-based course that is on-going and can be accessed at any time. The material is presented in an interactive visual and text format with web-based reference resources. Multiple choice quizzes at the end of each lesson serve a dual function of assessing and evaluating the students' understanding and retention and provide a further didactic function by reviewing the content.

At the successful completion of the course participants will be awarded with a badge.



Primary audience: The course is designed for anyone who has an interest and curiosity in conflict studies.

Secondary audience: The course is geared towards anyone who wishes to garner a baggage of basic knowledge to then pursue more advanced courses in conflictology, notably UNITAR's Master degree in Conflict, Peace and Security.



Technical Requirements

UNITAR recommends the following as a minimum in hardware and software to take our e-Learning courses. Please consult your Network Administrator or Systems person to ensure that you have the following:

Hardware requirements

- Desktop or laptop computer with Windows 10 or MacOS version 11 and later
- Tablet or mobile devices are not fully supported on some course tools
- Stable LAN or Wifi Internet connection

Browser

- Latest version of Mozilla Firefox (download for free at <https://www.mozilla.org>)
- Latest version of Google Chrome (download for free at <https://www.google.com/chrome>)
- Microsoft Edge or Safari (included in your computer)

Other software

- PDF reader (download for free at <https://get.adobe.com/uk/reader>)

- Microsoft Office for Windows or MacOS (compatible software can be downloaded at <http://www.openoffice.org/>)
- Video player (Quicktime for MacOS, Windows Media Player or compatible video player)
- Anti-virus

Other requirements

- Disable Pop-up blockers
- Enable cookies and java
- webcam and audio headset for courses that will require online meetings
- additional storage in case you need to download course materials