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**PROPOSED MASTER OF ARTS IN PEACE STUDIES AND INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS DEGREE PROGRAMME**

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2.0. THE CURRICULUM

2.1. Rationale

The Master of Arts Degree in Peace Studies and International Relations is designed as an intensive two-year academic programme with an emphasis on the major subject areas of the theory and practice of international affairs and conflict management.

2.2.1 Program Objectives

The objectives of the Master of Arts Degree in Peace Studies and International Relations are:

- (a) to build up and enhance people's capacities, both intellectual and cultural, for peace-building;

- (b) to create a new environment for Eastern Africa Region and Africa at large so that peace, justice, and decent conditions of livelihood can be part and parcel of the African way of life;
- (c) to prepare students for doctoral degree programme
- (d) to prepare students for research and practice in peace of building and conflict resolution.

2.2.2. Student Objectives

When they complete the MA program of the Peace Studies and International Relations the graduates should be able to:

- 1) Diagnose potential conflict situations and propose viable remedies through dialogue towards peace and peace building.
- 2) Draw relevant conflict management techniques from the social, cultural and religious traditions in the context.
- 3) Undertake research in peace building, conflict resolution/management, international relations.
- 4) Pursue advanced studies and research in the related fields.
- 5) Integrate invaried links between faith and justice in peace building mission.

2.3. Target Group

Our program is designed for post-graduate students involved in peace building studies, Church leaders, human rights advocates, administrators, policy makers, educators, business men and women, justice and peace activists, civil society, policy practitioners, and religious groups. The aim is to make Hekima Institute of Peace Studies and International Relations not only a fountain of knowledge and research in East Africa, but also a locus par excellence of dialogue between theory and praxis. Without such a continuous dialogue, theory will be blind and useless, and praxis empty, irrelevant and inefficient.

2.4. Admission Requirements

Applicants for admission into the Master of Arts in Peace Studies and International Relations must meet all the general requirements for all Masters Degree of The Catholic University of Eastern Africa.

2.5. Thesis

- i) In the second semester of the second year of study, all Masters students will be required to undertake a research project and submit a thesis of not more than 20,000 words.
- ii) A student will commence writing the thesis only after his/her thesis proposal has been presented, defended and approved by a minimum of four panelists as a fulfillment of the comprehensive examination.

1.5. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

For admission into the Master of Arts in Peace Studies and International Relations degree programme, candidates must satisfy the following requirements:

- a) Have a university degree from a recognized university with a good standing, with a minimum of Second-Class Honours, Upper Division, or its equivalent.
- b) Be fluent in spoken and written English, with proficiency in one of the foreign languages (French recommended) before graduation. This can be fulfilled through a recognized language center.
- c) Present two letters of Recommendation.
- d) Present evidence of financial assurance.