

**Postgraduate Diploma on Peaceful Coexistence:  
Reinforcing Peace, Human Rights and Development**

## **Format for Postgraduate Diploma Thesis**

### **STRUCTURE**

#### **1. Front Matter**

- **Title Page**
  - Title of the Thesis
  - Student's Full Name
  - Student ID
  - Program: **Postgraduate Diploma on Peaceful Coexistence: Reinforcing Peace, Human Rights and Development**
  - Institutions: *University for Peace UN Mandated – Gioya Higher Education Institution - in partnership with KHGC*
  - Supervisor: [Name and Title]
  - Submission Date
- **Declaration of Originality**

Short statement signed by the student declaring that the work is original and not previously submitted.
- **Acknowledgements** (*optional*)
- **Abstract** (250–300 words)

Concise summary of the purpose, methodology, key findings, and conclusions.
- **Table of Contents**

With page numbers, including figures and tables.

#### **2. Main Body (\*)**

##### **Chapter 1 – Introduction**

- Background and context
- Statement of the problem / research question(s)

- Objectives of the study
- Research significance and rationale
- Structure of the thesis

## **Chapter 2 – Literature Review**

- Theoretical frameworks
- Review of key academic and professional sources
- Identification of research gap(s)

## **Chapter 3 – Methodology**

- Research design (qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods)
- Data collection methods (surveys, interviews, case studies, etc.)
- Sampling strategy
- Data analysis approach
- Limitations and ethical considerations

## **Chapter 4 – Findings / Results**

- Presentation of data (tables, figures, graphs)
- Clear explanation of results in relation to research questions

## **Chapter 5 – Discussion**

- Interpretation of results
- Comparison with existing literature
- Implications for theory and practice
- Limitations of the study

## **Chapter 6 – Conclusion and Recommendations**

- Summary of main findings
- Contributions to knowledge/practice
- Recommendations for practitioners, policymakers, or further research

## **3. Back Matter**

### **1. References**

- Full list in **APA 7th edition**

## 2. Appendices (if needed)

- Survey/interview questions
- Consent forms
- Additional data tables/figures

## FORMAL REQUIREMENTS

- **Length:** ~ 12,000 – 15,000 words.
- **Font:** Times New Roman, 12 pt.
- **Spacing:** 1.5 lines.
- **Margins:** 2.5 cm all around.
- **Referencing:** APA 7

*(\*) The proposed structure of the main body is intended as a suggested reference and should be considered as guidance rather than a strict requirement. Chapters may follow a different structure depending on the specific nature of the work being developed.*

## ROADMAP

### 1. Proposal Submission: Deadline 1 December 2025

- a) Supervisors have been assigned to each module of the Programme.
- b) The student must prepare a thesis proposal and submit it to the Supervisor of the module most closely aligned with the chosen topic. Please note that each Supervisor can accept only a limited and definite number of theses.
- c) The Supervisor may accept, decline, or suggest revisions to the proposal. If the Student and Supervisor cannot reach an agreement, a new proposal must be submitted as per point b).

### 2. Thesis Development and Planning

- a) The thesis should be developed independently. However, students may contact their Supervisor for guidance or clarification when needed.

### 3. Thesis Submission: Deadline 30 April 2026

- a) The final thesis must be submitted to the Supervisor, together with a signed "Declaration of Thesis Completion."

***Attention: The thesis must be subjected to an anti-plagiarism software check before submission. The software and the procedures to be used for this process will be communicated through a specific guide.***